A Priest Forever
Part 2

Genesis 1:27
"And God created man in His own image..."

Genesis 5:3
"...and they both ate..."

God's Holiness

Man's Sinfulness

GAP!
Man’s Fundamental Need... Be Restored to God!

Genesis 12 – God chooses a man... A family... a people!

Melchizedek – Genesis 14
1st of 3 references
- Genesis 14
- Psalm 110
- Hebrews 7

Melchizedek –
- Serves bread & wine (communion)
- Blesses both on behalf of the other
- Stands as a mediator between God & Abram
- Abram tithes to him

God’s Holiness
Man’s Sinfulness
Melchizedek – Hebrews 11

- Without father, mother, genealogy
- No birth or death recorded
- Where he lives, he reigns!
- Mediator of God
- Before the Law

Melchizedek –

- King of Righteousness
- King of Salem (Peace)
Moses’ Final Words... Deuteronomy 33:26
“There is no one like the God of Israel...”

Moses’ Final Words... Deuteronomy 31:27
“For I know how rebellious and stiff necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the LORD while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die?

Moses’ Final Words... Deuteronomy 30:10-14
“Keep the words of this covenant... it’s not too hard to do!”

Moses’ Final Words... Deuteronomy 29:4
Yet, He has not yet renewed your hearts!
Moses’ Final Words...

Deuteronomy 30:6

“The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.”

Levitical (Aaron) Priesthood

Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy

Mortal, frail men!

- Aaron’s sons (Leviticus 10 – “Strange fire”)
- Eli’s sons (1 Samuel)
- Book of Malachi
- Caiaphas (Jewish high priest who orchestrated Jesus’ death)

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Hereditary!

Hebrews 7

Enter Jesus!
Jesus' Ministry - Supersedes Law

- Not of tribe of Levi (Judah)
- Qualified and appointed
- Perpetual... through an Oath of God!

Melchizedek priesthood superior to Levitical
Demonstrated in Abram's tithe!

In the order of Melchizedek...

- King of Righteousness & Peace
- A Priest - Mediator between God, man
- No beginning/end
- Abides forever
- Morally perfect
- Not according to Law

Psalm 110:4

"The LORD has taken an oath and will not break his vow:
'You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.'"
Hebrews 7:25

“Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Hebrews 5:8-9

“Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 5:8-9

“…to all those who obey Him”

Yet, He has not yet renewed your hearts!” Deut 29:4

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” John 14:15
Galatians 3:23-25

“But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

Romans 8:29

“He chose them to become like his Son, conformed to His image... so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

Hebrews 6:1

“Let us press on to maturity!”

Hebrews 7:25

“Therefore He is able to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”