

Supremely Qualified

Hebrews 5:1-10

The Necessity of the High Priest

- Standing before God, representing the nation
- Interceding by offering sacrifices for sin

The Qualifications of the High Priest

- Sympathetic, since he was also a sinner
- Serving only by Divine appointment

How Jesus Exceeds those Qualifications

- Appointed by both Sonship and prophetic oath
- Sympathetic, experiencing yet resisting every temptation
- Sympathetic, because He knows obedience is costly

Conclusion? The Greater High Priest is Here

- Superior in identity: A supremely suitable Savior
- Superior in origin: Starting from a different place
- Superior in effect: Author of an eternal salvation

And so...

“...how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”
Hebrews 2:3a

For Life Group Discussion

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1. Why are you willing to get on a plane and entrust your life to the pilot? What are you assuming about him? How does that translate into our spiritual life?
2. Review the previous “better than” passages in this letter (Heb 1:1-4; 3:1-6). What did you learn? How are those passages related to 4:14-5:10?
3. Read Gen 2:16-17; Eze 18:4, 32; Rom 6:23a; Heb 9:22, and Jas 1:15. How is this sentence of death displayed in the function of the OT priest? (Note: Read Gen 3:21 for a preview)
4. Read the instructions for the Day of Atonement in Lev 16:3-31. What are 2 or 3 lessons that you learn about the High Priest? (note: Azazel = scape goat)
5. Read Heb 2:14-18; 4:15; & 5:7-8. When you are tempted, or put to the test by suffering, what difference do these verses make?
6. Read Heb 5:1-10. How does Jesus identity, appointment, and experience make Him superior to any earthly High Priest? What are your biggest take-aways from this passage? What questions do you still have?