

- Jesus is superior in identity
- Jesus is superior to the prophets
- Jesus is superior to Angels
- Jesus is superior to Moses
- Jesus is superior in Office
- Jesus is superior in His ministry
- Jesus is superior in His Sabbath Rest
- Jesus is superior to Aaron and the Levitical priesthood

[Heb 4:14] Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast [our] confession.

How do we approach the high priest? We approach Him where He is. Jesus is now in heaven on the throne of grace. We come to Him in a way that was unavailable to the Old Testament saint.

[Heb 4:15] For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all [points] tempted as [we are, yet] without sin.

[Heb 2:17-18] Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

[Heb 4:16] Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

He gives us mercy (Not getting what we do deserve) and grace (Getting something we don't deserve).

We still need a high-priest, a mediator between us and God.

[Heb 5:1] For every high priest taken from among men is appointed (ordained, set in place) for men in things [pertaining] to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

- Must be a man
- Appointed for men

- **In things pertaining to God**
- **Represents men before God**
- **Represents God before men**
- To offer gifts (offerings)
- To offer sacrifices (blood sacrifices)
- Must be a **Levite**
- Must be a direct descendant from Aaron and his oldest son

[Heb 5:2] He can have compassion on those who are **ignorant** and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

The high-priest had to be sensitive to the needs of the people. Those who sin **ignorantly** and those who sin **willingly** (mercy & grace).

- [Jas 5:11] You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end [intended by] the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

[Heb 5:3] Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer [sacrifices] for sins.

Because the high-priest himself was subject sin, he had to offer sacrifices for his **own sins**. Aaron could not take away sin, he could only offer a temporary covering.

[Heb 5:4] And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is **called by God**, just as Aaron [was].

A person could not take the office for himself but had to be called by God and meet the qualifications that God laid out.

[Heb 5:5] So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but [it was] He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." Psa 2:7

[Heb 5:6] As [He] also says in another [place]: "You [are] a priest **forever** According to the order of Melchizedek"; Psa 110:4; Acts 13

[Heb 5:7] who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

[Heb 5:8] though He was a Son, [yet] He learned (manthano: practiced) obedience by the things which He suffered.

[Heb 5:9] And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

to obey is better than sacrifice. 1 Sam 15:22

[Heb 5:10] called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

[Heb 5:11] of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

[Mat 13:15] For the hearts of this people have grown dull. [Their] ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with [their] eyes and hear with [their] ears, Lest they should understand with [their] hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'

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