

Essential Values Concerning

FINANCES

- The Treasures of Your Heart
- The Value of Giving
- The Value of Believing
- The Value of Stewardship
- The Value of Work

2. The Value of Giving

- Tithing
- Offerings
- Alms

MELCHIZEDEK

A New Covenant and Priesthood

Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

¹⁴“Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

¹⁵“He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus.”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

¹⁶“So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

¹⁷“And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

¹⁸“Then Melchizedek **king** of Salem brought our **bread** and **wine**; he was the **priest** of God Most High.”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

¹⁹“And **he blessed him** and said: ‘Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth.’”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

²⁰“And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.’ **And he gave him a tithe of all.**”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

²¹“Now the king of Sodom said to Abram,
‘Give me the persons, and take the
goods for yourself.’”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

²²“But Abram said to the king of Sodom,
‘I have raised my hand to the Lord, God
Most High, the Possessor of heaven and
earth,’”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

²³“that I will take nothing, from a thread to a sandal strap, and that I will take anything that is yours, **lest you should say, “I have made Abram rich—”**”



Genesis 14:14-24 *(NKJV)*

24“except only what the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.”



- **Tithe**

- (Hebrew) **Maaser** = **Tenth** (*Gen 14:20*)

- (Greek) **Dekate** = **Tenth** (*Heb 7:2*)

- **Melchizedek**

- **Communion** *(v 18)*

- **Priest / King** *(v 18)*

- **Type of Christ**

- Our Great High Priest
 - Our King of Righteousness
 - Our King of Peace

MELCHIZEDEK

BLESSED

ABRAM

ABRAM
TITHED
TO THIS
KING/PRIEST

ABRAM
DID NOT
TITHE
TO GET

ABRAM
TITHED
ON THE SPOILS

(Hebrews 7:4)

NO ONE TOLD

ABRAM TO

TITHE

ABRAM'S

TITHE

**TO MELCHIZEDEK WAS
500 YEARS BEFORE THE LAW**

ABRAM

TITHED

**ON THE BLESSING
HE ALREADY RECEIVED**

ABRAM ALSO
REFUSED
TO BE BLESSED
BY THE KING OF SODOM

Hebrews 6:20 *(NKJV)*

²⁰“where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, **having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**”



Hebrews 7:1 *(NKJV)*

¹“For this Melchizedek, **king** of Salem, **priest** of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and **blessed him,**”



**SALEM WAS
THE ORIGINAL NAME OF
JERUSALEM**

UNDER THE LEVITICAL LAW
YOU COULD NOT BE A

PRIEST &

A KING

Hebrews 7:2 *(NKJV)*

²“to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated **‘king of righteousness,’** and then also king of Salem, meaning **‘king of peace,’”**



MELCHIZEDEK:
KING OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS

KING OF SALEM:
KING OF PEACE

PRIOR TO JESUS
RECONCILING US TO GOD
RIGHTEOUSNESS & PEACE WERE

OPPOSED

TO EACH OTHER

**PRIOR TO JESUS
RECONCILING US TO GOD
EVERYONE WAS A**

**SINNER &
UNRIGHTEOUS**

**PRIOR TO JESUS
RECONCILING US TO GOD
THERE WAS NO REAL**

PEACE

WITH GOD

JESUS MADE US
RIGHTEOUS
BEFORE GOD
THEREBY ESTABLISHING
PEACE

SO IN JESUS WHOM
MELCHIZEDEK SYMBOLIZED

RIGHTEOUSNESS
& PEACE

CAME TOGETHER

Psalm 85:10 *(NKJV)*

¹⁰“Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed.”



Hebrews 7:2 *(NKJV)*

²“to whom also **Abraham gave a tenth** part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace,’”



ABRAHAM
TITHED
TO MELCHIZEDEK

MELCHIZEDEK

BLESSED

ABRAHAM

Hebrews 7:3 *(NKJV)*

³“without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but **made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.**”



**MELCHIZEDEK
WAS A TYPE OF
CHRIST**

MELCHIZEDEK's
GENEALOGY
WAS NOT GIVEN

IN ALLEGORY

MELCHIZEDEK
WAS WITHOUT
FATHER & MOTHER

**JESUS IS
A PRIEST**

FOREVER

**THIS INSTANCE WITH
MELCHIZEDEK TOOK PLACE**

100 YEARS

BEFORE LEVI WAS BORN

THE MELCHIZEDEK
PRIESTHOOD EXISTED
100'S OF YEARS
BEFORE THE
LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD
BECAME ESTABLISHED

MELCHIZEDEK
PREDATED
THE TRIBE OF
LEVI

THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD WAS

SUPERIOR

TO THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD IN

SEQUENCE & SUBSTANCE

**SINCE JESUS IS A PRIEST
AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK
THEN JESUS' PRIESTHOOD**

SUPERSEDES

THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

Hebrews 7:4 (NKJV)

⁴“Now consider how **great** this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.”



