

Hebrew 7:8-10

Hebrews 7:8 (NOTES)

- "mortal men receive tithes" - What is a *mortal man*? One who is born and dies. Mortality = death. Where there is birth, there is death. Where there is no birth, there is no death.
- "but in that case one *receives them* of whom it is witnessed that he lives on" - The mortality of the Levites, who collected the tithe centuries later under the law, is contrasted with the immortality of MZ, who had "having neither beginning of days nor end of life" collected it without need of the law.
- Hebrews 7:3
- "it is witnessed" - Facts in Ancient Israel were confirmed by witnesses. That is why every significant aspect of Jesus's life was/will be confirmed by two witnesses (birth, baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, return).
- Matthew 18:16

Hebrews 7:10 (NOTES)

- "he was still in the loins of his father" - This is known as *seminal identity*. We need to discuss a little biology to help us understand our theology. A newborn baby bears the image of its parents both in its physical appearance and in its DNA. This is so because the child is the actual flesh and blood of the parents. The child's siblings usually bear some resemblance for the same reason.
- Each child is made up of living cells which are produced both by and within, and are thus a part of, their parent's bodies. The cells of the human body divide to multiply through the process known as *mitosis*. One cell divides to become two clones of the original; those two divide to become four clones of the original, and so on.
- When sperm and eggs are produced, the process is called *meiosis*, which divides one cell into four cells instead of two. The cells produced through meiosis are called *gametes*. Each gamete has just half of the chromosomes as the original cell. When an egg gamete is fertilized by a sperm gamete, the two become a single cell, called a *zygote*.
- The zygote divides through mitosis, as explained above (1=2=4=8=16=32=64=128=256=512=1024=2048=4096=8192=16384, etc.), and a new human develops. Thus, even prior to a child's conception, its physical body is already alive in its parents' bodies as two living gametes, one egg and one sperm. There is a continuity of life from parents to child, parents to child, parents to child, etc. Life comes from life.

- *Seminal Identity* is the same concept by which all humans are guilty of Adam's sin (Original Sin). All humans were in Adam's loins when he sinned, thus we participated, in a sense, in his sin.
- Romans 5:12-19, 1Corinthians 15:21-22
- A similar concept is known as *Federal Headship*. Adam is the head of the human race. His sin placed us in the predicament of suffering because of his actions in the same way that a president or monarch who enters his nation into a war without polling each citizen, subjects those same citizens to the costs of his war shortages, rape, pillage, murder, death on a battlefield, etc.
- A third concept is *Traducianism*. Adam became corrupt when he sinned, and thus, Human nature became corrupt as a result of his sin. That corrupt nature was passed down through Adam's DNA to each human living human today.
- God cannot tolerate our corrupt nature, and thus every human being is born under condemnation (headed for hell), even before having committed the first sin. We sin because we have a sin nature, not the other way around.
- *Jesus, however, was not a descendant of Adam. Thus, He was not present in Adam's loins when he sinned, neither was He under Adam's federal headship, nor was he corrupted by Adam's DNA. Jesus was free of these entanglements because of His Virgin Birth, wherein the Holy Spirit placed Him in Mary's womb.
- Genesis 3:14-15, Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38