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PRIESTHOOD
OF**



MELCHIZEDEK

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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

Melchizedek is the Priest of God the Father. (Genesis 14:18) (Hebrews 7:1)

I believe Melchizedek is “Jesus Christ” himself!

The proof being, why else would Abraham (Abram) have given his tithes to Him unless He was the Lord? (Genesis 14:20) (Hebrews 7:4, 6)

And also, by the description of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 7:2, 3)

While Jesus was in Heaven, before His first coming, I believe He remained as the High Priest of God the Father. He was without a mother, and without descent. (Hebrews 7:3) However, when He came to earth, He became the High Priest to man-kind, therefore He was called the High Priest ‘after’ the “Order of Melchizedek”. (Hebrews 5:10 6:20)

So being the ‘Son of God’ in bodily form, He became the first Priest to arise out of the “Order of Melchizedek”, rather than the Levitical Priesthood. (Hebrews 7:11-14)

He being as of the similitude (likeness) of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7:15, 16), became a Priest forever ‘after’ the “Order of Melchizedek”. (Hebrews 7:17, 21)

Now that Jesus is passed into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father, (Hebrews 4:14) (Romans 8:34), He has become our ‘High Priest’ in Heaven. (Hebrews 4:15)

He is also the ‘Mediator’ between God and man. (Hebrews 9:15) (1Tim 2:5)

When Jesus ascended up to Heaven, He gave “Doma” gifts to men. (Ephesians 4:8)

These are the gifts of the ‘Five-fold ministry’. (Ephesians 4:11)

Since Jesus is the ‘High Priest’ of the “Order of Melchizedek”, and He is the one who gave the “Doma” gifts to men, I believe the ‘Five-fold ministry’ is also of the “Order of Melchizedek”.

The “Apostle/Messenger of God” being at the head of the ‘Five-fold ministry’, is similar to the “High Priest” of the Levitical Order.

This similarity is revealed through the Scriptures, when Jesus is called our “Apostle” *and* “High Priest”. (Hebrews 3:1)

*I believe that the “Apostle/Messenger of God”, being at the head of the ‘Five fold ministry’, is directly accountable to God and not to man. (Hebrews 5:4)

The “Apostle/Messenger of God” is responsible for the ‘Spiritual’ matters of the church. (2 Chronicles 19:11) (Hebrews 5:1)

(* Read the book “Apostle” by Timothy II)

I. WHAT IS A PRIEST AND PRIESTHOOD?

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

PRIEST; PRIESTHOOD:

A "priest" is an authorized minister of deity who officiates at the altar and in other cultic rites. A "priest" performs sacrificial, ritualistic, and mediatorial duties; he represents the people before God. By contrast, a "prophet" is an intermediary between God and the people.

The Jewish priestly office was established by the Lord in the days of Moses. But prior to the institution of the high priesthood and the priestly office, we read of the priesthood of Melchizedek <Gen. 14:18>.

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STRONG'S CONCORDANCE:

3548 kohen (ko-hane');

active participle of 3547; literally, one officiating, a priest; also (by courtesy) an acting priest (although a layman):

KJV-- chief ruler, X own, priest, prince, principal officer.

3547 kahan (kaw-han');

a primitive root, apparently meaning to mediate in religious services; but used only as denominative from 3548; to officiate as a priest; figuratively, to put on regalia:

KJV-- deck, be (do the office of a, execute the, minister in the) priest ('s office).

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

PRIESTHOOD, PRIEST'S OFFICE:

A. Nouns.

1. **hierateuma** ^2406^ denotes "a priesthood" (akin to hierateuo, see below), "a body of priests," consisting of all believers, the whole church (not a special order from among them), called "a holy priesthood," <1 Pet. 2:5>; "a royal priesthood," <v. 9>; the former term is associated with offering spiritual sacrifices, the latter with the royal dignity of showing forth the Lord's excellencies (RV).# In the Sept., <Exod. 19:6; 23:22>.#

2. **hiosune** ^2420^, "a priesthood," signifies the office, quality, rank and ministry of "a priest," <Heb. 7:11,12,24>, where the contrasts between the Levitical "priesthood" and that of Christ are set forth.# In the Sept., <1 Chr. 29:22>.#

3. **hierateia** ^2405^, "a priesthood," denotes the priest's office, <Luke 1:9; Heb. 7:5>, RV, "priest's office."#

B. Verb.

1. **hierateuo** ^2407^ signifies "to officiate as a priest," <Luke 1:8>, "he executed the priest's office."#

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STRONG'S CONCORDANCE:

2406 hierateuma (hee-er-at'-yoo-mah);

from 2407; the priestly fraternity, i.e. sacerdotal order (figuratively):

KJV-- priesthood.

2420 hierosune (hee-er-o-soo'-nay);

from 2413; sacredness, i.e. (by implication) the priestly office:

KJV-- priesthood.

