

Crystallization-Study Outlines

GENESIS (2)

Message Five

Enjoying Christ in His Heavenly Ministry by Fighting for the Brother

EM Hymns 1130

Scripture Reading: Gen. 14; Heb. 7:1-4, 25-26; 8:2

- Gen 14:1 And in the days of Amraphel the king of Shinar, Arioch the king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and Tidal the king of Goiim,
- Gen 14:2 These kings made war with Bera the king of Sodom and with Birsha the king of Gomorrah, Shinab the king of Admah, and Shemeber the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar).
- Gen 14:3 All these joined together in the valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea).
- Gen 14:4 Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.
- Gen 14:5 And in the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and struck the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim and the Zuzim in Ham and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim
- Gen 14:6 And the Horites in Mount Seir as far as El-paran, which is by the wilderness.
- Gen 14:7 And they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and struck all the country of the Amalekites and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazazon-tamar.
- Gen 14:8 And the king of Sodom and the king of Gomorrah and the king of Admah and the king of Zeboiim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went forth and set the battle in array against them in the valley of Siddim,
- Gen 14:9 Against Chedorlaomer the king of Elam and Tidal the king of Goiim and Amraphel the king of Shinar and Arioch the king of Ellasar, four kings against the five.
- Gen 14:10 Now the valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled and fell there; but those who survived fled to the hill country.
- Gen 14:11 And they took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food and went away.
- Gen 14:12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, and his possessions and departed, for he was dwelling in Sodom.
- Gen 14:13 And one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew. Now he was dwelling by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, the brother of Eshcol and the brother of Aner; and these were allies of Abram.
- Gen 14:14 And when Abram heard that his brother had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and pursued as far as Dan.
- Gen 14:15 And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and struck them and pursued them to Hobah, which is north of Damascus.
- Gen 14:16 And he brought back all the possessions and also brought back Lot his brother and his possessions as well as the women and the people.
- Gen 14:17 And after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley).
- Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.
- Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of heaven and earth;
- Gen 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.
- Gen 14:21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the people, and take the possessions for yourself.
- Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,
- Gen 14:23 That I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you say, I have made Abram rich;
- Gen 14:24 Except only that which the young men have eaten and the portion of the men who went with me-Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.
- Heb 7:1 For this Melchizedec, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

- Heb 7:2 To whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all; first being interpreted king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace;
- Heb 7:3 Being without father, without mother, without genealogy; having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but likened to the Son of God, abides a priest perpetually.
- Heb 7:4 And consider how great this one was, to whom the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the choice spoils.
- Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,
- Heb 8:2 A Minister of the holy places, even of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

I. To live by faith, as Abraham did, is to cooperate with Christ in His heavenly ministry, not only by living a life of the altar and the tent but also by fighting for the brother— Gen. 12:7-8; ch. 14; Rom. 4:12:

- Gen 12:7 And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land. And there he built an altar to Jehovah who had appeared to him.
- Gen 12:8 And he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah.
- Gen 14 (be omitted.)
- Rom 4:12 And the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had in uncircumcision.
- A. Lot made the mistake of separating himself from Abraham and moving his tent as far as Sodom (Gen. 13:5-12); “now the men of Sodom were very wicked and sinful toward Jehovah” (v. 13):
- Gen 13:5 And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents.
- Gen 13:6 And the land could not support them that they might dwell together, for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together.
- Gen 13:7 And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. And at that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites dwelt in the land.
- Gen 13:8 And Abram said to Lot, Let there please be no strife between me and you and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers.
- Gen 13:9 Is not the whole land before you? Please separate yourself from me. If you go to the left, then I will go to the right. Or if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.
- Gen 13:10 And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the entire plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—this was before Jehovah had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah—like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt, as you go to Zoar.
- Gen 13:11 So Lot chose for himself the entire plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves from each other.
- Gen 13:12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom.
- Gen 13:13 Now the men of Sodom were very wicked and sinful toward Jehovah.
1. To leave Abraham was to leave God's goal and God's protection— cf. Phil. 3:17; 1 Cor. 4:16-17; Heb. 13:7.
 - Phil 3:17 Be imitators together of me, brothers, and observe those who thus walk even as you have us as a pattern.
 - 1 Cor 4:16 I exhort you therefore, Become imitators of me.
 - 1 Cor 4:17 Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church.
 - Heb 13:7 Remember the ones leading you, who have spoken to you the word of God; and considering the issue of their manner of life, imitate their faith.
 2. We need to join ourselves to and follow the proper persons in God's economy so that we may be kept in the line of life and the flow of the Lord's move —1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:20; 2 Tim. 1:15-18; 2:22.
 - 1 Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals.

