

THE GREATER PRIEST

Hebrews 5:1-10

Big Idea: *The old priesthood was limited and passing, but Jesus is the perfect Priest who reigns forever.*

1. The old priesthood was _____ and _____.

^{1a} “For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God . . . ”

Three characteristics of earthly priests:

A.) Earthly priests are appointed on behalf of men.

⁴ “And no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.”

B.) Earthly priests are to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

^{1b} “. . . in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.”

C.) Earthly priests are sympathetic.

² “He can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; ³ and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.”

2. Jesus is the perfect priest _____.

⁵ “So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’”

Three characteristics of Jesus’ eternal priesthood:

A.) Jesus was appointed by God.

^{5b} “. . . But He who said to Him, ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You’ ⁶ just as He says also in another passage, ‘You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.’”

B.) Jesus became the sacrifice for us!

⁷ “In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. ⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.”

C.) Jesus offers salvation.

⁹“And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, ¹⁰being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”

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