

Hebrews 7:1-3

¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ² to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all *the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace. ³ Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he abides a priest perpetually.

Earlier we discussed the story of Abram, and how he went to recover his nephew Lot from Chedorlaomer. Upon his return, King Melchizedek came out to meet him, and he provided nourishment and spoke to Abram a very significant blessing. That blessing was confirmation of a promise that the Lord made to Abram in **Genesis 12:3, And I will bless those who bless you.** —*Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary* puts this blessing best, *As priest he first blessed Abraham on God's part; next he blessed God on Abraham's part: a reciprocal blessing. Not a mere wish, but an authoritative and efficacious intercession as a priest. The Most High God's prerogative as "Possessor of heaven and earth," is made over to Abraham; and Abraham's glory, from his victory over the foe, is made over to God. A blessed exchange for Abraham.*

Look with me now at verse 7, **But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.** Here Abraham, the man of God, who has recently received one of the greatest covenant promises of all time; is described as the lesser. If he wasn't, the blessing would have been null and void. Please understand that a blessing has to be spoken in order to become effective. Consider **Numbers 6:22-27, 22 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,** ²³ "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: ²⁴ The LORD bless you, and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace.' ²⁷ "So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

The blessing is always passed down, not laterally or upward. We may be a blessing to others, but to pass a true blessing on it must be passed down. The other truth that is imperative to realize, is that God has ordained the office of His priests or pastors to speak blessings or life over the people of God. The Lord clearly promises that if we do, then He will bless them. Do you understand what is being said here? I have determined to bless the people in our church every time we meet with a blessing, because God says that He will bless them if I do. Perhaps you don't believe this, but I absolutely do!! It is not power within any man that can accomplish this, but it is all about the promise that God has made to His priests and His people. We serve such an outstanding and awesome God! I am convinced that if people would obey Him as He has commands us; then certainly we would be so much more blessed than we are. Husbands as priests of your home you can bless your families, parents your children, employers your employees and so on. The promise is there, but will you choose to speak it forth? God Bless you as you walk in His truth!!