THIS INSTANCE WITH
MELCHIZEDEK IS THE

FIRST

MENTIONING OF **TITHING**
IN SCRIPTURE

ABRAHAM THE FATHER OF FAITH

PAID TITHE

TO MELCHIZEDEK AND WAS

BLESSED

BY HIM

THESE THINGS SHOW
THE HEBREWS
MELCHIZEDEK WAS

GREATER

THAN ABRAHAM

**NONETHELESS
GOD CHOSE ABRAHAM
TO BRING HIS**

COVENANT

INTO THE EARTH

IT IS NOT OUR GREATNESS

BUT OUR FAITH

THAT RELEASES THE

BLESSING

OF THE LORD

Hebrews 7:5 *(NKJV)*

⁵“And indeed those who are of the **sons of Levi**, who receive the priesthood, **have a commandment to receive tithes** from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;”



THE PERSON
YOU PAY **TITHE** TO HAS
GREATER
AUTHORITY
THAN YOU

THE ARGUMENT IS BEING SET:

MELCHIZEDEK IS

GREATER

THAN ABRAHAM

**SINCE JESUS IS A PRIEST
AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK**

JESUS IS

GREATER

THAN ABRAHAM

JESUS'S PRIESTHOOD IS
GREATER
THAN THE
LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

(Loins of Abraham)

LEVI WAS IN
ABARAM'S LOINS
WHEN ABRAM
GAVE TO MELCHIZEDEK

MELCHIZEDEK
BLESSED

ABRAHAM
(Levi)

ISRAEL WAS
COMMANDED
TO TITHE TO
THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

ISRAEL GAVE TO THE

LEVITES

LEVITES GAVE TO THE

PRIESTHOOD

THE PRIESTHOOD GAVE TO THE

POOR

EVERYONE
GAVE
SOMETHING

Hebrews 7:6 *(NKJV)*

⁶“but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from **Abraham** and blessed him who had the promises.”



**MELCHIZEDEK
WAS NOT A
DESCENDENT OF
LEVI**

MELCHIZEDEK

PREDATED

THE LEVITICAL ORDER

THE MELCHIZEDEK ORDER WAS

SUPERIOR

TO THE LEVITICAL ORDER

MELCHIZEDEK
RECEIVED A TITHE FROM
ABRAHAM

(Levi)

MELCHIZEDEK

BLESSED

ABRAHAM WHO HAD
ALREADY RECEIVED
THE PROMISE

Hebrews 7:7 *(NKJV)*

7“Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better.”



**THE LESSER
IS BLESSED
BY THE
GREATER**

THE ONE WHO HAS
THE POWER
TO GIVE A BLESSING IS
GREATER
THAN THE ONE
WHO IS BLESSED

WE ARE
NOT TITHING
ENDEAVORING TO
MANIPULATE
SOMETHING FROM GOD

WE ARE
BLESSED
WITH EVERY
SPIRITUAL BLESSING

JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST
HAS ALREADY

BLESSED

US BY HIS GRACE

**WE ARE TITHING
FROM OUR
BLESSING**

WE

HONOR

**HIM WITH A TENTH
OF OUR BLESSING**

WE
WORSHIP

HIM WITH A TENTH
OF OUR BLESSING

WE

THANK

**HIM WITH A TENTH
OF OUR BLESSING**

**WE HONOR &
WORSHIP HIM**

FAITH

Hebrews 7:8 *(NKJV)*

⁸“Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed the **he lives.**”



THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS
WHO TOOK TITHES
WERE MEN WHO

DIED

**THE MELCHIZEDEK
PRIESTHOOD
IS GREATER BECAUSE HE**

LIVES

**THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS
IS GREATER BECAUSE HE**

**LIVES
FOREVER**

**JESUS IS
A PRIEST**

FOREVER

**WE ARE NOT
TITHING TO MEN WHO**

DIE

WE ARE TITHING TO

CHRIST

**OUR HIGH PRIEST
WHO LIVES FOREVER**

**WE ARE TITHING
WILLFULLY
TO A GREATER**

PRIESTHOOD

**WE ARE TITHING
WILLFULLY
UNDER A GREATER
COVENANT**

Hebrews 7:9 *(NKJV)*

⁹“Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,”



Hebrews 7:10 *(NKJV)*

¹⁰“for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him.”



