**Psalters**: 100:1,2,3 - 333:2,3 - 87:1,2,3 - 124:1,6 - 302:2 - 426:7,9,10

**Scripture**: Genesis 14:17-24; Hebrew 7:1-28.

**MELCHIZEDEK, A TYPE OF CHRIST**

**1. His person**

* Genesis is the book of beginning. It contains all the major themes of the Christian faith.
* Gen. 14 -> the first mention of war, priest, king of righteousness and city of peace.
* Melchizedek meets Abram.
* He is a clear and bright type of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  + A righteous king (Heb. 7:2).
    - Meaning of name ‘Melchizedek’ (cf. Jer. 23:6, 33:16).
    - Christ is the righteous King of the kingdom of heaven.
    - God’s people learn to seek their righteousness in Jehovah-Tsidkenu (cf. Phil. 3:9).
  + King of Salem (Heb. 7:2).
    - By nature sinner has no peace.
    - The peace of God (Phil. 4:7) is only experienced when by faith we may appropriate the righteousness of Christ.
* Appl. True rest is only to be found when God gives you His peace in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:14, 19:16; 1 Tim. 6:15; Isa. 9:6).

**2. His ministry**

* The demand of the king of Sodom represents a trap for Abram.
  + Lesson: is the tactic of Satan.
* Melchizedek demands nothing from Abram, but comes to *minister* unto him.
  + Provides a royal meal.
    - Blessing for Abram’s body.
    - Tokens of the goodness and good-will of Melchizedek towards Abram.
    - Picture of the care of the Lord Jesus over His people.
  + Gives a blessing.
    - Acts as a priest; blesses Abram on behalf of God and God on behalf of Abram.
* Melchizedek is greater than Abram (Heb. 7:7).
  + Christ divinely appointed as Priest (Ps. 110:4; Heb 5:10).
    - Consider toledoth formula in Genesis.
    - Lack of genealogy is type of the eternal priesthood of Christ (Heb. 7:3).
  + Comfort of the Church (Heb. 7:25).
    - Righteousness and peace through a perfect atonement on the cross in Jeru- salem (Heb. 10:14-20).

**3. His honour**

* Abram gave tithes to Melchizedek.
* Sole motivation of Abram to engage in battle: deliver his nephew Lot (cf. Gen. 14:22-23).
* Abram went out in *faith*. Melchizedek’ blessing was a *gracious confirmation* from God that God would keep His covenant with Abram.
* He sinks away in humble adoration and thanksgiving to the Lord (cf. Ps 116).
* He honours Melchizedek as his superior, because he wants to honour the Lord.
* Giving tithes is shadow that the priesthood of Melchizedek surpasses Levitical priesthood.
* Do you honour Him?