2407 hierateuo (hee-er-at'-yoo'-o);

prolongation from 2409; to be a priest, i.e. perform his functions:

KJV-- execute the priest's office.

II. THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Melchizedek is the High Priest of God.

Abraham (Abram), offers his tithes to Melchizedek.

Gen 14:18-24

18 **And Melchizedek** king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and **he was the priest of the most high God.**

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. **And he gave him tithes of all.**

21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

Gen 15:1

1 After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Here God the Father declares Jesus a Priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek.

Ps 110:1-4

1 **The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand,** until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.**

III. THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Jesus is the “Great” High Priest, who is in Heaven.

Heb 4:14

14 Seeing then that we have **a great high priest,** that is passed into the heavens, **Jesus** the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

The Apostle/Messenger of God, as a High Priest on earth, is responsible to the church for the things of God.

Heb 5:1-3

1 **For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God,** that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

The Apostle/Messenger of God as a High Priest, ‘must’ be Called of God as was Aaron. This is done through a ‘special revelation’. (Acts 9)

Heb 5:4-5

4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but **he that is called of God, as was Aaron.**

5 So also **Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest;** but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

Jesus is Called of God the Father as a High Priest forever, after the Order of Melchisedec.

Heb 5:6-11

6 As he saith also in another place, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 **Though he were a Son,** yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 **Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.**

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

Heb 6:20

20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even **Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

This Melchisedec (Jesus), is also called King of Salem (Peace), Priest of the most high God, and King of Righteousness.

Heb 7:1-2

1 **For this Melchisedec, 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 by interpretation **King of righteousness,** and after that also **King of Salem, which is, King of peace;**

The following are the ‘credentials’ of Melchisedec, proving He is Jesus!

Heb 7:3

3 **Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God;** abideth a priest continually.

He received Tithes from Abraham (Abram).

Heb 7:4-10

4 Now consider how great this man was, **unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.**

5 And verily **they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes** of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 **But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham,** and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

8 **And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth.**

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, **when Melchisedec met him.**

There is a 'New' Priesthood established. Not after the Levitical order, but a 'Spiritual' one created in Heaven.

Heb 7:11-19

11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that **another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?**

12 **For the priesthood being changed,** there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

13 For he of whom these things are spoken **pertaineth to another tribe,** of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14 For it is evident that **our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.**

15 And it is yet far more evident: **for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest,**

16 **Who is made,** not after the law of a carnal commandment, but **after the power of an endless life.**

17 For he testifieth, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.**

18 **For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before** for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof.

19 **For the law made nothing perfect,** but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

This Priesthood was made with an 'Oath' by God the Father, and is an 'unchangeable' Priesthood.

Heb 7:20-25

20 And inasmuch as **not without an oath he was made priest:**

21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, **The Lord sware** and will not repent, **Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:**)

22 **By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.**

23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

24 **But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.**

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing **he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

For He has become our High Priest in Heaven.

Heb 7:26-28

26 **For such an high priest became us,** who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: **for this he did once, when he offered up himself.**

28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; **but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.**

CONCLUSION:

Jesus is our 'High Priest', set on the right hand of the Father, 'interceding' for us.

Heb 8:1-5

1 **Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum:**

We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, **which the Lord pitched, and not man.**

3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that **this man have somewhat also to offer.**

4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:

5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

Heb 4:14-16

14 **Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.**

15 **For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

16 **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

And all the "Body of Christ" is a part of the family of this "Royal Priesthood"

1 Pet 2:8-10

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 **But ye are** a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, **but are now the people of God:** which had not obtained mercy, **but now have obtained mercy.**

1 Pet 2:5

5 **Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

For God has made us ‘Kings and Priests’.

Rev 5:10

10 **And hath made us unto our God kings and priests:** and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev 1:6

6 **And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;** to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Because the “Body of Christ” is part of the ‘family’ of the “Order of Melchizedek”, we have direct access to Jesus, and will ‘individually’ stand before the ‘judgement seat’ of Christ for things done both good and bad.

Rom 14:10

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? **for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.**

Rom 14:12

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

2 Cor 5:10

10 **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

However, we are still ‘Accountable’ to the ‘Authority’ that God has put over us on earth, which is the ‘Five-fold ministry’. They are of the Office of the ‘Priesthood’ of the ‘Order of Melchizedek’, starting with the Apostles/Messengers, who are the High Priests.

Eph 4:11-15

11 **And he gave some, apostles;** and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 **For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 **That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;**

15 **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things,** which is the head, even Christ:

1Thes 5:12-13

12 **And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;**

13 **And to esteem them very highly in love** for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

2 Cor 10:8

8 **For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:**

2 Cor 1:21

21 **Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;**

2 Cor 1:24

24 **Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.**

1 Cor 16:15-16

15 **I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)**

16 **That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth.**

AMEN!

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