IN ALLEGORY:
LEVI THROUGH
ABRAHAM TITHED TO
MELCHIZEDEK

THE FREE-WILL TITHE
OF ABRAHAM TO THE
MELCHIZEDEK
PRIESTHOOD
BEGAN BEFORE THE
LEVITICAL LAW

**THE FREE-WILL TITHE
TO THE
PRIESTHOOD
OF CHRIST
PRECEDES & SUPERCEDES
THE LAW**

Hebrews 7:11 *(NKJV)*

11“Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?”



THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD
WAS NOT PERFECT
IN THAT

IT COULD NOT SOLVE THE

SIN PROBLEM

**THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD
POINTED OUT OUR SIN
AND PERSCRIBED**

**PUNISHMENT
& SACRIFICES**

THESE PUNISHMENTS & SACRIFICES
WERE PICTURES OF
THE FINISHED WORK OF

CHRIST

**THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD
POINTED OUT OUR SIN
AND NEED OF A**

SAVIOR

THE PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST

Hebrews 7:12 *(NKJV)*

¹²“For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.”



**CHANGE OF
PRIESTHOOD**



**CHANGE OF
LAW**

**CHANGE OF
PRIESTHOOD**



**CHANGE OF
COVENANT**

JESUS IS THE NEW
HIGH PRIEST
OF A
NEW COVENANT

NEW COVENANT

IS A GREATER THAN THE

OLD COVENANT

Hebrews 7:13 *(NKJV)*

¹³“For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar.”



Hebrews 7:14 *(NKJV)*

¹⁴“For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.”



UNDER THE LEVITICAL LAW
YOU COULD NOT BE A

PRIEST &
A KING

**JESUS OUR
GREAT HIGH PRIEST
CAME FROM THE TRIBE OF**

JUDAH

NOT LEVI

**JESUS IS BORN FROM
THE TRIBE OF**

JUDAH

THE LINEAGE OF

DAVID

THE LINEAGE OF
JUDAH & DAVID
SUITED JESUS TO BE

KING

BUT NOT A LEVITICAL PRIEST

JESUS IS OUR
KING & PRIEST
BECAUSE HIS

PRIESTHOOD

DESCENDED FROM MELCHIZEDEK
NOT LEVI

Hebrews 7:15 *(NKJV)*

¹⁵“And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arise another priest”



Hebrews 7:16 *(NKJV)*

¹⁶“who has come, not according to the law of a **fleshly commandment**, but according to the power of an endless life.”



**THIS WOULD HAVE OFFENDED
A LAW-LOVING JEW
TO CALL THE LAW:**

**“A CARNAL
COMMANDMENT”**

THE ENDLESS LIFE

OF CHRIST (*& Allegorically Melchizedek*)

SURPASSES

**THE CARNAL COMMANDMENT
THAT MADE MEN PRIESTS
AFTER THE ORDER OF LEVI**

THE NEW COVENANT IS NOT AN
EXTENSION OR AMPLICATION
OF THE OLD COVENANT

IT IS A COMPLETELY

NEW COVENANT

(& Priesthood)

Hebrews 7:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷“For He testifies: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’”



Psalm 110:4 *(NKJV)*

4“**The Lord has sworn and will not relent,
‘You are a priest forever according to
the order of Melchizedek.’”**



**THE MESSIANIC PSALM
PROPHECIES OF
A NEW PRIEST
AFTER THE ORDER OF
MELCHIZEDEK**

JESUS IS A
PRIEST
FOREVER

Hebrews 7:18 *(NKJV)*

¹⁸“For on the one hand there is an **annulling** of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,”



- **Annulling:** *(Athetesis)*

- To Nullify
- To Invalidate
- To Counteract the force or effectiveness
- Cancellation
- **Example:** *When a marriage is annulled, it is like it never happened*

Hebrews 9:26 *(NKJV)*

²⁶“He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world, but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared **to put away** sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”



JESUS DID NOT JUST LESSEN OR
DEAL WITH OUR SINS PARTIALLY

BY THE BLOOD OF HIS NEW COVENANT
OUR SINS ARE COMPLETELY

ANNULLED

LIKEWISE THE LAW WAS NOT
LESSENNED OR CHANGED PARTIALLY
IT WAS COMPLETELY

ANNULLED

Hebrews 7:19 *(NKJV)*

¹⁹“for the law made nothing perfect, on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope through which we draw near to God.”



