

Jesus the Great High Priest We Need

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Hebrews 5:1-10

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better!
- Heb 5-10 shows us Jesus as our Great High Priest
- 'until you grasp the overwhelming majesty & holiness of our Triune God and simultaneously a true sense of your sinfulness and unworthiness, you will NOT be able to understand or appreciate the importance of Jesus as our Great High Priest.'

1. The Qualifications for High Priests: a) mediate between God and man; b) sympathize with those he mediates for; c) be called by God to the office.

- a) Be a mediator between God & man
- Look at role of OT High Priest – day of Atonement
- Offered 'prescribed' gifts and sacrifices, not of own choosing
- b) A High Priest must identify with the people
- Jesus born of a woman; was man of sorrows^{Is53:3}; flesh^{Heb5:7}
- Jesus gets us as a human
- c) Appointed by God, doesn't take it upon himself
- God called Aaron^{Ex28:1-3}
- Korah challenged appointment^{Num16:1-35} at great peril
- Rest in God's appointed way, High Priest – Jesus^{Jn14:6}

2. Jesus perfectly fulfills and exceeds the qualification for the Great High Priest

- a) Jesus was appointed by God as Son & priest forever
- quotation from Psa 2:7 & 110:4
- Jesus wasn't just a Aaronic priest, but order of Melchizedek
- b) Jesus was fit to be our High Priest because He was flesh
- Looks back to Heb 4:15 - Jesus suffered & overcame!
- Godly living can be very difficult in this Fallen world!
- Prayer is NOT a way of escape from difficulty, but a Godly fear to equip us to go through suffering for God's glory
- c) Jesus is the source of eternal salvation for all who obey
- Jesus gives eternal salvation, not year after year of OT
- Jesus is the cause of our salvation^{Eph1:4}
- POWER of Gospel: Jesus redeems sinners
- PURPOSE of Gospel: that we might be holy and obey God

SO WHAT?

- If our sin is so hideous that God required nothing less than the death of His perfect, sinless Son as the only solution, then we must never think any human solution would suffice for salvation!
- If God's wrath against sin is so dreadful, then we need to flee to the Cross daily for refuge with gratitude that Jesus already bore the wrath for our sins.
- We are saved by faith in Jesus alone, not by a faith that is alone
- Prayer and Obedient Faith are Vital for True Believers
- God's Love for you does not preclude His taking you through great trials^{1Pe2:20-21; 1Pt4:1; Act5:41}
- Feeling deep emotions during trials is not wrong; but you must submit your emotions to God's will^{2Cor10:5; Job1:21}
- God the Father answers our prayers, but sometimes in ways that seem contradictory to our requests^{Lk22:42}

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