**SERMON SHEET 2/18/24**

**Study of Hebrews #29**

**“How Melchizedek Points Us to Jesus”**

**Text: Hebrews 7:1-10**

I. Introduction & review

1. God’s promise gives us strong encouragement to hold fast to our hope in Jesus.
2. Jesus’s priesthood provides us with a sure and steadfast anchor.

II. Who is Melchizedek?

1. Genesis 14:11-20
2. Psalm 110:1-4

III. Melchizedek is similar to God’s Son (vs. 1-3).

1. His name means “king of righteousness.”
2. His title is “King of Salem” (King of Peace).

IV. Melchizedek is greater than God’s priests (vs. 4-10).

1. He received tithes from Abraham.
2. He blessed Abraham.

V. Conclusion – a summary and an encouragement.

**QUOTES**

1. Simon Kistemaker:

*Our hope is pinned on Jesus, who has entered the heavenly sanctuary. An anchor lies unseen at the bottom of the sea; our hope lies unseen in the highest heaven …Our anchor of hope has absolute security in that Jesus in human form, now glorified, has entered heaven. And he has entered heaven in his humanity as a guarantee that we, too, shall be with him … As Jesus’ human body has come into God’s presence, so our bodies will enter heaven. That is our hope.*

2. James M. Boice:

*There is no textual warrant for any of these ideas, and it is best to take him precisely as the author of Hebrews does, that is, simply as an important man who comes on the scene suddenly without any prior explanation*.

3. Al Mohler:

* *Yet Hebrews 7:1 tells us Melchizedek is the king of Salem and also priest of the Most High God. Shockingly, he is even from outside the tribe of Israel. This is an interesting character indeed.*
* *Abram’s tithe is one of the most unexpected and one of the most fascinating parts of the whole Old Testament.*

4. John MacArthur:

* *Types are frail illustrations at best. They are analogies, and, like all analogies, they correspond to the person or thing to which they are compared only in certain ways – perhaps only one way*.
* *Similarly, though Melchizedek is in no way the equal of Christ, his unique priesthood, and even his name, typify Jesus Christ and His work in a number of significant ways.*

5. Kent Hughes:

* *In the ancient world, paying tithes to another was recognition of the other’s superiority and a sign of subjection to that person.*
* *Remember, God had told Abraham that “all peoples on earth will be blessed through you” (Genesis 12:3). Abraham was the supreme blesser! All the rest of mankind were blessees! But he sees himself as inferior to Melchizedek—who towers above him with mysterious grandeur—and receives his blessing.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Heb. 5:9-10**
* **2 Cor. 5:21; Rom. 5:1; Ps. 85:10**