- Prov 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, / But the companion of fools will be troubled.
- 2 Tim 1:15 This you know, that all who are in Asia turned away from me, of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.
- 2 Tim 1:16 May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain;
- 2 Tim 1:17 But being in Rome, he sought me out diligently and found me.
- 2 Tim 1:18 May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord in that day. And in how many things he served me in Ephesus, you know best.
- 2 Tim 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.
- B. Because the land around Sodom was rich, Lot journeyed toward Sodom; eventually, he moved into the city, lived there, and settled there; under God’s sovereignty Sodom was conquered, and Lot was taken captive — Gen. 14:12; cf. Jer. 2:13.
- Gen 14:12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, and his possessions and departed, for he was dwelling in Sodom.
- Jer 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water.
- C. Abraham did not count the weak point of his brother and did not take pleasure in Lot’s suffering and calamity; as far as Abraham was concerned, it was a shame for him to see that his brother had been captured—1 John 5:16a; Isa. 58:6-7; Prov. 10:12; James 5:19-20.
- 1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask and he will give life to him, to those sinning not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not say that he should make request concerning that.
- Isa 58:6 Is this not the fast that I choose, / To loosen the bonds of wickedness, / To undo the bands of the yoke, / And to let the oppressed go free, / And to break every yoke?
- Isa 58:7 Is it not to divide your bread to the hungry, / And to bring the wandering poor home; / When you see the naked, to cover him, / And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
- Prov 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, / But love covers all transgressions.
- James 5:19 My brothers, if any one among you is led astray from the truth and someone turns him back,
- James 5:20 Let him know that he who turns a sinner back from the error of his way will save that one’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.
- D. When Abraham received the information about Lot’s capture, he made a strong decision to fight for Lot; also, before he went out to war, he prayed, lifting up his hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth— Gen. 14:14, 22; 1 Tim. 2:8.
- Gen 14:14 And when Abram heard that his brother had been taken captive, he led out his trained men, born in his house, three hundred eighteen of them, and pursued as far as Dan.
- Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,
- 1 Tim 2:8 I desire therefore that men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and reasoning;
- E. Abraham decided to take his three hundred eighteen men and fight against the four kings and their armies due to the fact that behind the scene Melchizedek (meaning “king of righteousness”), king of Salem (meaning “peace”), was interceding for Lot, Abraham, and Abraham’s fighting— Gen. 14:18-20; Heb. 7:1-4, 25-26; 4:14-16; Rom. 8:26-29, 34.
- Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.
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- Heb 7:3 Being without father, without mother, without genealogy; having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but likened to the Son of God, abides a priest perpetually.
- Heb 7:4 And consider how great this one was, to whom the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the choice spoils.
- Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,
- Heb 4:14 Having therefore a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession.
- Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all respects like us, yet without sin.
- Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.
- Rom 8:26 Moreover, in like manner the Spirit also joins in to help us in our weakness, for we do not know for what we should pray as is fitting, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
- Rom 8:27 But He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to God.
- Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
- Rom 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

II. After Abraham's victory "Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High"—Gen. 14:18:

- Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.
- A. Melchizedek is a type of Christ as the kingly High Priest; after Abraham gained the victory, Melchizedek appeared—Heb. 5:6, 10; 7:1-3.
- Heb 5:6 Even as also in another place He says, "You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedec."
- Heb 5:10 Being addressed by God as a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedec;
- Heb 7:1 For this Melchizedec, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
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- B. Before his appearing, Melchizedek, a priest of God, must have been interceding for Abraham; it must have been through his intercession that Abraham was able to slaughter the four kings and gain the victory— cf. Exo. 17:8-13.
- Exo 17:8 Then Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim.
- Exo 17:9 And Moses said to Joshua, Choose men for us, and go out; fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.
- Exo 17:10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him and fought with Amalek; and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.
- Exo 17:11 And when Moses lifted his hand up, Israel prevailed; and when he let his hand down, Amalek prevailed.
- Exo 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it; and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.
- Exo 17:13 And Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

