

A Son Made Perfect Forever

Abraham – A Model of One Who, Through Faith and Patience Inherited the Promises

Romans 4:18 – 21

18 In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.”

19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

21 fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

God's Gospel Promise and Oath to Abraham

Genesis 22:16 - 18

16 and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son,

17 I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,

18 and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

Verse 20: Jesus, Entered on our Behalf

Forerunner (*prodromos*): a runner ahead, precursor, one who comes in advance to a place where the rest are to follow

Hebrews 2:9 - 10

9 But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

Chapter 7: So, who is this, Melchizedek?

He only appears in **Genesis 14**, **Psalm 110**, and **Hebrews**

Genesis 14:17 – 20

17 After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.)

19 And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

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Psalm 110:1 - 4

1 A Psalm of David. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

2 The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

3 Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

4 The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

Verse 2: The name Melchizedek means "king of righteousness,"

- but he was also "king of peace" because the name Salem means "peace."

Verse 3: In the Biblical record, nothing is said about the genealogy of Melchizedek, so he is figuratively "without father or mother."

Ezra 2:61 – 62

61 Also, of the sons of the priests: the sons of Habaiah, the sons of Hakkoz, and the sons of Barzillai (who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by their name).

62 These sought their registration among those enrolled in the genealogies, but they were not found there, and so they were excluded from the priesthood as unclean.

Verse 4: To the Hebrew people, no one was considered greater than Abraham.

John 8:52 - 53

52 The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.'

53 Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"

Verse 16: Among those who conspired to put Jesus to death, there were high priests of the order of Levi. Jesus showed his priesthood was superior when he triumphed over the grave.

Matthew 27:1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.

Verse 22: Jesus is the guarantor of a better covenant.

guarantor (*egguos*): someone who gave security, who cosigned a loan to guarantee payment, or put up bail for a prisoner. A pledge to a promise.

- As a cosigner, Jesus guarantees the New Covenant on our behalf.
 - Therefore, the better depends on what Jesus did, not on what we do.
 - He is the surety, and we are not.

Verse 25: Consider the difference between saving from the uttermost and saving to the uttermost.

Verse 28: the word of the oath (**Psalm 110:4**)... appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

What more can He say than to you He hath said, To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?