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Earthly Priests Inferior to Our Heavenly Priest

Hebrews 5:1-10

- 1) Earthly high priests mediated between God & man (5:1-4)
 - a) Chosen from among men to represent men, appointed by God
 - b) Offering both gifts and sacrifices for man's sins
 - c) Is himself sinful, so he mediates gently with humanity
 - d) As Aaron was called by God to mediate, so too God calls the high priest
- 2) Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, was also chosen by God as high priest (5:5-10)
 - a) Chosen in eternity past as the Son of God (v. 5; cf. Ps. 2:7)
 - b) Eternal priest in the order of Melchizedek, not Aaron (v. 10; cf. Ps. 110:1)
 - c) Offered prayers to God, as man does, crying out to Him in reverence
 - d) Learned obedience through His sufferings as a man
 - e) Being without sin, Jesus became the perfect High Priest
 - f) He is the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him
- 3) Why does it matter that Jesus is our Perfect High Priest?
 - a) When we cry out to God, He hears us through Jesus Christ, our High Priest
 - b) Jesus receives all who trust in Him, mediating our peace between us and God (Rom. 5:1)
 - c) As full-time sinners, we need a full-time high priest like Jesus (Rom. 8:34)
 - d) As He who demonstrated perfect obedience, offering up a perfect sacrifice, His people are assured of their eternal salvation through faith in Him

