

SONGS of the *Messiah*

JESUS CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

I. PSALM 110 - A MYSTERIOUS TWIST

A. You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

B. Melchizedek appears in Genesis.

1. Only introduction
 - a. He was a priest of the Most High God.
 - b. He was a king.
2. No record of his family
3. Disappears and plays no part in the story afterwards

C. Becomes a key part of the argument of the book of Hebrews.

II. OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY HINTS OF A PRIEST-KING.

A. David is deeply involved in the work of the priests.

B. Zechariah 6:9-13

1. Put a crown symbolically on the high priest.

ZECHARIAH 6:12-13

12 Then say to him,
“Thus says the Lord of hosts,
“Behold, a man whose name is Branch,
for He will branch out
from where He is;
and He will build the temple
of the Lord.
13 Yes, it is He who will build
the temple of the Lord,
and He who will bear the honor
and sit and rule on His throne.
Thus, He will be a priest on His throne,
and the counsel of peace will be
between the two offices.”

III. PRIESTHOOD IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: TWO PERSPECTIVES

A. Two needs in order to be an adequate priest

1. Identification with the people you represent
2. Standing with God

B. Jesus in His manhood has real identification with us.

1. Hebrews 2:17-18 - a merciful high priest
2. Hebrews 4:14-5:10 - declared a priest by God

C. Because of His divinity He has power with God.

1. Hebrews 7:1-28
 - a. It was fitting to have a priest separated from us.
 - b. Hebrews 7:25 - Key verse to the chapter
 - (1) The Law made nothing perfect.
 - (2) Priests failed to meet our needs because they died.
 - c. Hebrews 7:28 - Oath appoints a Son made perfect forever.

HEBREWS 2:17-18

17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

HEBREWS 4:14-16

14 Therefore, since 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 One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 7:25-28

25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.