- C. Today Christ, our High Priest, is interceding for us in a hidden way (Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25) that we may be His overcomers to defeat God’s enemies, so that through our victory Christ can be manifested openly in His second coming (cf. Matt. 26:29):
- Rom 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.
- Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- Matt 26:29 But I say to you, I shall by no means drink of this product of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father.
1. We all need to echo the Lord’s intercession; if we turn to our spirit and contact Him, there will always be some echoing— cf. Psa. 27:8.
Psa 27:8 When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.
 2. If we go according to that echoing, forgetting our environment, enemies, and even ourselves, we shall gain the victory and “slaughter the kings” (such as the self, the natural mind, the wild emotion, the stubborn will, and other enemies).
 3. At the end of our slaughter of all the kings, our Melchizedek will appear to us; that will be the second coming of Christ; then all the earth will realize that God is the Possessor of heaven and earth.
- D. The priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek is mentioned in the Scriptures (Gen. 14:18) before the priesthood of Aaron (Exo. 28:1); the priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek is higher than the Aaronic priesthood—Heb. 7:
- Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Now he was priest of God the Most High.
- Exo 28:1 And bring near to yourself Aaron your brother and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may serve Me as a priest—Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons.
- Heb 7:1 For this Melchizedec, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
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- Heb 7:4 And consider how great this one was, to whom the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the choice spoils.
- Heb 7:5 And they of the sons of Levi, who received the priestly service, have a commandment to take tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brothers, though they have come forth from the loins of Abraham.
- Heb 7:6 But he whose genealogy is not counted from them has taken tithes from Abraham and has blessed him who has the promises.
- Heb 7:7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater.
- Heb 7:8 And here men, who die, receive tithes; but there, one of whom it is testified that he lives.
- Heb 7:9 And, so to speak, through Abraham, Levi also, he who receives tithes, has been made to pay tithes,
- Heb 7:10 For he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedec met him.
- Heb 7:11 If indeed then perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people have received the law), what need was there still that a different Priest should arise according to the order of Melchizedec and that He should not be said to be according to the order of Aaron?
- Heb 7:12 For since the priesthood is transferred, of necessity there comes into being a transfer of law also.
- Heb 7:13 For He of whom these things are said belongs to a different tribe, from which no one has attended to the altar.
- Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord has risen out of Judah, concerning which tribe Moses spoke nothing about priests.

- Heb 7:15 And it is still more abundantly evident since it is according to the likeness of Melchizedec that a different Priest arises,
- Heb 7:16 Who has been appointed not according to the law of a fleshy commandment but according to the power of an indestructible life.
- Heb 7:17 For it is testified, "You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedec."
- Heb 7:18 For there is, on the one hand, the setting aside of the preceding commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness
- Heb 7:19 (For the law perfected nothing), and, on the other hand, the bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.
- Heb 7:20 And inasmuch as He was not made a Priest without the taking of an oath
- Heb 7:21 (For they are appointed priests without the taking of an oath, but He, with the taking of an oath by Him who said to Him, "The Lord has sworn and will not regret it, You are a Priest forever"),
- Heb 7:22 By so much Jesus has also become the surety of a better covenant.
- Heb 7:23 And they are appointed priests many in number because death prevents them from continuing;
- Heb 7:24 But He, because He abides forever, has His priesthood unalterable.
- Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,
- Heb 7:27 Who does not have daily need, as the high priests do, to offer up sacrifices first for his own sins and then for those of the people; for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
- Heb 7:28 For the law establishes men as high priests who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which was after the law, establishes the Son, perfected forever.
1. In His earthly ministry Christ was a High Priest according to the order of Aaron for the putting away of sin—9:14, 26.

Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb 9:26 Since then He would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world. But now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested for the putting away of sin through the sacrifice of Himself.
 2. Then, in His heavenly ministry Christ was designated a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek (5:6, 10) for the overcoming of sin, not to offer sacrifices for sin but to minister to us the very God who was processed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection, signified by the bread and the wine (Matt. 26:26-28), as our life supply that we may be saved to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25).

Heb 5:6 Even as also in another place He says, "You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedec."

Heb 5:10 Being addressed by God as a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedec;

Matt 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body.

Matt 26:27 And He took a cup and gave thanks, and He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you,

Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
 3. To know Christ as the High Priest in His kingship as the King of righteousness and the King of Salem is to be under His headship and lordship, allowing Him as the life-giving Spirit to rule within us for us to become the New Jerusalem, where both righteousness and peace reign—vv. 1-3; Isa. 9:6; 32:1, 17; 2 Pet. 3:13; Eph. 1:10.

