

STUDIES IN HEBREWS

Lesson 10

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THE GREATNESS OF MELCHIZEDEK

Hebrews 7:1-10

Introduction

I. The doctrine of the superiority of the Son 1:1---10:18

A. The thesis 1:1--3

B. His superiority to angels 1:4---2:18

C. His superiority over Moses 3:1---4:13

D. The superiority of the Son over Aaron 4:14---10:18

1. The better position 4:14-16

2. The better priest 5:1---8:5

a. The prerequisites for priesthood 5:1--6

b. The perfection of the Son 5:7--10

c. The danger of degeneration 5:11---6:20

d. The pre-eminence of Melchizedek 7:1--28

1) In his priestly order 7:1--10

NB. The historical account in Genesis 14:18--20

v. 1 "For"

v. 2 Abraham gave a tithe to Melchizedek

NB. King of righteousness

King of peace

v. 3 No record of birth or death

Was Melchizedek a theophany?

NB. Three similarities implied between Jesus and Melchizedek

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vv. 4--25 NB. The logic of the passage

Major premise: the order of Melchizedek is greater than the order of Aaron

Minor premise: Jesus is of the order of Melchizedek

Conclusion: Jesus is greater than Aaron or any priest in the Aaronic order.

vv.4--6a, 8--9 Levi paid tithes to Melchizedek in the loins of his great grandfather Abraham

NB. How the principle relates to Romans 5:12

vv. 6b--7 Melchizedek blessed Abraham

Conclusion and application

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