

Hebrews: Jesus is Better

Lesson 4: Draw Near to God! Jesus made a way. (October 19&20)

Read Hebrews 4:14-5:10

1. What are things you do to cope with the difficulties and challenges faced in life?

2. Fill in the chart detailing the differences between the Old Testament Priesthood and Christ's Priesthood.

	Old Testament High Priest	Christ, Our Great High Priest
Receives calling from whom?		
Is beset by weakness? (y/n)		
Offers sacrifices for whom?		
Holds office for how long? (7:23-24)		

3. What attitude results in us when we recognize that Jesus can sympathize with us when we are tempted?

4. We have a high priest that is able to sympathize with us in that he was tempted in every way, yet Jesus never married, had kids, reached mid-life crisis, or experienced the aging process. So, what does it mean that Jesus was tempted in *every way*?

5. Jesus came to this earth and experienced suffering and temptations. He knows and relates to what you are going through. Are you tempted to go to family and friends more than Jesus for sympathy and compassion?

6. What temptation are you currently battling that you want to believe is unique to you and impossible to resist? How should you pray with confidence about that temptation?

7. Do you ever think there is a particular sin or shortcoming that Jesus simply cannot sympathize with in your life?



8. Jesus was made perfect through suffering in the sense that he completed the perfect work God had ordained for him. What is the relationship between obedience and suffering?

9. Jesus is God's Son, yet he learned obedience from what he suffered. What can you learn from Jesus' suffering?

10. Describe a time when God has allowed you to learn obedience through suffering?

11. What does it mean to you that as a sinner in Christ you are able to approach the very throne of God with confidence? What two things are we specifically encouraged to receive?

Read Hebrews 7:1-28

12. How is Jesus' priesthood far greater than Aaron's (Levitical priesthood)?

13. In the Old Testament, priests came from the tribe of Levi and kings from the tribe of Judah. Jesus, from the tribe of Judah, became both priest and king based on his power and not his ancestry. Do you view Jesus as both your priest and king in your life?

14. How might you be able to better take advantage of the fact that you have the Great High Priest available to you on a continual basis?

15. Jesus did not come as a social worker, a doctor, an engineer, a philosopher, or even as a sportsman. He came as a high priest. What does this say about the real need of humanity?