

**Series "Jesus Is Better"**  
**"Jesus, The Perfect Priest"**  
**Hebrews 5:1-10**  
**Study-10**

**On Legal Ground, How Could Jesus Christ Possibly Be A Priest? Writer states – So sufficient Is Jesus As A High Priest That He Fulfilled and Abolished The Earthly Priesthood!**

**Hebrews 4:14-5:10 – Jesus, Better Than Aaron.**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "Jesus' Ability To Sympathize With Sinners And His Call From God Qualify Him To Be Our High Priest."

**1. Verses 1-4 – Qualifications For Earthly High Priest**  
**2. Verses 5-10 – Qualifications For Eternal High Priest**

**1. Verses 1-4 – Qualifications For Earthly High Priest:**

Hebrews 5:1

"For" links this chapter to the last paragraph – "Great High Priest", Hebrews 4:14-16

Our Great High Priest Ascended To Heaven, Tempted Yet Sinless, Encourages Us To Claim His Mercy With Confidence.

A High Priest Is Taken From Among Men: "For every high priest taken from among men"

Exodus 28:1

Numbers 3:10

**3 Qualifications For The High Priest:**

**1st Qualification – Appointed To Man With A God-Centered Service:** "is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God," – His service centered in that which was spiritual, ritual, and moral.

Revelation 1:6

Ministry Of Offering Sacrifices: "in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;"

“to offer” – literally means “to bring before”.

“both gifts” – the gifts were “Bloodless Offerings” (grain and wine); were voluntary.

“and sacrifices for sins;” – 5 major offerings: Burnt, Meal, Peace, Sin, and Trespass; Leviticus 1-7 – The sin and trespass offerings were mandatory.

Hebrews 5:2

**2nd Qualification – A Ministry Of Compassion:** “he can deal gently” – (gently, compassion) a compound word to be “moderate in passion”; literally meaning “to suffer a little or moderately.”

“with the ignorant” – the source of their sins was ignorance; lack of paying attention to God’s commandments. Intentional sins stem from a rebellious heart, fully acquainted with God’s law.

“and misguided,” – resulting from a deviation from God’s Law.

Numbers 15:27-31

“weakness;” – “wrapped around with weakness.”

The Great Flaw Of The Priesthood Is The Priest Was A Sinner: He knew about the sins of omission and commission from personal experience. He shared in their human depravity.

Romans 7:19-21

Hebrews 5:3

**3rd Qualification – Offering Sacrifices For Sins:**

A Priest Needed A Priest: “he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.”

Day of Atonement God said to Aaron he must have a sacrifice for himself first – Leviticus 16:24

Leviticus 16:6

Matthew 5:3-5

Hebrews 5:4

The Call From God: "but receives it when he is called by God,"  
"even as Aaron was." – Exodus 28: 1; Leviticus 8.

## **2. Verses 5-10 – Qualifications For Eternal High Priest:**

Hebrews 5:5

The Qualifications of Jesus to be the High Priest for all mankind are given. Jesus was Divinely Called, Jesus possessed both Deity/Humanity, Jesus is Compassionate, Jesus is the Sacrifice.

Verses 5-6 – The Appointment/Call Of Christ, Son Of God: "So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest,"

Jesus Did Not Honor Himself: "So also", Hebrews 5:4

Hebrews 10:7

Jesus Received The Divine Appointment: "but He who said to Him, 'YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU'"; This is a Psalm of David, Psalm 2:7 (Hebrews 1:5)

The Deity And Royal Office Of Jesus: "YOU ARE MY SON," – Hebrews 1:5; Acts 2:36

Humanity Of The Son Of God: Psalm stresses the human nature of the divine Son – "TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"; Hebrews 5:1 – Jesus met the human requirement!

Hebrews 5:6 – Psalm 110:4 (Theme text of Hebrews 7:17, 21).

"Melchizedek" – Hebrews 7; Genesis 14:17-24; Psalm 110:4

"ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK." – The order of Melchizedek, however, predated the order of Aaron. Jesus Is Both King And Priest.

An Eternal Royal Priest: "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER", Hebrews 7:24-25.

Verses 7-8 – Christ, The Perfect Obedient Son Of God: Hebrews 5:7

Jesus Christ's Humanity: "In the days of His flesh," John 1:14.

God was revealed in the flesh: 1 Timothy 3:16

Hebrews 2:14

Jesus' birth to the age of twelve: Luke 2:40

Jesus, twelve to thirty: Luke 2:52

**Jesus Christ Was A Man Of Prayer – “He offered up both prayers and supplications”**

Jesus' Great Compassion: “He offered up both prayers and supplications” – Garden of Gethsemane, Matt. 26:36-46; Matthew 26:38.

**Gethsemane is the greatest example of humble submission that characterized Jesus' entire life!**

“prayers” – “intense entreaty, even to the point of begging.”

“supplications” – “the need of protection and help in the midst of calamity.”

“loud crying” – refers to “loud, vocal outbursts.”

“tears” – the “intense emotional strain”, Luke 22:44

“to the One able to save Him from death,” – Romans 6:23

Priestly Compassion: by His total awareness of what would happen to Him when the sin of the entire world was placed upon His sinless self.

“Piety” – “reverence, godly fear”; Jesus “feared”.

Hebrews 5:8

“He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.” – Jesus learned (showed) the total essence of obedience through His sufferings on the cross.

Philippians 2:8

Isaiah 53:4

Verses 9-10 – Jesus Is God's Sacrifice To Redeem Sinful Man: Hebrews 5:9.

“And having been made perfect,” – “stresses the completion of a process, fully qualified”, John 19:30 – “It is finished.”

John 17:4

Jesus Is The Sacrifice For Sin: "obey" – "to listen, and then to obey the word spoken."

"source" – "cause"; only time used in the NT. "Author of eternal salvation,"

**Obedience is synonymous with faith.**

Hebrews 5:10

"designated" – means "to salute or address"; a compound word which literally means "before the marketplace".

**Application:**

1. For A Person To Be Of Service To Man On Behalf Of God, One Must Be Appointed And God-Centered In His Service.
2. A Ministry Of Compassion Results From The Awareness Of Ones Own Weakness And Sinfulness.
3. Jesus, The Son, Was Appointed By God His Father, Being Both Deity And Humanity, Thus Making Him The Superior Great High Priest.
4. The Compassionate Obedient Son Of God Became The Sacrifice For All Sin, The Source Of Eternal Salvation To Those That Place Their Faith In Him.