

CONSIDERING THE GREATNESS OF MELCHIZEDEK
(Hebrews 7:4-10)

I. Introduction to Melchizedek (7:1-3) (*Who was this mysterious person?)

II. Understand Melchizedek’s Importance As It Relates To The Hebrew Believers (7:4-10)

- Why was this important?

1. The writer commands them to _____carefully how _____this man Melchizedek was! (7:4a)

a. Melchizedek was _____ than _____! (7:4a)

*A key word in the book of Hebrews is the word “_____”.

- This statement takes us back to Genesis 14, where Abraham gave a _____of the “_____” to a superior Melchizedek who met him after he returned from the slaughter of the kings! (7:4b)
- His motive in this offering was to _____God & His priest, as he recognized the _____of this priest of the Most High God and _____ he stood for!
- Friends, this should speak to us about our giving...

b. Melchizedek is better than the _____ (7:5-ff)

- What do we know about the sons of Levi?
- Ministers today don't live by their people _____, but we do live by believer's generous grace _____! (1 Cor 9:7-14)
- The superiority of Melchizedek is set forth, without contradiction, in that the lesser _____, was blessed by the functionally greater _____! (7:7)
- Has this kind of "blessing" been practiced elsewhere in scripture?

c. Melchizedek is better since he received _____ from the _____ (7:8-10)

- How was that possible seeing the Levites lived long after the incident in Genesis 14? (7:8)
 - 1) Since Abraham recognized Melchizedek as _____ to himself, then those Levites who later descended from Abraham should see him as _____ as well!
 - 2) The receiving of tithes by the Levites ended when they _____, as they were mere _____ men (7:8a)
 - 3) But Melchizedek, it appears, receives tithes _____, as there is no record of the _____ of his life recorded in scripture... "*of whom it is witnessed that he _____*" (7:3, 8b)
 - 4) Even Levi, who receives tithes in his day, paid _____ (to _____) through Abraham, so to speak!
- How was that possible? (7:10)
- What does all this mean to the Hebrew believers & to us today?