

# **“The Mystery of Melchizedek”**

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*Text: Hebrews 5:1-10*

- I. Introduction to Hebrews
  - a. *Author and Audience*
  - b. *“Greater than” theme; seen, for example, in Hebrews 5:1-10*
- II. Melchizedek and “the order of Melchizedek”
  - a. *Summarize Genesis reading, with help from Hebrews 7*
  - b. *Melchizedek similar to Jesus*
  - c. *Who was he? A mystery*
- III. Conclusion: Here is the important thing Melchizedek highlights
  - a. *We need an eternal priest and a once-for-all sacrifice: no one is good*
  - b. *We have one in Jesus*
  - c. *Hebrews 4:14-16—so let us come to the throne of God*

## **Sermon Questions**

- Who was Melchizedek and where in the Bible is he?
- Who wrote Hebrews?
- What is the big theme of Hebrews?
- What is important about Melchizedek for us today?
- Why do we need a priest?
- What did Old Testament priests do?
- What did Jesus do that they could not do?
- How is understanding what might otherwise appear to be boring or overly meticulous Old Testament regulations important for our own spiritual growth today?
- What questions does this message bring up that you would want to do further research on?