



**Series:** Genesis

**Passage:** Genesis 14

**Title:** Melchizedek- The King of Righteousness

**Speaker:** Pastor David Menard, 7/17/2022

**Discussion Starter** – What does this story of Melchizedek teach us about our relationship with God? What happened in Abram’s walk with God that resulted in this amazing encounter?

- How is Abram’s faith demonstrated in verse 14? Have you ever felt that you risked everything to follow the call of God?
- Why did Abram pursue the 5 kings?
- Who provided Abram’s victory against the 5 kings? What did Abram receive because of the victory?
- What do we learn about Abram’s heart and priorities from his response to the king of Sodom when he returns from the battle with the 5 kings in verses 23 and 24?
- What potential spiritual risks do we encounter when we prioritize and pursue worldly wealth and standing?
- When Abram refused to keep any of the spoils, (verses 23/24) was that an expression of freedom or bondage to rules? When faced with similar choices is your response based on bondage or freedom? Explain why.
- Describe the term “sanctification” in light of this episode in Abram’s life.
- Consider sin or holiness, which comes natural to us? Which requires discipline? What are the results of each?
- Review Romans 6:16 through 23 and John 8:36. What is the result of being a slave of righteousness?
- Who was Melchizedek? What titles did he possess? How were they unique to him?
- What clues do we see to Melchizedek’s identity in his interaction with Abram? (His title, the bread and wine, His blessing on Abram, the tithes)
- What more do we learn about Melchizedek in Psalm 110? About the trinity?
- What is the job of a priest?
- Review Hebrews 7. What is the order of the Melchizedekian priesthood? How is it different from the Levitical order? How is it superior?
- Why is the Levitical order insufficient to represent our salvation?
- Who is our effective and eternal High Priest today?
- Consider this event occurred in about 2100 BC, David wrote Psalm 110 around 1000 BC, and the writer to the Hebrews explained it all in about 68 AD. How does this brief episode from Genesis affect your faith? How does it affect your respect for the entire work of God?