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MORNING READING

Hebrews 7:1–3 ESV

- The Priestly Order of Melchizedek
- 1 For this qMelchizedek, king of Salem,
- priest of the Most High God, met
- Abraham returning from the slaughter of
- the kings and blessed him,
- 2 and to him 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.
- 3 He is without father or mother tor genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

Genesis 14:18-20 NIV

- 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth.
- 20 And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Psalm 68:19-21 King James Version
19 Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth
us with benefits, even the God of our
salvation. Selah.

MAIN READING

Acts 8:26-40 NIV

- Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch
- 26 Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip,
- "Go south to the road—the desert road—
- that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza."
- 27 So he started out, and on his way he
- met an Ethiopian[a] eunuch, an important
- official in charge of all the treasury of the
- Kandake (which means "queen of the
- Ethiopians").

- This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship,
- 28 and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet.
- 29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."
- 30 Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet.
- "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked.

- 31 "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.
- 32 This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- 33 In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.
- Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth."[b] 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" 35 Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" [37] [c]

38 And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

Acts 8:6-7 Says,

New American Standard Bible

- 6 The crowds were paying attention with one mind to what was being said by Philip, as they heard and saw the [a]signs which he was performing.
- 7 For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed or limped on crutches were healed.