

nothing for Him to appear to Abraham. (Vs 3) shows us that at very least He pictured the Son of God.

(Vs 4-10) These verses can be hard to grasp if we forget the setting. Paul is writing to Hebrews about a new Priest (Jesus Christ) made Priest after the order of Melchisedec. A good Jew would ask, "What right does this newcomer have to usurp the priesthood through Aaron?"

Well, it is accepted that the lesser gives tithes to the superior. When you and I give our tithes we acknowledge God's blessings and our submission to Him. When we withhold our tithes we exalt ourselves against Him and challenge Him. He will always respond!

When Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec he was acknowledging the greatness of this man (Vs 4) and his submission to Him and was blessed (Vs 7)

What does this tell a Jewish person? That Christ is a greater High Priest than any Levite by witness of the fact that even Levi paid tithes to Him (Vs 9-10)

How does this pertain to us? Tithing is not an act, it's an expression of a belief. A person doesn't withhold tithe because they can't afford too, but because they are challenging God's right and authority over them. Tithing is just one of the areas they are living in rebellion. Are you a rebel against God's greatness over you?

Saturday/Sunday

(Chap 7:11-28)

*I am out of space, but you can read through these verses and see the "Superiority of Christ." Over the priesthood (Vs 11-18) Over the law (Vs 19-22) Over death (Vs 23-25) and, Over sin (Vs 26-28). What a Saviour we have. Love Him, Submit to Him, Worship Him and Serve Him!

Daily Devotions

Hebrews – Week 2

Monday (Hebrews 4:14- Chap 5:10)

(Vs 14-16) As believers we have a "High Priest" This is a fulfillment of the Jewish High Priest who mediated between the people and God. Today believers have direct access to God for themselves. You don't need a priest; Christ is your "High Priest" He is available for us in our time of need (Vs 16)

(Vs 1-6) Christ did not take this honor for Himself, but was appointed by the Father.

(Vs 7-10) Christ NEVER sinned, but He did walk as a man with our fears. (Vs7) This refers to Jesus' prayers before the cross (John 12:27) Jesus learned what obedience was by the cross. (Vs 8) Have you ever thought how hard it is to obey? Christ can relate, but we must follow His example.(Vs 9-10) The cross made Jesus "perfect" (complete) it enabled Him to be the "merciful High Priest"

Will you obey the Father as our Saviour showed all of us? Will you go to Him in prayer for your daily needs?

Tuesday: (Hebrews 5:11-14)

In the previous devotion we saw that Christ was established a High Priest after the order of "Melchisedek" (*Melkizidek*). The writer could not tell them much about this man because they were immature spiritually.

(Vs 11) "Dull of hearing" means "lazy, sluggish" They were not faithful to church, learning the Bible.... There were some ramifications.

(Vs 12) When they should have been teaching others they were still being taught the basics AGAIN! The comparison between "meat" and "milk" is used to show they're understanding and doing of Gods Word.

(Vs 13) Could this verse describe you? You are doing this devotion and that is a good start, but you must determine to be a faithful student and church member.

(Vs 14) This is my dream for you. The writer speaks of “reason of use” This refers to being a doer of the word and not a hearer only.

What kind of Christian are you? More importantly what are you going to do about it!

Wednesday: (Chap 6: 1-12)

(Vs 1-3) Paul was saying he didn’t want to keep teaching the same things to the same people. He wanted to move past, repentance and faith, doctrine of baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection and judgment (Vs 3) He will move past these things to teach more “meaty” things.

(Vs 4-6) These 3 verses are all one thought: There were Jews who had been “enlightened” (*saw the truth of the gospel*), tasted of its fruits (*like the spies did in Canaan*) and even went along with the ministry of the Holy Spirit’s conviction. (Vs 5) Grasped the truths of the Bible and the powers of heaven.... (Vs 6) Paul warns these Jews on the very threshold of salvation that if they “fall away” from accepting Christ as God and His doctrine; it will be impossible for them to be saved. There are people like this today, let us plead with them as Paul is heard to repent and believe the gospel.

(Vs 7-9) Paul does not want this for these Hebrews. He wants to be sure of their salvation and wants them to be sure of it. He wants them to have “things that accompany salvation” (Vs 9)

(Vs 10-12) He cites their love as evidence of their salvation and challenges every believer to have this love. It is interesting to note that when they loved God they loved others (1 John 5:1-3).

Let us “examine ourselves” and be sure of our faith and grow!

Thursday: (Chap 6:13-20)

Have you ever had a promise made to you and then later broken? God does not do this. In the text He returns to the truths about our “High Priest” Jesus Christ.

(Vs 13- 15) The historic promise God made to Abraham took patience, but God eventually fulfilled it. So also is our salvation. It is thought that the Jews were getting impatient with the Lord’s return.

The Lord is coming again. He will come to get His own, He promised it and we must hold fast to this. It is my opinion it is VERY close.

(Vs 16-18) God is so trustworthy in regard to salvation that He gave 2 “immutable” (irrevocable) promises. 1. His Word. 2 The covenant He made with Abraham to send a Saviour. Just one of these would have been enough, but God wanted to be “more abundantly” clear regarding our “strong consolation” (Vs 18)

(Vs 19-20) The bible word “Hope” means “expectation.” We have a “hope” anchoring our soul, it is not a church, a work, but Jesus Christ our High Priest entered into the presence of God for us. As the hymn sings “We have an anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll, grounded to the Rock with cannot move...”

Ask yourself these questions. If I believe this, how should I live? Should I base my happiness on things or the “strong consolation” (*comfort*) set before us (Vs 18)

Friday: (Chap 7:1-10)

We come to these verses concerning Melchisedec. There are many various opinions regarding who this man was. Some say he was just a picture of Christ, some say He was a “Theophany” an Old Testament appearance of Jesus Christ like Joshua, and the 3 Hebrew children encountered. I lean to the thinking it was Christ. He certainly existed before Bethlehem’s manger and it would be

