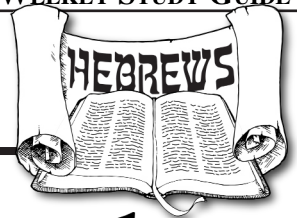


5. How does the virgin birth of Jesus establish the perfection of Jesus' priesthood?

6. What could be the significance of the description of our Great High Priest *having passed through the heavens* (HEBREWS 4:14)?

★ Bonus Question: How many natures does Jesus have, and why is this necessary?



Christmas Sympathy

Introduction: HEBREWS 4:14-16; MATTHEW 2:10-11.

I. The role of the priest.

A. The role of the priest is to _____
_____ to _____.

1. The priest is to _____ the _____
_____ to man. LEVITICUS 21:1, 8; NUMBERS 20:12

2. The priest is to _____
_____ and _____ to man.

DEUTERONOMY 17:12; ISAIAH 30:18

[SEE ALSO EXODUS 25; 37; LEVITICUS 16.]

B. The role of the priest is to _____
_____ before _____.

1. The priest is to _____ to _____
on _____ of _____.

2. The priest is to _____ to God
a _____
for man's _____. LEVITICUS 5:5-6

PERSONAL APPLICATION

• What impact does it have on you that in Jesus we have a high priest who is able *to sympathize with our weaknesses* (HEBREWS 4:15)?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

II. The perfect High Priesthood of Jesus.

A. Jesus perfectly _____ to _____.

1. Jesus perfectly _____
the _____ to man. HEBREWS 4:14–15

2. Jesus perfectly _____
_____ and _____ to man.
JOHN 3:17; 5:22–23, 27; 12:48; TITUS 3:4–6; 1 PETER 1:3; HEBREWS 4:14, 16

B. Jesus perfectly _____ before _____.
HEBREWS 2:14–18

1. Jesus perfectly _____ to _____
on _____ of _____.
MATTHEW 20:28; 1:20–23; HEBREWS 2:14–18; 7:24–25

2. Jesus perfectly _____ to God
a _____
for man's _____.
HEBREWS 10:4; 2:17; 1 JOHN 2:2; HEBREWS 7:26–28; JOHN 5:21–24

Conclusion: HEBREWS 4:14–16; MATTHEW 1:18–23

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it necessary that we recognize the holiness of God?

2. How does ROMANS 11:22 develop the concept of God's *judgment* and *mercy*?

3. How could Old Testament priests intercede to God on behalf of sinners since they, too, were sinners?

4. Why might Jesus have most often referred to Himself as *the Son of Man*? [See e.g. MATTHEW 20:28.]