

“WORD OF LIFE”

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39. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (19) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N 53. The **Priest** Ordained by God with an Oath according to the **Order of Melchisedec**

Hymns: #1102 / #1111 / #36

✚ “...the words which I have spoken to you are **spirit** and are **life**” (John 6:63)

Gen 14:18 - And **Melchizedek** the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was **priest** of **God the Most High**.

Gen 14:19 - And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of **God the Most High**, Possessor of heaven and earth;

Heb. 7:1 - 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,

Heb. 7:3 - Being without father, without mother, **without genealogy**; having **neither beginning of days nor end of life**, but likened to the **Son of God**, abides a priest perpetually.

Exo. 28:1 - And bring near to yourself **Aaron** your brother and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may serve Me as a **priest**—Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron’s sons.

[Prophecy]

Psa. 110:4 - Jehovah has sworn, And He will not change: You are a **Priest forever** According to the order of **Melchisedec**

[Fulfillment]

Heb. 5:6 - Even as also in another place He says, “You are a **Priest forever** according to the order of **Melchizedek**.”

✚ “...to **reveal** His Son in me...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ **Christ** as the **Priest** ordained by God with an oath according to the **order of Melchisedec**.

- Psa. 110:4 is a **prophecy** of Christ as the **Priest** ordained by God with an oath according to the **order of Melchisedec**.
- The **fulfillment** of this prophecy is in Hebrews 5:6-10, says, *You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchisedec.*
 - This refers to the **ascension** and **enthronement** of Christ (Psa. 110:1-4) which, in addition to His resurrection, are further qualifications for Him to be our High Priest.
 - The order of Melchisedec is higher than the order of Aaron.
 - The **order of Aaron** was for the priesthood only in **humanity**,
 - whereas the **order of Melchisedec** is for the priesthood in both **humanity** and **divinity**.
 - According to **Hebrews 5:6**, **Christ is a Priest forever** according to the order of Melchisedec.
 - **Aaron** was established in honor to be the high priest **only** for his lifetime. He was prevented by death from continuing.
 - **But** as the **Son of God**, Christ was **ordained in glory** to be our **High Priest forever**. With Him there is no preventing of death. He is glorified forever to be our **High Priest**.

✚ “...let all the peoples **speak praise** to Him ...” (Rom. 15:11)

✚ In **Hebrews 4:14** we are told that we have “a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus, the Son of God**,” and in **Hebrews 4:16** we are told to “*come forward with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace for timely help.*”

The **High Priest** whom we meet at the throne of grace is **not** a priest typified by the order of Aaron, **but** a High Priest according to the **order of Melchisedec** ministering to us the bread and wine as our supply.

Christ has been constituted to be our **High Priest**, **not** according to the law of a fleshly commandment **but** according to the power of an indestructible life (Heb. 7:16). Having the qualifications of His divinity and His resurrection life, He is able to **minister the processed God to us**.

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Hymn 1102

- 1 The **Lord** said unto my **Lord**,
“*Sit Thou at My right hand;
Thy foes shall be Thy footstool,
Upon them Thou shalt stand.*”
The **sceptre** of Thy strength shall
The **Lord** from **Zion** send
To rule o’er all the nations
Forever ’til the end.
- 2 A voluntary offering,
The young ones are to Thee;
In **consecration’s splendor**
How beautiful to see!
For as the dew of morning
Refreshes all the land—
The young ones given to Thee
Are precious in Thy hand.
- 3 The **Lord** hath sworn forever
And never will turn back,
“*Thou art a **priest forever**,
As was **Melchizedek**.*”
Oh, Thou hast **no beginning**
Of days; of life: **no end!**
And on Thine intercession
We ever do depend.
- 4 The **Lord** is at Thy right hand
And in His day of wrath
He’ll strike through rulers, judging
The nations in His path.
While riding on to triumph
He’ll drink of us, the stream,
His **head uplifted**, strengthened,
The whole earth to redeem.
- 5 Oh **Lord**, Thou art **ascended**
To **God’s right hand to sit**;
As **Head** o’er all things, to Thee
God doth Thy foes commit.
Our **King**—for us Thou reignest,
Our **Priest**—we are supplied,
Our all we give unto Thee,
Thou Conqueror glorified.

Hymn 1111

- 1 Gathered at Thy **table**, Lord;
Here the **bread** and **wine** are spread.
Thou, our **High Priest**,
present here;
We, by Thee, are richly fed.
Thou, **Lord**, our **Melchisedec**—
We, the ones You come to feed;
God to us to minister,
Rich supply to us indeed.
- 2 From the slaughter of the kings
Abram did return one night,
O’er the foe victorious,
With the spoils of the fight.
On the way this **One** he met,
Who for him did intercede;
King of Righteousness and **Peace**
Meeting **Abram** in his need.
- 3 We too, **Lord**,
the kings have fought
In the battle all day long;
By Thine intercession, **Lord**,
We are now victorious, strong.
Round this table here we meet,
We Thy church victorious,
To **enjoy the ministering**
Of the processed **God** to us.
- 4 We’re not sinners, miserable;
All our sins are history!
Now to us, the fighters true,
Is Thy priestly ministry.
Gathered in thanksgiving, **Lord**,
Now our hearts to Thee we raise;
To our great **Melchisedec**,
Render we our highest praise!

Hymn 36

- 1 We praise Thee, glorious **Father**,
As objects of Thy grace,
Who for **Thine own heart’s pleasure**
Are now before Thy face:
Thy **sons marked out for glory**
Known from eternity
With **Christ** Thy Well-beloved,
Object supreme to Thee.
- 2 Who else but Thee, O **Father**,
Could in Thine only **Son**
So bless us with Thy **Spirit**,
And have us for Thine own?
Soon shall we be forever
With **Christ** in glory; then
We’ll shine in His blest image
Eternally, Amen!
- 1
榮耀父神，讚美你，
我是你恩對象；
今為使你心歡喜，
前來向你頌揚：
永世標出的眾子，
預定都進榮光，
同著基督你愛子，
作你至高對象。
- 2
創世之前你揀選，
要我成為聖潔；
預定我們蒙恩典，
作你榮耀基業。
為著兒子的名分，
你早將我標出；
等到長大得成人，
必得預定之福。
- 3
照著永世的預定，
賜我以你恩召；
叫我得著你生命，
將我罪過去掉。
聖靈作質、作印記，
並作一切供應，
我得永遠屬於你，
享受你的豐盛。
- 4
哦！父，除你有誰能
如此祝福我們：
使我有分你的靈，
蒙你生命之恩？
不久我們要永遠
與祂同得榮耀；
永遠與祂活你前，
將你榮形返照！