

The Melchizedek Priesthood

Genesis 14:18 (Salem was the original name for Jerusalem) Jubusites came to possess Salem.

Melchizedek gives the true communion, in the midst of the pagan cultures (having false religiosity). Abraham recognises Melchizedek as part of the true priesthood of God through revelation.

Genesis 2:16-17 - Communal aspect to the eating of what God permitted (eat with God and experience His presence. The tree of Good and Evil was a type for false communion) (presence was hindered through disobedience). There was also a true communion with the true presence of God. It was Jesus Himself that walked in communion with Adam and Eve (Adam and Eve knew the revelation of the true communion but fell from it).

Rev 22:1-2 - God will restore the communal aspect that was lost at the fall of mankind.

Acts:15:19-20 - What shall we tell the gentiles? Abstain from blood.

Catholic Church (false) - transubstantiation - the bread and wine turn into the REAL body and blood of Jesus - of course this is false - Jesus said do this in **remembrance** of me, indicating a memorial type consuming of the eucharist.

Genesis 14:1.... - Abraham recognises Melchizedek as part of the true priesthood of God through revelation (God showed Abraham through revelation, through Abraham's love and obedience to God), despite his somewhat mysterious appearance (this is akin to the true church itself, or the remnant. We are not part of the religious system but in the background, ready to appear at the time appointed). In the end times, the remnant of the Church will not participate in their system (Genesis 14:21 - would not accept gifts from Sodom).

Genesis 15:1 - after the revelation of the true communion, brought true communal fellowship.

Acts 7:43 - (imitation of the tabernacle, the enemy like to imitate God's true precepts).

Psalms 110:1-4 - Jesus is the high-priest after of the order of Melchizedek. David understood this.

The primary purpose of the Melchizedek priesthood is to reveal the true communion and bring us into the true presence of God!

John 1:18 - Jesus is the visible manifestation of God (no one has seen God the Father).

Genesis 18:1 - Abraham sees a theophany! Jesus appears to Abraham.

Genesis 18:4 - Abraham prepares a type of communion in the presence of the Lord and His angels.

Exodus 24:9-11 - another theophany, they saw God, and did eat and drink.

Exodus 33:11 - Jesus spoke face to face with Moses.

Exodus 33:18-23 - Man cannot see the Father face to face (the Father shows Moses His back parts!).

John 14:21-26 - Jesus will manifest as the true communion and true presence to true believers.

1 Cor 11:25-29 - Paul describes the true communion and how it should be instituted. Think back to the garden of Eden (true and false communion - there is a right path and a wrong path - eat the true communion and live and not die).

1 Cor 10:14-16, 19-21 - conflict of the true and false communion, Paul describes it.

1st Sam 21:1,4-6 - David was fleeing Saul to the Levitical settlement of Nob.

A violation of the law - 3 questions about this - 1. why did David do this; 2. why did the priest allow the shewbread to be eaten; 3. why did Jesus approve it and use it as an example for us to learn from.

The priest understood that David (as a partaker after the order of Melchizedek) could partake of the shewbread lawfully.

Matt 12:1-5,6 - Jesus suggests that David participated in this act through a higher order of priesthood - the Pharisees tried to stop it.

- David functioned in a priest-king typology.
- David anticipated Christ.
- David embodied something of that royal-priestly pattern.

The true Melchizedek priesthood is not a mystical lineage passed through history. It is a type fulfilled in Christ.

1st Peter 2:5-9 - We are part of Christ's priesthood through the true communion!