

The Priesthood of Jesus

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- I. Jesus was the embodiment of all ministry gifts and offices. John 3:34 (NKJV) "For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.
 - A. Prophet. Acts 7:37 (NKJV) "This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren.] Him] you shall hear.']
 - B. Apostle and High Priest. Hebrews 3:1 (NKJV) Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,
 - C. Pastor. Hebrews 13:20 (NKJV) Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
 - D. Teacher. **John 13:13** *"You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for [so] I am.*
 - E. Evangelist. **Luke 4:18** *"The Spirit of the LORD] [is] upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to] [the] poor; He has sent Me] to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to] [the] captives And recovery of sight to] [the] blind, To] set at liberty those who are] oppressed;*
- II. Pastor and priest are not the same
 - A. The prophet speaks for the Lord to the people
 - B. The priest is to minister on behalf of the people to the Lord. **Hebrews 5:1** *For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things [pertaining] to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.*
- III. After the order of Melchizedek **Hebrews 5:4** *And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 ¶ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He*

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who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." 6 ¶ As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek";

IV. Melchizedek, type of Christ. **Hebrews 7:1** ¶ *For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.*

- A. King of righteousness
- B. King of peace
- C. No recorded genealogy
- D. A priest continually

V. The tithe. **Hebrews 7:4** ¶ *Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. 5 And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; 6 but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. 7 Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. 8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. 9 Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, 10 for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.*

- A. Under law the priest was commanded to receive tithes from their brethren.
- B. The tithe, 430 years before the law was given. **Genesis 14:16-24** *So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people. 17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that [is,] the*

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King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who [were] with him.

1. Bread and wine, type of Christ. **Genesis:14:18** *Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he [was] the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.*
 2. By raising his hand with the tithe to the Lord Abram he acknowledged the source of his victory. **Genesis:14:21** *Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the persons, and take the goods for yourself." 22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have raised my hand to the LORD, God Most High, the Possessor of heaven and earth,*
 3. Grace acknowledges the lord alone has made me rich. **Genesis 14:23** *"that I [will take] nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will not take anything that [is] yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich'-- 24 "except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."*
- C. The Melchizedek priesthood was according to grace, the Levitical priesthood was according to the law. **Hebrews 7:11** ¶ *Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?*
1. Levi represented Leah's meriting Jacob's love. **Genesis 29:32-35** *So Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, "The LORD has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me." 33 Then she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the LORD has heard that I [am] unloved, He has therefore given me this [son] also." And she called his name Simeon. 34 She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will*

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become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi.

2. At Judah's birth Leah said "now I will praise the Lord." **Genesis 39:35** *And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Now I will praise the LORD." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.*
- D. Necessary change. **Hebrews 7:12** *For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law. 13 For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. 14 ¶ For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. 15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest 16 who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 17 For He testifies: "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."*
1. Annulling of what was unprofitable. **Hebrews 7:18** ¶ *For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.*
 2. A better covenant. **Hebrews 7:20** ¶ *And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath 21 (for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him who said to Him: "The LORD has sworn And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek' "), 22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.*
 3. Salvation to the uttermost. **Hebrews 7:23** ¶ *Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.*
 4. Once for all, perfected forever. **Hebrews 7:26** ¶ *For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate*

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from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

- E. **Hebrews 4:14-16** *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all [points] tempted as [we are, yet] without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*