



Hebrews || Sermon Points and Notes

Title: Our Perfect High Priest

Main Point: *Jesus Christ is the high priest that we all need.*

Hebrews 5:1-10

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 sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

*“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;*

as he says also in another place,

*“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

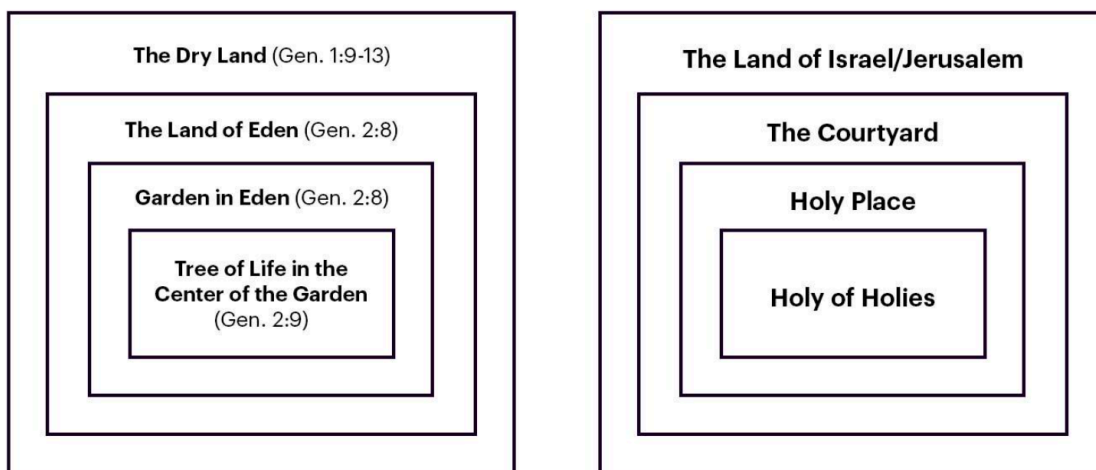
In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And

being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Christ's office as priest is the great storehouse and supply of all the grace and comfort that we have on this side of heaven. Through Christ's priesthood we are reconciled to God the Father and are relieved against all temptations. This is the great truth held forth in these words. That's why the apostle, finding the Hebrews laboring under great temptations, doubts, fears, and unbelief, expounds the priestly office of Christ throughout this letter.

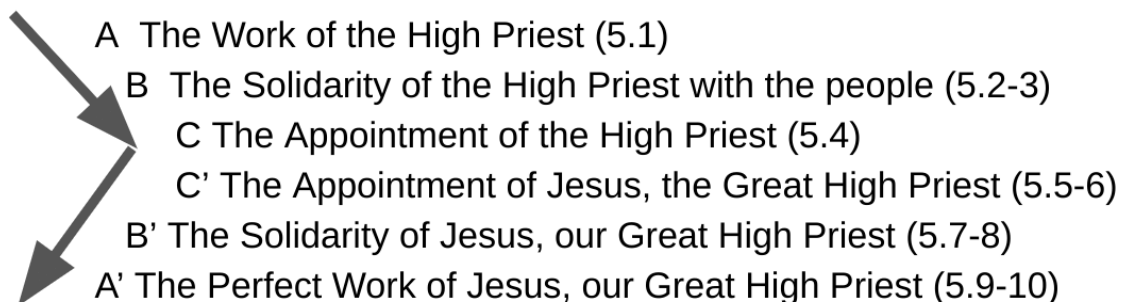
—William Bridge

Diagram of Eden and Tabernacle



In the beginning God created a priest. And not just any priest, but a royal priest—a man made in God's likeness, a son fashioned to reflect God's beauty, an image bearer commissioned to rule God's world with holy affections. God commissioned the first family—Adam and his fellow image bearer, Eve—to be fruitful and multiply and fill the world with God's glory.

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Hebrews 10:1-4

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every

year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

The main question is: ***How do humans, beset with sin, approach a holy God?***

Hebrews 5:5-6

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

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as he says also in another place,

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Psalm 2:7

I will tell of the decree:

*The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.*

Psalm 110:1-4

The LORD says to my Lord:

*“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”*

The LORD sends forth from Zion

your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

Your people will offer themselves freely

on the day of your power,

in holy garments;

from the womb of the morning,

the dew of your youth will be yours.

The LORD has sworn

and will not change his mind,

“You are a priest forever

after the order of Melchizedek.”

Hebrews 5:7-8

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

Hebrews 5:9-10

And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Galatians 3:26-27

for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Romans 13:14

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

“Arise, my soul, arise,
Shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears.
Before the throne my surety stands;
My name is written on his hands.
“Five bleeding wounds he bears,
Received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers,
They strongly plead for me.
‘Forgive him, O forgive!’ they cry,
‘Don’t let that ransomed sinner die.’”