

LIKE JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST

HEBREWS 7:1-10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The Reformation taught us that in God's Kingdom all of God's people are equal. Jesus is our brother, but He is also our Creator, Lord, and Savior. He is also our High Priest like Melchizedek who was a type of Christ and greater than all, including Abraham. Please read Genesis 14.

MELCHIZEDEK BROUGHT JOY. The king of Salem (peace) brought joyful fellowship with bread and wine. When I fellowship with Jesus, He brings joyful satisfaction and quenches my hunger and thirst. (**Hebrews 7:1, 2, fn 7:2ff, Genesis 14:18, fn 14:18, I John 1:3, 4, fn 1:3, 4, I Peter 1:8, 9, fn 1:8, 9**) *How can you experience joyful fellowship as you spend time with Jesus?*

MELCHIZEDEK BROUGHT BLESSING. God's blessing includes "God's intervention to accomplish His will." Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, #2127. When I ask God to bless someone, I am asking God "to distinguish with favor, to act in (a person's) life and accomplish His purposes instead of allowing (them) to have their own way." Zodiates, #2127. (**Hebrews 7:2, 6, 7, fn 7:7, Genesis 14:19, Acts 3:25, 26, fn 3:25, Ephesians 1:3, fn 1:3**) *Ask God to give you a list of people to pray for that need God's blessing (His intervention) in their lives.*

MELCHIZEDEK RECEIVED ABRAHAM'S AFFIRMATION. By tithing, Abraham was responding to the wonderful relationship he had with his high priest. When I give, it must not be a duty of lawful obligation but rather confirmation of the recognition of God's blessings and the love I experience in my personal relationship with Jesus. When I give, I recognize that Jesus is greater than all. (**Hebrews 7:2, 4-10, Genesis 14:20-24, fn 14:20, II Corinthians 9:6-14, fn 9:7, fn 9:10, II Corinthians 8:1-7, fn 8:2-5**) *How is your giving a reflection of your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?*

As you daily study the truths about Jesus, in what ways is the presence of the Holy Spirit revealing to you God's majesty and glory?