

Images of the Messiah

Jesus the Messiah – Part 4

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Hebrews 12:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:2 (ESV) looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

1. Jesus _____ you to God

Genesis 14:18-20 (ESV) And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) And he blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Psalm 110:4 (ESV) The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 7:2-3 (ESV) and to him [Melchizedek] Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

Hebrews 7:15-16 (ESV) This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life.

2. Faith in Jesus brings _____

Numbers 21:6-7 (ESV) Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken

against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people.

Numbers 21:8-9 (ESV) And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

John 3:14-15 (ESV) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

3. God _____ His only Son for you

Genesis 22:1-2 (ESV) After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

Genesis 22:10-12 (ESV) Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

John 3:16-17 (ESV) “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Hebrews 7)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Invite a friend to attend the service next week.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Do you have any goals for the New Year? Why or why not?

Intro. In what ways can the New Year be likened to the race described in Hebrews 12:1?

Intro. How can looking to Jesus help you in running the race of life (Hebrews 12:2)?

1A. What are some of the characteristics of Melchizedek that point to the Messiah (Genesis 14:18-20)?

1B. How does the Messiah's priesthood differ from that of the Levitical priests (Psalm 110:4)? How is it similar?

1C. Why is it so important that Jesus Christ is our High Priest forever (Hebrews 7:2-3, 15-16)?

1D. How does the fact that Jesus Christ is continually interceding for you impact your life (Hebrews 7:25)?

2A. Why did grumbling against God and Moses result in such a severe judgement in the form of fiery serpents (Numbers 21:6-7)?

2B. How did the bronze serpent bring healing to the people (Numbers 21:8-9)?

2C. In what ways did the bronze serpent symbolize Jesus on the cross (John 3:14-15)?

2D. How can you grow in faith to believe Jesus for healing in your life or for someone else?

3A. In what ways was God's test of Abraham very difficult (Genesis 22:1-2)?

3B. Why did Abraham choose to sacrifice his son (Genesis 22:10-12, Hebrews 11:17-19)?

3C. How is Abraham's sacrifice of his son a type of God's sacrifice of Jesus (John 3:16-17)?

3D. How can Abraham's giving up his son for God inspire you to give all that you have to God?

3E. Which of these three images do you think will be most helpful to you in keeping your focus on Jesus in the New Year? Why?