

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... let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace

Why you should hold fast to this great high priest

## ① WHY THIS HIGH PRIEST MATTERS

### 1. Personally

Priests sympathize w. our weaknesses, 4:15

Tempted as we are, 4:15

Mercy + grace in time of need, 4:16

Deal gently w. the ignorant and wayward, 5:2

Do you feel the personal relevance? Renae I

### 2. Theologically

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 sin.

→ Holy  $\Theta$  + sinful people is our real problem.  
Priests mediate on man's behalf!

## ② WHAT THE PRIESTLY OFFICE IS

### 1. Function

- ☑ act on behalf of men in relation to  $\Theta$
- ☑ offer gifts and sacrifices for sin burnt offerings, grain offerings, peace offerings, sin offerings, guilt offerings... Day of Atonement

### 2. Character

- ☑ priests share in human condition among men
- ☑ priests sympathize b/c they too are beset w. weakness
- ☑ priests offer sacrifices for their own sin, then for the sins of others Day of Atonement

### 3. Divine Authorization

No one takes this honor upon himself, but only when called by  $\Theta$  as Aaron was



CREATES AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS  
EITHER GOD CAN BE APPROACHED  
ON ANY RELIGIOUS ROAD Examples  
OR GOD CAN ONLY BE APPROACHED  
THE WAY HE PRESCRIBES! Why Jesus?

# ③ JESUS SUPERIORITY AS PRIEST

## 1. Jesus' Divine Authorization

☑ Son of  $\Theta$  4:14, 5:5

☑ Priest forever in the order of Melchizedek, 5:6

Doesn't  $\Theta$  have right to designate priest + mediator? What right do you have to say  $\Theta$  doesn't have that right?

## 2. Jesus' human condition

☑ assumed our humanity tempted as we are, yet w/o sin  $\blacktriangleright$  can sympathize w. our weaknesses, 4:15

☑ In the days of his flesh Jesus offered up prayers + supplications w. loud cries + tears to him who was able to save him from death + he was heard b/c of his reverence.

☑ he learned obedience through what he suffered

## 3. Jesus function

☑ passed through the heavens, 4:14

☑ tempted...w/o sin  $\blacktriangleright$  perfect  $\blacktriangleright$  source of eternal salvation

☑ Gives us confidence...draw near throne of grace

SEE WHY YOU SHOULD HOLD FAST TO JESUS (Renaee #2)