

April Memory Verse: "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." **Hebrews 4:16**

Series: Jesus is Better (13) Title: Jesus is a Better King Scripture: Hebrews 7:1-10

Melchizedek is a kingly type of Christ. Abraham is a type of Christ-follower.

Need 1: We all want acceptance for who we are and what we've done. (vs. 1-3) Provision 1: King Jesus is the only One who has the credentials to validate us.

Jesus is the Kingly priest who makes us righteous and gives us peace.

• King Jesus validates us with righteousness and peace.

Action 1: Surrender to King Jesus as Creator, Savior, and Lord.

"Righteousness" and "peace" are often found together in Scripture. "And the effect of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and trust (assurance) forever" (Isa. 32:17), "Steadfast love (mercy) and (faithfulness) truth meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other" (Ps. 85:10). "In his days shall the righteous flourish; and peace abound till the moon be no more" (Ps. 72:7). "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then

peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And the harvest (fruit) of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (James 3:17–18)

Need 2: We all want to honor those who accept us. (vs. 4-6)

- Provision 2: King Jesus is the only One worthy of our honor.
 Melchizedek was a greater man than Abraham (v. 4)
 - Abraham (type of Christ-follower) tithed to Melchizedek (type of Christ)

Action 2: We give our best to the King! We tithe to Jesus and His church our time, treasures, and talents. (2 Cor. 8:7-9, 9:6-15)

Need 3: We all want to be blessed by those who are greater than us. (vs. 7-10) Provision 3: King Jesus is the only One who can bless us the way we need. Action 3: We bless others because we are blessed by the King.