

Thought for the day – Monday 25th January 2021

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Epiphany 3 Melchizadek meets Abram

I like Melchizadek – he appears as the King of Salem and comes to bless Abram.

“Then Melchizadek, King of Salem, brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram.”

Abram responded by giving a tenth of everything.

We learn more about him in the book of Hebrews and we learn that Jesus was “You are a priest for ever in the order of Melchizadek” a quote from Psalm 110 verse 4.

Because he was a priest in the order of Melchizadek Jesus offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries to the one who would save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverend submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered, and once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, and was designated by God to be High Priest in the order of Melchizadek. You can read in Chapter 5: 6 – 9 and Chapter 7: 1 – 17 of Hebrews.

I am struck too by Melchizadek use of bread and wine – a link to Jesus at the Last Supper and Holy Communion (and even Spiritual Communion)

Enjoy reading this.