

The Momentous Meaning of Melchizedek (10/13/24)

Main Verses: Genesis 14:18-20

Key Verse: Genesis 14:19

'Takeaway': Not only did the priest Melchizedek bless our faith-father Abraham, but he can also bless each of us. How? By helping us better understand Jesus & his priesthood.



Getting Started: What do you do when you don't understand something?

READ Genesis 14:18-20 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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- Who was Melchizedek? What is a priest?
- What did Melchizedek do for Abraham?
- What was the blessing Melchizedek spoke over Abraham?
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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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- Melchizedek prepared a meal for Abraham after his victory. His blessing rightly attributes Abraham's victory to God.
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- As priest/king Melchizedek points us to Jesus' kingship & priesthood on our behalf. The New Testament refers to his priesthood as directly related to Jesus' superior, kingly priesthood. (Hebrews 5:5-10)
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

Toddler: Talk to God. Thank him for his Word. Thank God that thru learning about Melchizedek we learn more about Jesus. Ask God to help you this week to learn more about him, & to learn from Abraham's response to Melchizedek. Ask God how you can grow in your faith & give back to him in a way that honors & glorifies him.

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