THE LAW
SHOWED PEOPLE WHAT

PERFECTION

LOOKED LIKE
BUT IT COULD NOT
PERFECT ANYTHING

**THE LAW
FORCED PEOPLE TO TURN
FROM THEMSELVES TO**

GOD

FOR SALVATION

**THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE
MAKES PEOPLE
PERFECT (RIGHTEOUS) BY**

NEW BIRTH

THE NEW COVENANT DEALS
WITH THE

INNER MAN

THE OLD COVENANT DEALS
WITH THE

OUTER MAN

THE NEW COVENANT MINISTERS

LIFE

THE OLD COVENANT MINISTERS

DEATH

OUR BORN-AGAIN SPIRITS ARE

PERFECT

ENABLING US TO

APPROACH GOD

Hebrews 7:20 *(NKJV)*

²⁰“And inasmuch as He was not made priest without an oath.”



Hebrews 7:21 *(NKJV)*

²¹“(for they have become priests without an oath, but He with an oath by Him Who said to Him: ‘The Lord has sworn and will not relent, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek””),”



THE LEVITICAL PRIESTS
WERE INAUGURATED WITHOUT AN
OATH

JESUS PRIESTHOOD
WAS **SWORN** INTO OFFICE

(Psalm 110:4)

Psalm 110:4 *(NKJV)*

4“The Lord has **sworn** and will not relent,
‘You are a priest forever according to the
order of Melchizedek.’”



- **Jesus' Priesthood is superior to the Levitical Priesthood because:**

1. Jesus was Priest after the **Melchizedek Order**
2. Melchizedek **received tithes** from Levi
3. Melchizedek **blessed** Abraham (Levi)
4. Jesus was **sworn** into His Priesthood

Hebrews 7:22 (NKJV)

²²“by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.”



- The New Covenant is better than the Old Covenant
 - They are not **the same**
 - They are not **both in effect**
 - Those who desire to be under the Old Covenant are not **submitted** to the New Covenant

Hebrews 7:23 (NKJV)

²³“Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.”



Hebrews 7:24 *(NKJV)*

²⁴“But He, because he continues forever,
has an unchangeable priesthood.”



Malachi 3:6 *(KJV)*

6““For I am the Lord, **I do not change**:
Therefore you are not consumed, O sons
of Jacob.””



1 Corinthians 9:7 *(NKJV)*

7“Whoever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?”



1 Corinthians 9:8 *(NKJV)*

⁸“Do I say these things as a mere man?
Or does the law say the same also?”



**PAUL IS BUILDING
AN ARGUMENT
ABOUT THE
SUPPORT OF MINISTERS
USING THE LAW**

1 Corinthians 9:9 *(NKJV)*

⁹“For it is written **in the law** of Moses,
‘You shall not muzzle an ox while it
treads out the grain.’ **Is it oxen God is
concerned about?”**



1 Corinthians 9:10 *(NKJV)*

¹⁰“Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? **For our sakes, no doubt**, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be a partaker of his hope.”



1 Corinthians 9:11 *(NKJV)*

¹¹“If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing, if we reap your material things?”



1 Corinthians 9:12 *(NKJV)*

¹²“If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the Gospel of Christ.”



SCRIPTURALLY & SPIRITUALLY

THOSE WHO MINISTER
HAVE A RIGHT TO RECEIVE
NATURAL THINGS

IN THE
LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD
THE **TITHE** WAS
THE PRIEST'S
INHERITANCE

1 Corinthians 9:13 *(NKJV)*

¹³“Do you not know that those who minister holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?”



1 Corinthians 9:14 *(NKJV)*

¹⁴“**Even so** the Lord has **commanded** that those who preach the Gospel should live from the Gospel.”



1 Corinthians 9:14 *(KJV)* ★

14“Even so hath the Lord **ordained** that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.”



- “Even so...”
 - Likewise
 - In the same manner
 - In the same way
 - Following the same pattern

“EVEN SO...”

IN THE NEW COVENANT GOD HAS

**ORDAINED
TITHING**

TITHING

IS A SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE

GOD HAS

ORDAINED

TITHING

IS NOT A SUGGESTION

GOD HAS

ORDAINED IT

PAUL ESTABLISHED
THE PRESIDENT FOR
TITHING IN THIS NEW COVENANT
DISPENSATION OF GRACE

FROM THE LAW

THE LORD IS

HONORED

WHEN WE PROVIDE FOR
HIS MINISTERS

**“TITHING IS NOT IN THE
NEW TESTAMENT.”**

**WE JUST
READ IT!**

Essential Values Concerning

FINANCES