

Main Idea: The ability to take a bold and courageous stand for the Lord comes from knowing Christ as our Prophet, Priest, & King

Introduction: Sodom wants to be king. How will Abram declare his independence? By knowing Christ as...

1. The Prophet whose words instruct us

- a. Abram gets his words from Melchizedek
- b. Abram applies those words
- c. What shapes your ideas? Which ideas shape your life?

2. The Priest whose ministry strengthens us

- a. Bread of provision and wine of fellowship
- b. Pronouncement of blessing
- c. Receiving of tithes

3. The King whose authority governs us

- a. Melchizedek's Name and Title
- b. Possessor (Founder!) of heaven and earth
- c. The One to whom tithes belong
- d. The One to whom Abram belongs
 - i. The One who delivers Abram from his enemies
 - ii. The One whose commands Abram obeys
 - iii. The One to whom belongs all glory from Abram's life

Conclusion: you do not yet know all of the opportunities that you will have in this life (or even this week!) for taking a bold and courageous stand. But you do know the blessing that you need in order to make that stand: to know Christ as the Prophet whose words instruct you, the Priest whose ministry strengthens you, and the King whose authority governs you.