



## DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE

*A Revelation of Christ from Genesis ... by Billy*

READ GENESIS 14: 17-24

- **W**hen the subject of warfare is mentioned in scripture it is hard to miss the spiritual application because ultimately we are positioned amidst the battle between the Heavenly armies and the legions of darkness.
- This is clear from *Ephesians 6:12* and from experience, Abram may be viewed as a type of Christ who has trained his servants for battle so as to rescue those who are captives to Satan and sin.
- Let us be as those 318 men of valour who did not turn back in the day of battle. Let us continue to shine the light of the Gospel in word and deed.
- Abram bore a sense of responsibility for his nephew in spite of Lot's worldly ways and he did not desert him in the time of trouble.
- Here again is a lesson in life. Show kindness and generosity to all even though it may appear to us to be undeserved.
- Let us focus on those things that are certain. There is no question that Melchizedek represents two essential characteristics of Jesus Christ the King of kings- righteousness and peace.
- You may ask where it says that in the narrative. The answer is that the revelation of scripture is woven from many strands into one grand narrative. Turn to *Heb.7:1-3*.
- Throughout the Bible you will notice how these go together. *Psa.85:10, Isa.32:17* and *Heb.12:18* The effect of being made righteous by God is to have peace within (*Rom.5:1*).
- Once again Abram is seeing in advance the day of Jesus Christ, the Lord our righteousness and the Prince of peace.
- For unto us a child is born....Prince of peace. There is another important truth to discover from the person of Melchisedek in *Heb.7:19*.
- This man was not only a king, he was also a priest and as such he is again typical of Christ. It was the function of the priest to offer up sacrifices that were acceptable to God in an effort to cover the sins of the people.
- *"And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices which can never take away sin. But this man (Jesus) after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever sat down at the right hand of God."* (*Heb.10:11-12*).
- His one offering on the cross was enough to cleanse the sins of all who would believe for all time. As Melchizedek was seen to have a continuing priesthood he is a type of Jesus Christ Who is always living to make intercession for us
- He is able to completely save those who trust in Him. Let us take courage again that there is One interceding on our behalf in the heavens. His wounds plead for mercy for sinners. ■

## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Week 51

### Events /Notices

- ▶ **Children's play** will take place this *Sunday 23rd* following the morning meeting at 12.30. Sunday school prize-giving will follow.
- ▶ **Remember that there is a special offering** for the next two Sundays to Tearfund for the famine in Yemen so please use envelopes provided.
- ▶ *If you know of anyone* who would appreciate a hamper please contact Billy.
- ▶ **There will be no Christmas morning service** this year due to a fall off in numbers attending. This will be reviewed next year.
- ▶ **Next meeting** will be *Sunday 30th December* at 11.00am (no pre-service prayer meeting) and this will take the form of a testimony meeting for all who want to share about God's blessings in 2018

### Extra Services

*If you have children with you, these are the facilities provided:*

#### ▶ Crèche and Pre-school Praise

Our crèche is based on the floor above the Meeting Room with baby changing facilities and toys to keep your young child occupied if they do not settle during the meeting. Parents are to attend to their children at all times. There is a short and simple pre-school Bible lesson during the sermon for 3-7 years old in the Crèche (as arranged).

#### ▶ Sunday School

Our Sunday School is open to children of school going age and operates during the sermon in the Sunday School room on the top floor. Our teachers have a Bible story and songs prepared for your child(ren), teaching them the need for Salvation and Christian living.

*Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. (Psalm 34:11)*

#### ▶ Tea and Coffee

After the Sunday morning service, tea, coffee and light refreshments are available on the top floor in the Hospitality Room. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it