

JESUS - GREATER THAN AARON
HEBREWS 5:1-10

So the priest who is anointed and ordained to serve as priest in his father's place shall make atonement: he shall thus put on the linen garments, the holy garments, 33 and make atonement for the holy sanctuary; and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, He shall also make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. (Leviticus 16:32-33).

You have heard the expression that "clothes make the man." I suppose that there is some truth to this. Certain things come to mind when you see the uniform of a police officer or a soldier or a firefighter. This was also true of the high priest.

Within the religion of the Jews, there was no more exalted position that could be held among men than that of high priest. And the most important task of the high priest took place on Yom Kippur — the Day of Atonement.

On this day, he would be arrayed in a white linen robe over which he wore a blue robe, a breastplate with 12 stones, and a golden frontlet. On this day, he would enter into the innermost part of the temple and make a sacrifice for the sins of the nation. On this day, he was the official representative of the people before their God.

We have already seen the message in the book of Hebrews that Jesus is better.

- **He is better than the _____.**
- **He is better than _____.**
- **He is better than _____.**
- **And He provides a better _____ than was ever seen in the Promised Land.**
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Now we come to a new aspect with regards to the truth that Jesus is better. It is that Jesus is a better priest than Aaron.

1. THE _____ OF THE PRIEST

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; 2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; 3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. (Hebrews 5:1-3).

★ "A Godly _____:

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★ "A Ministry of _____.

★ "A Ministry of _____

He can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided since he himself also is beset with weakness (5:2).

2. THE _____ OF THE PRIEST

And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, "Thou art My Son, today I have begotten Thee"; 6 just as He says also in another passage, "Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek." (Hebrews 5:4-6).

Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner." (John 5:19).

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me." (John 5:30).

3. THE _____ OF THE PRIEST

In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. (Hebrews 5:7).

4. THE _____ OF THE PRIEST

Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, 10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. (Hebrews 5:8-10).

They said therefore to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent." (John 6:28-29).