I. Slide#1 Announce:
A. Slide#2 Harvest Festival: Thank You to volunteers. How many of you? Tony/Michelle.
B. Slide#3 Today is Orphan Sunday: Orphan Sunday is to rouse the church, community and friends to God’s call to care for the orphan. Defend the cause of the fatherless/orphans (nlt) Is.1:17
   1. Jn.14:18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
   2. Slide#4 ICA (Charlotte Paulsen), Olive Crest (Lisa Aguilar), Child Share (Stephen Garcia), Safe Families (Jeff/Paula Thompson).
C. The Romans used to take their infants they didn’t want (usually girls) & “Expose” them.
   1. Exposing referred to leaving these infants to the elements outside the city gates. The Christians, though few, became known from the 1st century to go out & brought these orphans in.
D. Slide#5 Reminder we have an Adoption Support Group that Teri Schroeder leads [2nd Mn,7pm, Ch off]
E. Slide#6,7 Not everyone may be able to take a child into their home, but there are other ways to help. We have a family in our church, who needs our help. They have adopted 2 little boys w/Down Syndrome. They also have a biological son w/Down Syndrome, & 4 other children.
   1. The husband has been out of work for about a month, the mom home-schools all 7 of her children. They are in need of a number of home repairs.
   2. Dave Madden & Larry have gone over & made a list of the needs of different construction talent/materials to make their kitchen/bathroom usable.
F. Slide#8 Prayer: Julie G (Burma); Doc Les +2 (Burma).

II. Slide#9 Intro:
A. Just yesterday it came out that ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq & Syria) lined up and shot dead at least 50 tribesmen & women in Iraq's Anbar province, the latest mass killing committed by the group.
B. Presently, there is a Coalition (alliance/fusion) fighting against ISIS. Now named: Operation Inherent Resolve? It’s made up of: U.S., Great Britain, France, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Australia, Germany, the Netherlands and now Canada & Turkey have joined.
   1. Go back 2000 yrs, and that brings you back to the time of Christ.
   2. Go back 2000 more yrs, and we are at the time of Abram, where he helped repel an invasion of a great coalition of super powers of that day, from the same area.
   3. Slide#10a Now, turn to Gen.14:8-24. Slide#10b turn when ready
      a) Careful of Typologies in Scripture: [Key: never come up w/doctrine from a type]
         1) Innate (natural) - 1 specifically declared as to be such in NT.
(2) Inferred - 1 recognizable as such, because it conforms to the pattern seen in the innate types.

C. Slide#11 Ch.7 introduces *A superior Priesthood*. Heb.7-10
   1. Ch.7 argues that Christ’s priesthood, like Melchizedek’s, is superior in its order. So...
   2. Heb.7 His better priesthood. Heb.8 His better covenant. Heb.9 His better sanctuary. Heb.10 His better sacrifice.

III. Slide#12 MYSTERY MAN MELCHIZEDEK (1-3)

A. The writer’s previous references to Melchizedek (5:10,11) are now explained.
B. Interesting: Read 8:1 & work backwards.
   1. Wiersbe said, The Emphasis in Hebrews is not on what Christ did on the earth (the milk of the word), but what He is doing in heaven (the meat of the word).
   2. He is saying that, the basics of the Christian life revolves around Jesus earthly ministry and work. While His priestly ministry constitutes the meat of God’s word. 
      a) Jesus’ ministry on earth was only 3 years...but His ministry in heaven has so far been 2000 years, since His cross/res.

C. Slide#13 Melchizedek - King of Righteousness.
   1. Gen.14 He’s brought up in a Historical context.
   2. Ps.110 He’s brought up in a Prophetical context. [only twice in OT]
   3. Heb.7 He’s brought up in a Doctrinal context.

D. King of Salem – JeruSALEM (most believe)

E. Slide#14 Without father, mother, genealogy – Frustrating trying to get a FBI, background check on this mystery man. He must have been part of God’s Witness Protection Plan.
   1. Without = the father/mother were unknown.
   2. LKGNT - *In rabbinical writings such expressions could mean that the father & mother had died & the child was an orphan.*
   3. Scripture is silent as to his ancestry & progeny, which seems to be the authors point.
      a) (Wiersbe) Melchizedek was not an angel or some superhuman creature; nor was he an OT appearance of Jesus Christ. He was a real man, a real king, and a real priest in a real city. But as far as the record is concerned, he was not born, nor did he die.
         (1) He obtained his position not by genealogy, but by Divine appointment, i.e. not by earthly credentials.
         (2) Neither Aaron nor any of his descendants could claim to be w/o genealogy.
4. Since Gen.14 says nothing about Melchizedek’s lineage, birth, and death, so his priesthood has neither qualifications nor limitations like those of the Levitical priesthood.

   a) In the OT the **high priest** was the man appointed *to represent the people* before God.