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- Isa 9:6 For a child is born to us, / A Son is given to us; / And the government / Is upon His shoulder; / And His name will be called / Wonderful Counselor, / Mighty God, / Eternal Father, / Prince of Peace.
- Isa 32:1 Indeed a King will reign according to righteousness, / And the rulers will rule according to justice.
- Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness will be peace, / And the result of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.
- 2 Pet 3:13 But according to His promise we are expecting new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.
- Eph 1:10 Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;
4. To know Christ in His heavenly priesthood is to contact Him so that we may be saturated, soaked, and mingled with Him by entering into His praying for us, His taking care of our case before God, and His ministering to us the processed God as the bread and the wine —Matt. 26:26-28.
- Matt 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body.
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III. The apostolic ministry in cooperation with Christ’s heavenly ministry “fights for the brother” by interceding for the saints according to God and His economy and by ministering the processed God into the saints for their overcoming supply and enjoyment—Heb. 7:25; 8:2; Luke 22:31-32; John 21:15-17; Acts 6:4; Rev. 1:12-13; cf. Exo. 28:9-12, 15-21, 29-30.

- Heb 7:25 Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.
- Heb 8:2 A Minister of the holy places, even of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.
- Luke 22:31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has asked to have you all to sift you as wheat.
- Luke 22:32 But I have made petition concerning you that your faith would not fail; and you, once you have turned again, establish your brothers.
- John 21:15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.
- John 21:16 He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.
- John 21:17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.
- Acts 6:4 But we will continue steadfastly in prayer and in the ministry of the word.
- Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands,
- Rev 1:13 And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle.
- Exo 28:9 And you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel,
- Exo 28:10 Six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, according to their birth.
- Exo 28:11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones, according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall make them enclosed in settings of gold.

- Exo 28:12 And you shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod as stones of remembrance for the sons of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before Jehovah on his two shoulders for a memorial.
- Exo 28:15 And you shall make a breastplate of judgment, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it; of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet strands, and of fine twined linen you shall make it.
- Exo 28:16 It shall be square and doubled; a span its length and a span its width.
- Exo 28:17 And you shall enclose in it enclosures of stones, four rows of stones: the first row shall be a row of a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald;
- Exo 28:18 And the second row, a carbuncle, a sapphire, and a diamond;
- Exo 28:19 And the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;
- Exo 28:20 And the fourth row, a chrysolite, and an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be set in gold in their enclosures.
- Exo 28:21 And the stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel, twelve, according to their names; they shall be like the engravings of a signet, each according to its name, for the twelve tribes.
- Exo 28:29 So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastplate of judgment on his heart when he goes into the sanctuary, for a memorial before Jehovah continually.
- Exo 28:30 And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be on Aaron's heart when he goes in before Jehovah, and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel on his heart before Jehovah continually.

IV. The way to enjoy Christ in His heavenly ministry as the kingly High Priest (Psa. 110:4) is revealed in Psalm 110:3— “Your people will offer themselves willingly / In the day of Your warfare, / In the splendor of their consecration. / Your young men will be to You / Like the dew from the womb of the dawn”:

- Psa 110:4 Jehovah has sworn, / And He will not change: / You are a Priest forever / According to the order of Melchizedek.
- A. In the eyes of the Lord our willing consecration, our offering ourselves to Him, is a matter of splendor; although the church has become degraded, throughout the centuries there has been a line of those who have offered themselves willingly to the Lord in the splendor, the beauty, of their consecration.
- B. The word *splendor* may also be translated “adornment”; the splendor of consecration is an adornment; if we offer ourselves willingly to the Lord, we will be beautified with a divine, heavenly splendor.
- C. According to the poetry here, the dew with which Christ is watered comes from “the womb of the dawn”:
1. We need to enter into this womb to be conceived as the dew with which to water Christ; this involves our morning watch.
 2. If we do not rise up early in the morning to contact the Lord, we will miss the opportunity to enter into the womb of the dawn to be made dew for Christ’s watering.
 3. May we respond to Him by saying, “Lord Jesus, I want to be the dew conceived and produced by the womb of the dawn for You to be watered.”

