

FOR US AND OUR SALVATION

An Integrative Study of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
Lesson #32 – The Work of Christ – Jesus as Priest (Part 5)

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I. How is Jesus a True Priest?

- **Hebrews 5:5-10** – So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.
- **Hebrews 6:19** -¹⁹ We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain,²⁰ where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.
- **Levitical Priesthood**
 - The priesthood was strictly _____, strictly Jewish.
 - They were subject to the king just as much as were the other tribes.
 - Their priestly sacrifices were _____.
 - Their right to the priesthood was _____.
 - Their priestly service was _____.
- **Melchizedekian Priesthood¹**
 - **Hebrews 7:1-3** - For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,² and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.³ He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.
 - The priesthood was _____, not national (Genesis 14:18,22)

¹ “In biblical study, a ‘type’ refers to an Old Testament person, practice, or ceremony that has a counterpart, an antitype, in the New Testament. The ‘type’ pictures, or prefigures, the antitype. The ‘type’ though it is historical, real, and of God, is nonetheless imperfect and temporary. The antitype, on the other hand, is perfect and eternal. The study of types and antitypes is called, as one might expect typology.” (John MacArthur) - See Genesis 14:17-20, Psalm 110:1-4, Hebrews 5-7 for all verses related to Melchizedek

- The priesthood was _____ (Zechariah 6:13, Psalm 110:1,4)
- The priesthood was _____ and _____ (Psalm 85:10)
- The priesthood was _____, not hereditary (Hebrews 7:16)
- The priesthood is _____, not temporary²

<i>Levitical Priesthood</i>	<i>Melchizedekian Priesthood</i>
<i>National</i>	<i>Universal</i>
<i>Only Priestly</i>	<i>Priestly and Royal</i>
<i>Sacrificially Temporal</i>	<i>Righteously Permanent</i>
<i>Hereditary</i>	<i>Personal</i>
<i>Institutionally Temporal</i>	<i>Institutionally Eternal</i>

- **Jesus Christ is the True Priest according to the _____
_____ of Melchizedek.**

²“It is not that Melchizedek lived forever, but that the order of priesthood in which he ministered was forever. If he had lived forever, he would not be a type but a part of the reality. The picture of a landscape is not the landscape, but only a suggestion, a representation, of it. The fact that we have no biblical or other record of the beginning or end of Melchizedek’s personal priesthood simply symbolizes the eternality of his priestly order. It is a type of Christ’s truly eternal priesthood.” – John MacArthur