

Heb 7:1, “For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,

Heb 7:2, “to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated ‘king of righteousness,’ and then also king of Salem, meaning ‘king of peace’,”

**Heb 7:3, “without father, without mother,
without genealogy, having neither beginning of
days nor end of life, but made like the Son of
God, remains a priest continually.”**

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θεωρέω *theōréō*; 58x in the NT; Pres
Act Imp 2 pl;

“to look at something or to examine something closely, to visually examine something for a purpose, to mentally focus on and observe the details of something.”

Heb 7:5, “And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham;”

Heb 7:6, “but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.”

Heb 7:7, “Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better [greater].”

Heb 7:8, “Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.”

Heb 7:9, “Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak,”

1. Is the soul passed from one generation to another by procreation, or does God create each soul directly and immediately?

Traducianism, from L. “traducere” meaning to transfer. This view teaches that both the material body and the immaterial soul are transmitted through physical procreation. This position was first developed by Tertullian, AD 155–220

Creationism: This view teaches that only the body is generated through physical generation, the soul is directly created by God.

Hence, for Creationists, the body is created by God INDIRECTLY through intermediate means and the soul is created DIRECTLY by God through mediate means.

Historical Background

Traducianism,
from L. “traducere”

Creationism

Tertullian, AD 155–220 Jerome (AD 347–419)

Luther

Thomas Aquinas (AD 1225–
1274)

W. G. T. Shedd

John Calvin

L. S. Chafer

Charles Hodge