

The King Who Blesses > Hebrews 7:1-10

7:1-3 *Who is Melchizedek?* Our chapter begins with a reminder about Melchizedek, a king who appears on the scene after a battle fought by Abram in **Genesis**. Melchizedek is specifically explained as having a name meaning “king of righteousness” and “king of peace,” and his own lack of recorded history (completely unusual for a priest) is a way of pointing to Christ’s own unending priesthood.

7:4-10 *Why Melchizedek matters.* Far from being a random history lesson, the author of Hebrews makes a big deal out of Melchizedek because this king-priest points to a priesthood greater than anyone who would ever come from Abraham – a priesthood better than anything even Aaron or Levi could ever offer – and Jesus’ priesthood is what is highlighted.

Background: Melchizedek has been referred to earlier in Hebrews, primarily in the quotations coming from **Psalms 110**. Aside from that Psalm and Hebrews, this king-priest appears in only one other place in the Bible: **Genesis 14:18-20**.

The Point: The priesthood of Jesus is better than anything that anyone can ever offer because Jesus’ priesthood is eternal and perfect and blesses his people.

Head: Know that Christ’s work, his kingship and priesthood, is better than anything else you could ever be offered.

Heart: Believe that Christ’s blessing is offered to you.

Hands: Respond to Christ’s blessing and share it with another.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
