## The Ology Islands #12



## The High Priest of God

**Captain's Log:** We are still on our second island. There are some Ism Pirates that we must finally defeat in order to fully take this island. They are the pirates of legalism.



## Roll Call/Treasure Hunt:

**Genesis 3:8** Then the man and his wife heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the breeze of the day, and they hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. (BSB)

**Genesis 3:21** And the LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and He clothed them. (BSB)

**John 1:18** No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is at the Father's side, has made Him known. (BSB)

**John 6:45-46** <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets: 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from Him comes to Me— <sup>46</sup>not that anyone has seen the Father except the One who is from God; only He has seen the Father. (BSB)

- ➢ If God walked with Adam in the cool of the day and no one has ever seen The <u>Father</u>, then it must have been God The <u>Son</u>! Remember: God the Son is both with God and is God.
- ➤ Therefore, it was God The Son who killed <u>animals</u> to make coverings for Adam and Eve.
- This was both the first recorded death in the Bible and the first **sacrifice** offered for mankind's sin.

**Hebrews 2:17-18** <sup>17</sup>For this reason He had to be made like His brothers in every way, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, in order to make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. (BSB)

**Hebrews 4:14-16** <sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (BSB)

**Hebrews 5:5-6** <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not take upon Himself the glory of becoming a high priest, but He was called by the One who said to Him: "You are My Son; today I have

become Your Father." <sup>6</sup>And in another passage God says: "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek." (BSB)

**Hebrews 6:19-20** <sup>19</sup>We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, <sup>20</sup>where Jesus our forerunner has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever in the order of Melchizedek. (BSB)

Genesis 14:18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine—since he was priest of God Most High—and he blessed Abram and said: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave Melchizedek a tenth of everything. (BSB)

**Hebrews 7:1-3** <sup>1</sup>This Melchizedek was king of Salem and priest of God Most High. He met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, <sup>2</sup>and Abraham apportioned to him a tenth of everything. First, his name means "king of righteousness." Then also, "king of Salem" means "king of peace." <sup>3</sup>Without father or mother or genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, like the Son of God, he remains a priest for all time. (BSB)

- Our High Priest is one of us, a human who has experienced what we go through.
- ➤ He is not from the tribe of Levi but has a <u>higher</u> calling. His is the calling of Melchizedek.
- ➤ He is the King of *Peace*, and the High *Priest* of God.
- ➤ His office of King and Priest was from the *beginning*! He is with God and He is God.

Battle with the Ism Pirates: We are battling the Ism Pirates of <u>legalism</u>. This belief says that we are saved and kept safe from being judged by God by our works. Their slogan is, "at least I am better than that other person". However, Scripture clearly declares that without the High Priest of God representing us no one is saved. Faith in Him alone saves.

Romans 3:23-25 <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Him as the atoning sacrifice through faith in His blood, in order to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance He had passed over the sins committed beforehand. (BSB)

Set Course: Next week we sail to the Pneuma Island and battle with Ism Pirates who deny the deity of the Holy Spirit.