

a study of the book of
HEBREWS
pressing on towards maturity

I. THE MYSTERY OF MELCHIZEDEK

A. Passage in Genesis 14:18-20

B. Passage in Psalm 110:4

II. THE RELATIONSHIP OF MELCHIZEDEK TO THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

A. Superiority demonstrated in the Genesis story

B. Superiority implied in Psalm 110

C. The problem with the Old Testament priesthood

1. Death prevented the good priests from continuing.

2. Old Testament Law never finished the work of salvation.

D. The order of Melchizedek

1. Permanent

2. Capable of truly blessing

GENESIS 14:18-20

“AND MELCHIZEDEK KING OF SALEM BROUGHT OUT BREAD AND WINE; NOW HE WAS A PRIEST OF GOD MOST HIGH. HE BLESSED HIM AND SAID, ‘BLESSED BE ABRAM OF GOD MOST HIGH, POSSESSOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH; AND BLESSED BE GOD MOST HIGH, WHO HAS DELIVERED YOUR ENEMIES INTO YOUR HAND.’ HE GAVE HIM A TENTH OF ALL.”

PSALM 110:4

“THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, ‘YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER, ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.’”

III. JESUS CHRIST AS A PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

A. Permanent - You are a priest forever.

1. This is what God says.
2. This is what God has sworn.

B. Capable - Always living to make intercession

1. Able to save forever because of His endless life
2. Able to save completely because of His standing in heaven

