



Salem or Sodom?

(Genesis 14:17-24)

Sunday, June 18, 2023 AVBC 10:30 am

King Melchizadek	King Bera
King of Salem	King of Sodom
King of Righteousness/Peace	King of Wickedness
All about exalting the Lord	All about exalting himself
True blessings	Counterfeit blessings
Offers bread and wine	Offers worldly riches
A type of "Christ"	A type of "Satan"

1. The journey of faith requires that you be as careful after a _____ as before a battle.

Everything is permissible for me—but not everything is beneficial. Everything is permissible for me—but I will not be mastered by anything. (1 Cor. 6:12)

2. The journey of faith requires you to stand up for what you believe regardless of p_____ opinion or peer pressure.

Q: Who was Melchizadek?

- He was a _____
- He was a _____
- He was _____-like. (*Hebrews 7:1-3*)

- ❖ God is _____ all.
- ❖ God is _____ of all.
- ❖ God is _____ of all.

3. The journey of faith requires _____ support and accountability.

Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near. (Heb. 10:23-25)

4. The journey of faith requires sacrificial _____ to remind you of God's ownership your stewardship.

DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: Consider this old saying- "If it sounds too good to be true it probably is." Have you found this "proverb" to be true in your life? If so, describe how.

Q2: The bible says that pride goes before a fall. Can you think any examples where pride or success seemed to open the door to failure? If so, explain.

Q3: Study Matthew 4:1-11. What do you note about temptation...our defense against temptation...and God's care for us when we stand up against temptation?

Q4: Think of some things in your life that may be legally right but you would consider them morally or personally wrong for you? Discuss.

Q5: Have you ever stood up for what you believed in and gone against public or popular opinion? How did you feel? What was the result or impact on others?

Q6: Read John 15:18-23. What does this passage teach us about our relationship with the world?

Q7: Abram did not impose his personal convictions on others. Do you tend to do that? If so, what motivates you to do that? How do others respond?