

Jesus Our Everlasting High Priest!

KJV Hebrews 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

Here the writer is comparing Jesus with Melchizedek!

Who is Melchizedek? He first shows up in **Gen 14:18**.

KJV Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most-high God.

He is a king and priest of The Most High God!

A **king** is a male sovereign, he is a ruler, leader, chief, monarch who holds his position for life he inherited from his father.

He is The King of Salem which means “**The King of Peace.**”

His Kingdom is peace! He rules over peace and therefore brings peace!

His name also means “**King of righteousness.**” Right relations with God!

Because righteousness brings peace to every situation!

GWN Romans 5:1 Now that we have God's approval by faith, we have peace with God because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done.

A **priest** is one who performs sacred duties, they stand between God and the people representing God to the people and brings the people's concerns before God.

He is the priest of The Most-High God! Jesus by His sacrifice brought peace!

There are other gods, but **only One most High God!**

The first thing we see Melchizedek doing is bringing **bread and wine** to Abram.

He is performing his duty as priest by having **communion** with Abraham.

Then He blesses Abram! *GWN Genesis 14:19* He blessed Abram, and said, "Blessed is Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth.

Because it's always a blessing to commune and fellowship with God!

Then He blesses God! *20 Blessed is God Most High, who has handed your enemies over to you." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.*

God is blessed by our victories over our enemies, because He gets the glory!

Somebody needs to bless God right now for the victories in your life!

Stop being sad, depressed and disappointed Jesus is praying for you!

After Melchizedek blessed Abram and blesses God, Abram gives Him a tithe of all the spoils of victory!

Abram tithed to Melchizedek, **Malachi 3** says the tithe opens the windows of heaven and causes **Jesus our high-priest** to **intercede** for us and **rebuke the devourer!**

That means nothing, and no one could steal Abram's blessing!

Abram was grateful! He knew it was God that gave him the victory!

- He knew 318 men could never have defeated **four armies of four kingdoms!**
- Abram knew it was **only** because of the **intercession** of Melchizedek!

This is what the writer of Hebrews is reminding us!

KJV Hebrews 7:4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.

When we think of how great Jesus is as our High-priest we don't mind tithing!

ESV Hebrews 7:17 For it is witnessed of him (Jesus), "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GWN Hebrews 7:23 There was a long succession of priests because when a priest died he could no longer serve.

In the past there were **many priests** but death taking them, briefly stopping their **intercession** to God for the people.

Hebrews 7:24 But Jesus lives forever, so he serves as a priest forever.
25 Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Because Jesus is our eternal priest, He can completely and fully save us!

He knows what our generational issues and prays they won't hinder us.

Before we are even born He knows what our struggles will be and was already **interceding** about them!

Because Jesus always lives to make intercession for us we cannot be defeated!

- **Intercession is more than prayer!**

Intercessors stand in the gap for the needs of others!

The picture is a priest whose office is that of intercessor, stands with one hand in the hand of God and the other holding on to the people!

They are constantly pulling both sides together, trying hard to bridge the gap and keep both parties as close as possible to each other.

- There is **constant** (tension) strain on intercessors (priests in particular) because of their office and responsibility!

Intercession is prayer for the needs of others to be met!

Intercession is holding on to God until his will is done!

Intercession is spiritual warfare!

Intercession is being strong when others get weak!

Intercession is often placing others needs before your own!

Intercession is placing your body in front of the enemy taking the blows for others.

Intercession is **never** giving up because there's too much at stake!

Intercession defends those pray for, refusing to let the enemy get the victory!

Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,

32 But I have prayed (stood in the gap) for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. So when you recover, strengthen the other disciples."

Someone under the sound of my voice is being **sifted** (violently shaken and agitated) shaken to the point of falling apart!

But Jesus prayed for you, Jesus has **interceded** and **stood in the gap** for you!

He's not going to let you fall, fail or lose the victory! **You will recover!**

Tell your neighbor **THEY WILL RECOVER FROM THIS!**

Because Jesus prayed for you! Do think His prayers aren't answered?

Not only does Jesus pray for us He has the authority to answer His own prayers!

I'm so glad Jesus prays for me! I'm so glad we have a High Priest!

Recovery is a sure thing because of Jesus prayers and intercession!

And when I recover, I'm going to strengthen (interceded for) my brothers!