



## A Better High Priest Hebrews 4 & 5 (ESV)

### Jesus Our High Priest

**Hebrews 4:14-16** *Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Why Is Jesus A Better High Priest?

1. He has passed **THROUGH THE HEAVENS**.
  - High Priest passed out of sight into the Holy of Holies **EVERY YEAR**.
  - Jesus passed out of sight into Heaven, THE Holy of Holies **ONCE**.
2. He can **SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR WEAKNESS**.
  - He truly can and does **IDENTIFY** with us?
  - How can he **SYMPATHIZE WITH US**?
  - How **DEEP** does his sympathy go?
3. We can **GO TO HIM** in confidence.

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**Hebrews 5:1-10** *For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.*

## Why Is Jesus A Better High Priest?

1. He is better **QUALIFIED**.

What was the uniform and duties of the High Priest?

How were human high priests qualified?

1. He had to be **HUMAN**.  
**Hebrews 5:1** *For every high priest chosen from among men...*
2. He had to be able to **SYMPATHIZE WITH HUMANITY**.  
**Hebrews 5:2** *He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.*
3. He had to be specially **SELECTED BY GOD**.  
**Hebrews 5:4** *And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.*

How does Jesus fit these qualifications?

1. Jesus was clearly **HUMAN**.  
**Hebrews 5:7** *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications...*
2. Jesus knows what you are going through!  
**Hebrews 5:7-8** *In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.*
3. Jesus was **SELECTED BY GOD**.  
**Hebrews 5:5-6** *So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."*

What Better things does Jesus' Priesthood provide?

### **ETERNAL SALVATION!**

**Hebrews 5:9-10** *And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.*

### Does Jesus Being Your High Priest Give You Confidence Day To Day?