

Our Great High Priest

Hebrews 4:14-5:11



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. 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. 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.

5 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. ³ Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins. ⁴ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

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.*” ⁶ As He also says in another place: “*You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek*”; 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, ⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest “*according to the order of Melchizedek,*” ¹¹ of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

1. Why does the writer of Hebrews refer to Jesus as the “great high priest (see Hebrews 2:17) ?”

2. What does it mean that He has “passed through the heavens?”

3. Read Exodus 29:3-36 and Leviticus chapter 9. What was the function of the High Priest?

4. Read chapter 4 verse 16. How are we able to approach God and why?

5. How is Jesus able to sympathize with our weaknesses?

6. Why must the priest be compassionate?

7. According to Leviticus 16:6, what is the High Priest required to do before he offers the sin offering for the people?

8. What is the point of Hebrews 5:5-6?

9. Read Genesis 14:18-20. How is Jesus a priest according to the order of Melchizedek?

10. Read Philippians 2:7-11. How did Christ learn obedience?

11. According to Hebrews 2:10 and 5:9 what do the sufferings of Christ bring about?