V. After Abraham’s victory Melchizedek “blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of heaven and earth; / And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all...Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you say, I have made Abram rich”—Gen. 14:19-20, 22-23:

- Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of

- heaven and earth;
- Gen 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.
- Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,
- Gen 14:23 That I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you say, I have made Abram rich;
- A. Because Abraham, an overcomer, had gained the victory over God's enemies and was standing with God on the earth, God could be referred to not only as the God of heaven (2 Chron. 36:23; Neh. 1:5; 2:4, 20) but also as the Possessor of heaven and earth (Gen. 14:19, 22).
- 2 Chron 36:23 Thus says Cyrus the king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth has Jehovah the God of heaven given to me; and He has charged me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may Jehovah his God be with him, and let him go up!
- Neh 1:5 And said, I beseech You, O Jehovah the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and lovingkindness with those who love Him and keep His commandments:
- Neh 2:4 And the king said to me, What do you request? So I prayed to the God of heaven.
- Neh 2:20 And I answered them and said to them, The God of heaven Himself will make us prosper; therefore we His servants will rise up and build. But you have no portion nor right nor memorial in Jerusalem.
- Gen 14:19 And he blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of God the Most High, / Possessor of heaven and earth;
- Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,
- B. Abraham overcame the temptation of earthly substance, displaying his purity in this matter; the manifestation of our enjoyment of Christ in His heavenly ministry is seen in the way we handle our material possessions:
1. For the Lord's move on earth, we need to follow the pattern of Abraham by honoring our ascended Lord with our earthly substance —v. 20; Heb. 7:2, 4; cf. Mal. 3:8-10; Luke 6:38.

Gen 14:20 And blessed be God the Most High, / Who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave him a tenth of all.

Heb 7:2 To whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all; first being interpreted king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace;

Heb 7:4 And consider how great this one was, to whom the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the choice spoils.

Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, How have we robbed You? In tithes and offerings.

Mal 3:9 With the curse you are cursed, yet you, even the whole nation, rob Me.

Mal 3:10 Bring the whole tithe to the storehouse that there may be food in My house; and prove Me, if you will, by this, says Jehovah of hosts, whether I will open to you the windows of heaven and pour out blessing for you until there is no room for it.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, they will give into your bosom. For with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you in return.
 2. For the Lord's move on earth, we need to overcome the temptation of earthly substance by enjoying the riches of the processed Triune God— Gen. 14:21-24; cf. 2 Kings 5:15-27; 3 John 7-8.

Gen 14:21 And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the people, and take the possessions for yourself.

Gen 14:22 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to Jehovah, God the Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth,

Gen 14:23 That I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, lest you

- say, I have made Abram rich;
- Gen 14:24 Except only that which the young men have eaten and the portion of the men who went with me-Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.
- 2 Kings 5:15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came and stood before him and said, Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except with Israel. And now, please accept a present from your servant.
- 2 Kings 5:16 But he said, As Jehovah lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing. And Naaman urged him to take it, but he refused.
- 2 Kings 5:17 And Naaman said, Then if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth, for your servant will no more offer burnt offerings and sacrifices to other gods, but to Jehovah only.
- 2 Kings 5:18 In this matter may Jehovah pardon your servant: When my master goes into the house of Rimmon to bow down there and leans on my arm, and I bow down in the house of Rimmon, when I bow down in the house of Rimmon, may Jehovah pardon your servant in this matter.
- 2 Kings 5:19 And he said to him, Go in peace. And when he had gone from him a little way,
- 2 Kings 5:20 Gehazi, the attendant of Elisha the man of God said, Now my master has spared Naaman this Syrian by not receiving from his hand that which he brought. As Jehovah lives, I will run after him and take something from him.
- 2 Kings 5:21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he alighted from the chariot to meet him and said, Is all well?
- 2 Kings 5:22 And he said, All is well. My master has sent me, saying, Now at this moment two young men from among the sons of the prophets have come to me from the hill country of Ephraim; please give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothes.
- 2 Kings 5:23 And Naaman said, Please take two talents. And he urged him and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothes, and gave them to two of his attendants; and they carried them before him.
- 2 Kings 5:24 And when he came to the hill, he took them from their hand and deposited them in the house. And he sent the men away, and they departed.
- 2 Kings 5:25 And he went in and stood before his master. And Elisha said to him, Where have you come from, Gehazi? And he said, Your servant has not gone anywhere.
- 2 Kings 5:26 And he said to him, Did not my heart go with you when the man turned from his chariot to meet you? Is it a time to receive silver and to receive clothing and olive groves and vineyards and sheep and oxen and male servants and female servants?
- 2 Kings 5:27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cleave to you and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.
- 3 John 7 For on behalf of the Name they went out, taking nothing from the Gentiles.
- 3 John 8 We therefore ought to support such ones that we may become fellow workers in the truth.