

To Hell and Back - B

Road to the Resurrection - Week 4b (5-10-23)

Colossians 2:6-15

I. A Priest after the order of Melchizedek

A. Genesis 14:17-20

1. "The kings valley" - Melchizedek was being recognized as more powerful than any of the "kings" present here. - King of Kings?
2. Salem = Complete, Friendly, full, made ready, peaceable - (thought to be ancient location of Jerusalem)
3. Bread and wine!

B. Psalm 110

1. A Messianic Psalm with three headings; sovereign King (1-3), Eternal Priest (4), and Victorious Warrior (5-7)
2. Yahweh hath sworn (an oath), and will not change His mind

C. Hebrews 7:1-4

1. By giving a tenth of the spoils as an offering to Melchizedek, Abraham was recognizing him as superior to himself. Even on behalf of all of his descendants, including the tribe of Levi (Future Priests of Israel)
2. Hebrews 7:14-28 - A new Priestly Order
3. Hebrews 9:24-28 - Heaven itself

II. Gave Gifts to Men

A. Eph. 4:8-10

1. Jesus Descended into hell and then ascended back into heaven for the purpose of establishing a church that was empowered by the very Spirit of God.
 - a) Eph. 1:15-23
2. He could not fulfill all things until He had first descended, and then ascend and give gifts to men.
 - a) Every step was planned and ordained by God, and therefore necessary to accomplish His plans.

III. His Victory is Our Victory!

A. 1 Corin. 15:12-20

1. Without Jesus Victory over death we would still be in our sins, and would have no hope beyond this life.
 - a) Eternal life would not be possible
2. 1 Peter 1:3-5
 - a) Living Hope - Supplied by Christ's Resurrection
 - b) An inheritance incorruptible
3. By man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead
4. 1 Corin. 15:21-26
5. Romans 5:12-21

B. God's Grace towards the traditionally "lesser" (second born) people

1. Cain and Abel
2. Issac received the blessing that would normally would have went to Ishmael
3. Jacob got Esau's birthright and blessing
 - a) First Adam verses Second Adam
 - b) Jesus the first born of many brethren, and sharing the inheritance with those to follow.

C. Kings and Priests

1. Rev. 1:6 and 1 Peter 2:9
 - a) Your roll as Priest - Sacrifice and Intercession
 - (1) Sacrifice your carnality, your praises, and your substance