



If I were to ask you to name the most important people in the Old Testament, I doubt the name of the man we are going to consider this morning would make that list. His name is Melchisedec. He appeared once, in Genesis 14:17–24; and he was referred to once more, in Psalm 110:4. He doesn't seem all that prominent. But the Holy Spirit used those two passages to present an

important truth: the priesthood of Jesus Christ is superior to any that has come before it or that ever will come.

Let's examine some aspects of the priesthood of this man and how they are a picture of Jesus. I want us to adore and worship Jesus this morning. Remember, we have not a high priest who cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities. He has been tempted in all they ways that we are, yet He is without sin. **Our love for Christ ought to grow when we meditate on Him as our High Priest!** He is our anchor in God's presence. How does he represent us there?

#### I. Consider Jesus as Priest and a King!

Melchisedec had *both* offices—king and priest! Aaron never had that privilege. Gen. 14:18, 22 says Melchisedec was the “priest of the Most High God”. God gave him the positions.

##### A. His Priesthood. - He made atonement for sin.

“Before the throne of God Above”

I have a strong and perfect plea.	Because the sinless Savior died
A great high Priest whose Name is Love	My sinful soul is counted free.
	For God the just is satisfied
Who ever lives and pleads for me.	To look on Him and pardon me.
My name is graven on His hands,	Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My name is written on His heart.	My perfect spotless righteousness,
I know that while in Heaven He stands	The great unchangeable I AM,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.	The King of glory and of grace,
When Satan tempts me to despair	One in Himself I cannot die.
And tells me of the guilt within,	My soul is purchased by His blood,
Upward I look and see Him there	My life is hid with Christ on high,
Who made an end of all my sin.	With Christ my Savior and my God!

That is what Christ does for us as our High Priest. Does that effect the way you live? That ought to motivate you to serve Him. He is not only your priest, but He is your King.

##### B. His Kingship.

- He was born of the royal line of David.

- One of the main issues at hand at his trial was his kingship. In all four gospels, Pilates first question to Jesus was, “Art thou the King of the Jews?” Jesus Responded like this in John 18:36, “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.” Pilate asked the crowd to accept Jesus as their king, but what did they do? Mark 15:13 And they cried out again, Crucify him. <sup>14</sup> Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.”
- The people mocked him.
- God set Jesus in His rightful place as king.
- Jesus welcomes believers into His kingdom.
  - The very day He died, the thief said, “remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.” The thief was saying, “You are the King!” Not only of the Jews, but of all men.
- In Rev. 11:15, we see that, “The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” Jesus is king forever!

#### II. Consider Jesus as worthy to receive your best. (2a)

#### III. Consider Jesus and His name. (2b)

“Righteousness” and “peace” are often found together in Scripture. True peace can be experienced only on the basis of righteousness. The link between Christ's righteousness and your peace is forgiveness.

#### IV. Consider Jesus and His eternal priesthood.

There is no *record* of Melchisedec's genealogy in the Old Testament. There is no record of his priesthood ending just as their is no record of Jesus' priesthood ending.

#### V. Consider Jesus and His power to bless.

**Our love for Christ ought to grow when we meditate on Him as our High Priest!** Is your love growing towards Christ?

1. Do you thank Him for being your priest and serve Him as your King?
2. Do you consider Him worthy of your best in every area of your life?
3. Do you honor His great name?
4. Do you rely on Him as you eternal Priest?
5. Do you thank Him for all the blessings you receive through Him?