



Lesson 10 – The Priests

There were two orders of the priesthood, the Melchizedek and the Levitical. The Melchizedek order preceded the Levitical order.

1) Who was Melchizedek?

Genesis 14:17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the _____ that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

Genesis 14:18 And Melchizedek king of _____ brought forth bread and wine: and he was the _____ of the most high God.

Genesis 14:19 And he _____ him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

2) What was said about Jesus?

Hebrews 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even _____, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

In Abraham's day the priest, Melchizedek was king of Salem as well as priest of the Most High God. Salem means peace, so this priest was also the King of Peace just like Jesus. Although there is not much said in the Bible of the Melchizedek order of the priesthood, it was superior to the Levitical order, for Christ was made a priest after the order of Melchizedek.

The Levitical order extended from the time Israel came out of Egypt until the cross; since that time we have the priesthood of Christ, of which all earthly priests were a type. Christ is a priest after the order of Melchizedek, we are now living under the Melchizedek order of the priesthood. There are many particulars given in regard to the Levitical order; and as all the Levitical priests served "**unto the example and shadow of heavenly things,**" when we study the Levitical priesthood, we are really studying the priestly work of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

3) How many divisions of priests David establish when he was making preparations for the First Temple in Jerusalem?

1 Chronicles 24:18, 19 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to Maaziah. these were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had _____ him.

1 Chronicles 24:5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the _____, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar.

Aaron had two surviving sons, the first two died not having children. The Priestly duties were transferred to his 2 sons Eleazer and Ithamar. David divided their duties into 24 divisions with their governors of the Sanctuary to work in turn.



1 Chronicles 24:3 And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service. See **1 Chronicles 24:1-19** for the complete breakdown of the divisions

4) What happened after Jesus was resurrected?

Matthew 27:52,53 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the _____ after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

5) What did John see around the Throne in Heaven?

Revelation 4:4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats, I saw four and twenty _____ sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Revelation 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the _____, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

In this, we see the antitype (fulfillment) of the twenty-four courses of priests. The chiefs, or elders, of each course, have seats of honor, and they are kings and priests after the order of Melchizedek. The remainder of the multitude Christ took into heaven is not mentioned, but it is reasonable to suppose that they constitute the courses of which the four and twenty elders are the chiefs. They would most certainly be part of the Wave Sheaf Offering which we will discuss in a later lesson.

6) Who only could serve as Priest?

Numbers 3:10 And thou shalt appoint _____ and his _____, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

7) What does **1 Peter 2:9** tell us? But ye are a chosen generation, a royal _____, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

In the type the priest who could not prove his genealogy direct from Aaron, the first high priest, was cast out of the priesthood; so in the antitype, the Christian who cannot prove his direct connection with Christ, the heavenly High Priest, will never become one of the "royal priesthood."

God has provided for the support of all the different orders of the priesthood by the same method. "**The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.**" (Psalms24:1) "**The silver and the gold and the cattle upon a thousand hills all belong to Him.**" (Psalms 50:10-12)



8) What did God say was Holy unto the Lord?

Leviticus 27:30 And all the _____ of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD.

Leviticus 27:32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the _____ shall be holy unto the LORD.

Of the tithe, the Lord says, in **Numbers 18:24** **“But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.”**

The individual who selfishly uses the entire ten portions for himself, not reserving one-tenth for the Lord, is guilty of robbing the Lord.

9) What does Malachi tell us about the tithe?

Malachai 3:10? Bring ye all the tithes into the _____, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Abraham paid a faithful tithe to Melchizedek (**Genesis 14:17-20**); and Jacob promised to pay tithe of all, even if he received only food and raiment. (**Genesis 28:20-22**)

10) What was Jesus' advice concerning Abraham?

John 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the _____ of Abraham.

Those who belong to the great household of faith and are children of Abraham, will **“do the works of Abraham.”** They will pay a faithful tithe for the support of those who, like the Levitical priests, give their lives for the advancement of Christ's kingdom upon the earth. Just as the priest lived of the things of the temple.

The work of the priest was to mediate between God and Man, to teach faith in the Almighty, to give hope to the fallen, and to restore the repentant. Jesus did this and is continuing to do this for us. Anyone who will reach out to Him will in no way be denied. We are so blessed if we will only see our need and partake of His blessings.

Can you see the Unity of the Scriptures? _____

Are you interested in living life to the fullest? _____

Will you now ask Him now for clearer understanding? _____