

Greater Than the High Priest

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What We Have Learned in this Series!

1. Jesus Christ is better than anything this world has to offer!
2. We please our Lord when we express our faith in action!

Jesus as High Priest

... Is, in a sense, the theme of Hebrews.

"A "merciful and faithful High Priest" - Heb. 2:17

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What Did a High Priest Do?

1. He reminded the people of God and represented God before the people.
2. He was a man of holiness.
3. He carried the burden of the people on his shoulders.
4. He cared deeply for the people and called them to holiness.
5. One day a year, he was the "lamb" for the sake of the people.

The Qualifications of Jesus As High Priest

1. He was qualified because He was a man.
2. He was qualified because He understood our weakness.
3. He was qualified because He was able to offer a sacrifice for sin.
4. He was qualified because He was called by God the Father.
5. He was qualified because of His work of reverent submission.
6. He was qualified because He went into the "Holy of Holies" and brought salvation to all who trust Him.
7. He was qualified because of His priestly line. (Melchizedek)

The Work of Jesus As High Priest

"Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God." - Hebrews 10:11,12

	High Priest	Jesus Christ
When	Day after day	At the cross
Position	Stands	Sat down
How often	Again and again	Once
The Offering	Same sacrifice	Himself
Result	Sin covered	Sin erased

Our Response

"We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."

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1. Let us be serious about our commitment to scripture.
2. Let us train ourselves to discern good from evil.
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