

Christ: The Ancient of Days, Pharaoh of the Cosmos part three

The Eternal Priest-King of All Creation

Part 3 — Christ the Eternal Priest: The Mediator Between God and Creation

I. The Need for a Perfect Priest

The revelation of Christ as the eternal Priest-King begins with understanding humanity's greatest need.

Humanity does not merely need a ruler.

Humanity needs reconciliation.

The problem of sin created a separation between God and mankind.

Isaiah 59:2 (KJV)

"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

Sin created a barrier.

Humanity could not climb up to God.

Therefore, God established the priesthood as a means of mediation.

The priest stood between the holy God and sinful humanity.

Yet the Old Testament priesthood had limitations.

The priests were mortal.

The sacrifices were repeated.

The blood of animals could cover ceremonially but could not ultimately remove sin.

Hebrews 10:4 (KJV)

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."

Every priest.

Every altar.

Every sacrifice.

Every ceremony.

Was pointing forward to someone greater.

The perfect Priest.

Jesus Christ.

II. Melchizedek: The Pattern of the Priest-King

Before the Aaronic priesthood was established, Scripture introduces a mysterious figure.

Genesis 14:18–20 (KJV)

"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God." "And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth."

Melchizedek possessed two offices:

He was **king of Salem**.

He was **priest of the Most High God**.

This combination becomes a prophetic pattern.

A priest who reigns.

A king who ministers.

A ruler who blesses.

The writer of Hebrews identifies Christ as the fulfillment of this pattern.

Hebrews 7:17 (KJV)

"For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Christ does not belong to a temporary priesthood.

He belongs to an eternal priesthood.

III. The Prophecy of the Priest-King

The Holy Spirit revealed through David that the Messiah would possess both royal authority and priestly ministry.

Psalm 110:1 (KJV)

"The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

This is the language of kingship.

The Messiah sits at God's right hand.

He possesses authority.

He reigns.

But the same Psalm reveals His priesthood.

Psalm 110:4 (KJV)

"The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

The Messiah is not only a King upon the throne.

He is a Priest before God.

The offices unite in one Person.

Jesus Christ.

IV. Christ Is the Great High Priest

The book of Hebrews presents Christ as the fulfillment of every priestly expectation.

Hebrews 4:14–15 (KJV)

"Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God..." "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities..."

Christ is not a distant ruler.

He understands humanity.

He knows suffering.

He knows temptation.

He knows sorrow.

Yet He remained without sin.

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

Notice the connection:

The Priest brings us to the throne.

The King provides the grace.

In Christ, the throne becomes a place of mercy.

V. Christ Offered the Perfect Sacrifice

Earthly priests offered sacrifices.

Christ offered Himself.

Hebrews 9:11–12 (KJV)

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle..." "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

The greatness of Christ's priesthood is not merely that He offers sacrifice.

It is that He is the sacrifice.

The Priest became the offering.

The Mediator became the ransom.

The King gave Himself for His subjects.

VI. Christ's Priesthood Is Eternal

Every earthly priest eventually stopped serving.

Death ended their ministry.

But Christ's priesthood cannot be interrupted.

Hebrews 7:23–25 (KJV)

"And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:" "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Christ lives forever.

Therefore:

His sacrifice is sufficient.

His intercession is constant.

His salvation is secure.

VII. The Priest of the Cosmos

The title "**Pharaoh of the Cosmos**" points us toward this truth:

The ultimate Priest-King is not limited to one nation.

Not limited to one temple.

Not limited to one earthly kingdom.

Christ ministers before the throne of heaven itself.

Revelation 5:9–10 (KJV)

"For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;" "And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

The Lamb who was slain is worthy.

The Priest who offered Himself is the King who receives worship.

The Investigative Finding

The evidence reveals:

The Old Testament priesthood pointed forward to Christ.

Melchizedek revealed the pattern of Christ.

Psalms 110 prophesied the Priest-King.

Hebrews declares Christ the eternal High Priest.

Revelation reveals Christ receiving universal worship.

Therefore:

Christ is not merely a king who has priestly duties.

He is the eternal Priest-King.

The One who reconciles creation to God.

The One who rules creation by divine authority.

The One worthy of all glory.

Final Challenge

If Christ is the eternal Priest who intercedes for you...

If Christ is the King who rules over you...

If Christ is the Creator who sustains you...

Then there is only one proper response:

Worship the Priest.

Honor the King.

Trust the Savior.

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Next: Part 4 — Christ the King of Creation: The Sovereign of Heaven and Earth (Colossians 1, Ephesians 1, Philippians 2, Revelation 19).