



The Better Priest

Hebrews 5:1-10

Jesus Qualifies As Priest Better

- Because Jesus never sinned, He does not have to make a sacrifice on His own behalf to be able to serve mankind.
- Jesus is the best example we have of how to focus on the needs of people.
- Because of how Jesus fills the role of priest, we are able to come directly to God and ask forgiveness for our sins.
- Jesus fills the qualifications of priest better.
- Jesus comes from a higher order, an eternal priesthood, like that of Melchizedek.

Jesus Fills The Perfection of Priest Better

- Jewish priests had to sacrifice on behalf of themselves before they could sacrifice for others.
- Jewish priests were chosen from among men, but God chose to draw from a higher order of priest, the order of Melchizedek.
- Melchizedek preceded the Jewish priests; in fact, he is the first priest mentioned in the Bible.
- God included Melchizedek as a reminder that He is God of ALL people, not just the Jews.
- No one has an excuse for not knowing God.

Jesus Is The Better Priest

- Melchizedek is a “type” of Christ.
- Neither Melchizedek nor Jesus were appointed by people.
- Jesus offered up prayers on our behalf and endured the pain on our behalf.
- God raised Jesus back to life three days after His crucifixion, so death was conquered and sin defeated, Jesus was the perfection of priesthood.
- Jesus’ death opened the way through the curtain to enter the Holy of Holies.

Conclusion

- Jesus opened the way for all of us to approach God and serve Him as priests.
- Accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior washed our sins away; therefore, we no longer must conduct sacrifices.
- We are to hold each other accountable and seek ways to point people toward God.
- We meet together so we can serve one another.
- Let us be the priests we are called to be as we follow our High Priest, Jesus Christ, because He is the better priest.