

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — October 29, 2023

Sermon Notes

Last Week: “Keep Moving Forward; Keep Looking Upward,” [Hebrews 5:11-6:20](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

Old Testament Reading: [Psalm 1](#) ; New Testament Reading: [John 15:1-8](#)

- Jesus is the superior priest than that of the Hebrew (Levite) high priesthood.
- Faith should always be growing ... so keep moving forward in it.
- Our hope keeps us from drifting away; so keep looking upward and keep moving forward.

This Week: “God’s Perfect Priest to Perfect God’s People,” [Hebrews 7](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor

Old Testament Reading: [Psalm 110](#) ; New Testament Reading: [Romans 8:31-39](#)

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Melchizedek appears in three place in the entire Bible. Look here:

- 1) [Genesis 14](#)
- 2) [Psalm 110](#)
- 3) [Hebrews chapters 5-7](#).

During the time of Abram God is commonly known as El Shaddai—God the Most High.

In the midst of the dividing the spoils, which Abram refused to take, a priest of God the Most High, Melchizedek, king of Salem appears. What does he do to Abraham and how did Abraham respond? ([Genesis 14:18-20](#))

Are there others in the above time period that acknowledge and worship the God the Most High?

([Job 1:1,8](#); [Genesis 14:18](#); [Numbers 22:9-20](#))

Given the events of [Genesis 14](#), since Melchizedek blessed Abram and gave him a tithe who is higher, Melchizedek or Abram?

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Is Melchizedek a supernatural being or is he a foreshadowing type?

Therefore, all the Levite priests and the Israelites gave a tithe to this higher priest since they were descendants of Abram.

([Numbers 18:20-21](#); [Hebrews 14:4-7](#))

Since the Levite high priest had to yearly cleanse himself and make sacrifice for himself and the people of Israel, there was an anticipation that the greater priest would, come not of the order of Aaron, but one of the order of Melchizedek.

In [Psalm 110](#), Yahweh said to (David's) Lord, the Messiah, is appointed royal Son of God and a priest of the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus fulfilled the law of Moses, became the perfect sacrifice, ascended into heaven, and is the guarantor of a greater covenant. ([Hebrews 7:22-23](#))

Jesus's perfection as the perfect Priest assures our salvation is perfect.

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