

Hebrews: Radiance and Shadows
Lesson #7: His Radiance Outshines High Priests
Hebrews 4:14-5:10

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Touch this and you die!

1. In the Old Testament, the holiness of God made certain things untouchable and unapproachable.

- The holy of holies (in the Tabernacle and Temple)
- See Numbers 4:4-7; 15; 17-20

⇒ Touch it wrong and you die!

- The presence of God Himself.
- See Exodus 30:17-21; Leviticus 16:13; 22:9

⇒ Enter it wrong and you die!

2. What happens when God is approached wrongly?

- You die!
- See Leviticus 10:1-7; 2 Samuel 16:1-11

3. So how could humans approach God?

- High priests were appointed to approach God on our behalf.

- 4 qualifications of a high priest. (Hebrews 5:1-4)

- Human, deals with sin, gentle, called by God.

- Jesus fulfills all the qualifications to be the perfect high priest. (5:5-10)

- Amazingly, we can now approach God through Christ.

- Jesus is our great high priest. (4:14)

- He has gone through the heavens. (4:14)

- He was tempted yet without sin. (4:15)

- In Him we can approach God's throne. (4:16)

- With confidence.

- To receive mercy.

⇒ Touch this and you live!