      (1) He was the man who dealt with **sins** and **weaknesses** by offering the necessary sacrifices for sins (Heb. 5:3). But as a link between God and man, the OT priest was **never enough**. He was a **shadow** representing the coming perfect intermediary.

   b) Melchizedek **met** Abraham, **fed** him, and **blessed** him. What a wonderful Savior (type).

F. **Slide#15** *He was both King & Priest* – This was forbidden by the Levitical priesthood. The **throne** & the **altar** were always separated. *[King Uzziah tried this in 2 Chron.26:16-23 in trying to act as priest(burn incense). He broke out in anger against priest/then broke out in leprosy, threw him out]*

1. Those persons who attempted to invade the priests’ office were judged by God.

   a) But here is a man who had **both offices.** *Aaron never had that privilege.*

   b) And it is important to note that Melchizedek was **not** a counterfeit priest: he was the **priest of the Most High God** (Gen.14:18, 22). His ministry was legit.

   c) He was of **God’s original priesthood** since he preceded Levi by several hundred yrs

2. **Jesus** wasn’t from the **tribe of Levi** (7:14, Judah instead). He **could** fulfill what the prophet Zechariah said, *He*(Messiah) **shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both** *(both offices)*. 6:13.

   a) Jesus thus fulfills both titles of Melchizedek. He is the **King of Rt. & the King of Peace.**

   b) Ps.85:10 **Righteousness** and **peace** have kissed. (yep, on the cross)

      (1) “The trouble for many is they want the **Peace without the Prince.**” *(you?)*

G. **Application:** *Jesus as King* can control **circumstances** *around you; Jesus as Priest* can change **attitudes** *within you.*

1. Of course God **could** change the **circumstances** around you (i.e. yank you out of them, or deal with your foe/opposer)...**but often** God’s more concerned with changing your **attitudes** *while* in you’re **in** the circumstance.

H. **Slide#16** He blessed Abram, refreshing & strengthening him w/bread & wine. Communion next Sun.

I. He was made like the Son of God – Here’s the other side of the argument...that this **Mystery Man** is more than a prototype. Some see this as a pre-incarnate appearance of Christ.

1. Esp with names like: king of rt; prince of peace & comes carrying the elements of bread/wine.

2. Also, w/o genealogy is a **reverse** of the habitual practice throughout Genesis...it’s all about genealogy. Aaron/Levitical priesthood was all about **certified pedigree. Character & ability had nothing to do with it.** *(Barclay)*
IV. Slide#17 MELCHIZEDEK MAN (4-10) [sounds like a Neanderthal man]

A. (4) Greater than Abraham – How? (4-ways)
   1. Slide#18 Though Levitical priests had also received tithes, their descent from Abraham marked their priesthood as less important than that of the one to whom Abraham tithed. (5,6)
   2. Abraham was blessed by Melchizedek at the time of their encounter…& normally the lesser is blessed by the greater. (7)
   3. Levitical priests all eventually die but as Ps.110:4 says, the One who ministers in the order of Melchizedek lives forever. (8)
   4. An ancestor contains all his descendants w/in himself. Thus, Levi, great grandson of Abraham, actually also paid tithes to Melchizedek since he was at the time a part of Abraham’s join’s which will produce Isaac, Jacob & ultimately Levi. I guess you can say it was in Levi’s genes :) 
      a) This seems strange to our Western individualistic mindset, but reflects the more accurate realization of the links between generations. (read 9,10)
      b) Hebrews believed in “Racial Solidarity” (1 man can act on a group of men), like David, against Goliath, on behalf of all the soldiers of Israel.

B. Abraham was the supreme blesser of his day, & all the rest of mankind were blessees...Yet here he becomes the blessee.

C. (4) A tenth of the spoils – “the top of the heap”.
   1. Archeologists have discovered that other nations also tithed in that day; so the practice is an ancient one.¹

D. Slide#19,20 (joke/pew tithe) Abraham honored Melchizedek by paying him tithes of all.
   1. This is the first instance of tithing (10-percenting) in the Bible, and it occurs years before its command in the Mosaic Law.
   2. Vs.4-10 indicates that these tithes were paid (in type) to Christ, suggesting that believers today are following Abraham’s example as they bring tithes to the Lord.
      a) Abraham refused the riches of the world but shared his wealth with the Lord, and God richly blessed him.

¹ Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, Heb.7