

INTRODUCTION

- * God's plan for Christ to come into the world was not a mystery. He had planned it before the foundations of the world were laid.
- * From the beginning, God gave indicators regarding the advent and nature of the Messiah.
- * Last week, we considered that the Messiah would be considered the Seed of Abraham.
- * Today we want to consider a short passage that has great prophetic importance regarding the nature of the Messiah's ministry. The account of Abraham's encounter with Melchizedek is almost a parenthetical thought in the midst of the record of Abraham's daring rescue of his nephew Lot and, by extension, all of the residents of Sodom and Gomorrah that were taken captive.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE (cf. *Genesis 14: 17-24*)

A. Our _____

How would you be described?

B. Our _____ (cf. II Corinthians 9: 6-7; Matthew 23:23; Malachi 3:8-11)

How do you give?

C. Our _____

What would you choose?

II. THE PROPHETICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE (cf. *Hebrews 5:1-10; 6:19-7:28*)

Psalm 110: 4 "The LORD has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' "

A. Melchizedek Blessed Abram (cf. Hebrews 7:1)

B. Melchizedek Received Tithes Of Abram (cf. Hebrews 7:2, 4-6, 8-10)

C. The Order of Melchizedek Replaced The Order of Aaron (cf. Hebrews 7:11-22)

D. The Order of Melchizedek Is An Eternal Priesthood (cf. Hebrews 7:23-25)

INTROSPECTION

- * WHAT IS YOUR REPUTATION? WHAT NAME WOULD BE USED TO DESCRIBE YOU?
- * WHAT IS YOUR STANDARD FOR GIVING? ARE YOU A TITHER OR A TIPPER?
- * WHAT IS YOUR MORAL ASPIRATION? DO YOU DESIRE TO BE HOLY AS HE IS HOLY?
- * IS YOUR ALL ON THE ALTAR THAT HE MAY ALTER ALL THAT YOUR ARE?