

“ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK - PART I”

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INTRO: Let's continue working our way through the spiritual meat of Hebrews. Today we'll be covering Heb. 6:13-7:10.

I. GOD'S PROMISE TO BLESS ABRAHAM (Heb. 6:13-15).

- A. God made a promise to Abraham in Gen. 22:15-18.
 - 1. I will bless and multiply you and your descendants.
 - 2. In your seed all the nations of the earth will be blessed.
- B. This blessing was based on God's integrity.
- C. Abraham had to patiently endure to obtain the promise.
- D. All who in Christ are the seed of Abraham and heirs of his promise (Gal. 3:29, 9)!

II. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF AN OATH (Heb. 6:16-20).

- A. O.T. oaths were often sworn to by a greater name.
- B. God didn't do this because there's no greater name.
- C. The promise of God & The oath of God – God can't lie!
- D. Therefore, we can have complete confidence in God!
- E. Hope in God is the soul's anchor, faith the rope (vv. 19-20).

III. INTRODUCING THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK (6:20).

- A. Jesus became our High Priest forever, *“according to the order of Melchizedek.”* (Heb. 5:6, 10-11; 6:20)

IV. ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK (Heb. 7:1-10; Gen. 14:5-20; esp. v. 18; Ps. 110:4).

- A. Both king & priest – blessed Abraham (7:1; Gen. 14:19).
- B. Serve Abraham bread & wine (Matt. 26:26-28).
- C. Abraham gave Melchizedek a tithe (7:2-10; Gen. 14:20; Deut. 14:22; Lev. 27:30; Mal. 3:10; Lk. 11:42).
- D. Melchizedek had no recorded genealogy (Heb. 7:3) – a type of the eternal High Priesthood of Christ.
- E. The superiority of Melchizedek and Christ (Heb. 7:4-10).
- F. King of righteousness & peace (1Tim. 6:15; Rom. 14:17).

CONCLUSION: Jesus our great High Priest forever is superior to angels, Moses & the law, Aaron & the Aaronic priesthood and Levi & the Levitical priesthood (Ps. 110:1, 4). Let's persevere in our faith in Christ and not be dull of hearing!