

Who's Got Your Back? One Who Saves to the Uttermost

Introduction -

KEY QUESTION: Just think...how great is the one who has your back?

Who would you choose to watch your back? To look out for you? To cover for you? To make the deal for you?

It depends on what you need your back watched for. It may be different if it is to do your taxes than to fix your car? And different if you are jackhammering your driveway than pulling your tooth.

And some things we can do on our own and others we really need some help, even if we are a do-it-yourselfer.

The more sensitive or specialized the task, the more we want someone who is experienced, has the right equipment and has a good reputation.

We are building an artistic expression of the Tabernacle on the stage as part of this series on Hebrews. I have been wanting to create an Ark of the Covenant...

I wanted someone with more experience....need someone who's got my back so to speak.

ROD ROY...more experience, better tools, better reputation.

2 volunteers to work with Rod Roy to cut wood

Time I try to make it on my own...

Time I tried to stand and start to fall...

All those lonely roads that I have travelled on...

Going through HEBREWS ...

- One who is ABSOLUTELY UNIQUE - GREAT, Greater, BETTER, BEST
 - Higher than the angels (Hebrews 1)
 - Closer than a brother (Hebrews 2)
 - Greater than Moses (Hebrews 3)
 - Great High Priest (Hebrews 5)
 - Called by God (5:1,4)
 - Sympathize with us (5: 1,3)
 - Gentle in his ministry (5:2)

HEBREWS 7 – Who's Got your BACK?

MELCHIZADEK – A TYPE of Christ

Typology is just a fancy way of saying symbols, foreshadowing, or types of an object that represents something else. In the Jewish sacrificial system, they sacrificed a lamb at Passover. This was a type. In the New Testament, Jesus becomes the ultimate Passover lamb sacrifice.

I'm not going to get into technicalities over IMAGE, SYMBOL, METAPHOR, SIMILE, MOTIF, ARCHETYPE...JUST A TYPE.

People get carried away with typology and it can become a fascination. Probably, there is no greater example of this than Melchizedek.

MELCHIZEDEK - Only mentioned 3 times in the Bible, here in Hebrews, Genesis 14, and Psalm 110.

Speculation has gone crazy...

FOR EXAMPLE, Book of Second Enoch – an ancient book, not part of the bible. Things about the origins of demons and Nephilim (sons of God from Genesis 6). Describes Mechizedek as being born “fully developed” as a three-year-old, has the mark of the high priesthood on him from birth, was in danger of being killed by the wicked and so an archangel wisks him away to the garden of Eden for 7 years.....

Jewish theologians, scribes, fringe groups all speculated and wrote about Mechizedek. The Islam has their story, the Mormons, the free masons, and sadly, many fringe groups within Christianity as well.

99% is mysticism and speculation based on writings we do not believe are from God.

The Bible tells us this:

Genesis 14

Psalm 110

Hebrews 5, 7

King of Salem – probably Jerusalem 7:1 – king of Peace (7:2)

King of Righteousness – Melchizedek

No knowledge of parents/ancestors – not from Levi

No knowledge of his death

Remains a priest.

A TYPE OF CHRIST – OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST.

Jesus has our back...Mechizedek is a type of Jesus. NOT A KIND OF JESUS, A TYPE.

STORY FROM GENESIS 14

- One who has the credentials - background experience. (5-10)
 - Greater priestly line
 - HAD TO BE A PRIEST
 - Tribe of Levi – administer the law (High Priest a descendent of Aaron)
 - Collect a tithe (Num. 18) – their piece of their land – INHERITANCE

- MELCHIZEDEK – collected a tithe from Abraham – (throughout all the mystical teachings – ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK – a priestly order). The problem was that He wasn't from the tribe of Levi – but he was a priest from another line or of another ORDER.
 - PREDATED AARON, LEVITES, MOSES
 - WHO DID THE LEVITES GIVE A TITHE TO – TO MELCHIZEDEK THROUGH ABRAHAM
- Greater than ABRAHAM

- One who has the tools, resources, and skills. (verses -11-19)
 - POWER TOOL VOTE: Black and Decker, Dewalt, Milwaukee, Makita
 - NOT ON BASIS OF A REGULATION – Law of Moses, Levites, etc
 - VS 16 – INDESTRUCTIBLE LIFE
 - Old tool – “weak and useless”
 - New Tool – 19 makes perfect, better hope, draw near to God

- One who has the references.(VERSES 20-22)

LEE VALLEY POWER TOOLS – FESTOOL

If Lee Valley recommends it...

God not only recommends, he makes an oath...

- Everlasting oath
- Guarantee
- Not go out of business.

HE IS ABLE TO SAVE COMPLETELY. TO THE UTTERMOST.

JESUS – Just think how great he is...

What is my response?

Drift and ignore (2:1)	or	Pay careful attention (2:1)
Harden my heart (4:8)	or	Make every effort (4:11)
Fall away (6:6)	or	Repent (6:6)
Keep on sinning (10:26)	or	Draw near & hold on to God and one another (10: 22-25)
Grow bitter (12:15)	or	Accept hardship as discipline (12:7)