

# The Superiority of Christ

## Jesus - Better Than Aaron and the Priesthood

### Hebrews 4:14-5:10

#### Introduction

So far in this series on the Superiority of Christ, we have seen that Christ is better than the:

- a) the prophets – Heb. 1:1-3
- b) the angels – Heb. 1:4-2:18
- c) Moses and the Law – Heb. 3:1-5
- d) Joshua and the Promised Land Rest Heb. 4:1-6

1. Jesus is better than \_\_\_\_\_ and the Levitical Priesthood.
2. Step by step, the writer of the book of Hebrews shows us the superiority of Christ over every part of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus is qualified to be our High Priest by virtue of His calling, \_\_\_\_\_, and suffering.
4. Jesus is a priest forever after the order of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. There are several things the writer wants us to consider:
  - The Levitical priesthood could not make anyone perfect before God.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ based upon the Levitical priesthood has been annulled.
  - Christ provides "a better hope, through which we draw near to God."
6. The writer begins by calling our attention to the specific and unique character of Jesus as our High \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The writer tells us to hold fast our confession knowing that we have a High Priest that has ascended into heaven and now \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf.

8. As our High Priest, Jesus understands and \_\_\_\_\_ us.
9. In Chapter One, the writer documents the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
10. In Chapter Two, he details the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
11. Now he reveals Jesus, as the Son of God, enthroned in \_\_\_\_\_, a High Priest who can sympathize with our weaknesses.
12. Jesus knows what it means to be \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Jesus offers us an invitation to come to the throne of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. We have a High Priest who is powerful yet \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Jesus provides \_\_\_\_\_ for us in our time of need.
16. How can Jesus be our High Priest when He is from the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the tribe of Levi?

**I. Christ's Divine Appointment (20-22)**

17. Aaron and his descendants served in the Levitical priesthood by \_\_\_\_\_ according to the command of God in Exodus 28: 1-4.
18. Jesus was made a priest with an \_\_\_\_\_ which King David refers to in Psalm 110: 4.
19. Jesus is both God's promise and guarantee of a better \_\_\_\_\_.
20. The Godhead decided Christ's divine office of High Priest long before the world was ever \_\_\_\_\_.
21. Christ's continuing \_\_\_\_\_ for us also illustrates the superiority of His priesthood.

## **II. Christ's Eternal Intercession (23-25)**

22. The Levitical priests were limited in their service because they were only \_\_\_\_\_.
23. They would serve until their \_\_\_\_\_, and then another priest would take their place.
24. Since His \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus "ever lives" to make intercession for us.
25. Jesus is a high priest who is holy, \_\_\_\_\_, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.
26. Yet, He reaches down to meet our needs. He came "according to the power of an endless life" and has been given an "\_\_\_\_\_ priesthood," making Him "able to save completely those who come to God through Him."
27. Jesus is able to do what the law could not do - make us \_\_\_\_\_ in the eyes of God.
28. Jesus is a better \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone from the Levitical priesthood of Aaron.

## **III. Christ Is God's Perfect Representative (26-27)**

29. The Levitical priests were \_\_\_\_\_ like everyone else.
30. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_.
31. His character was holy and His life \_\_\_\_\_.
32. He did not need to offer sacrifices for \_\_\_\_\_, making him the perfect eternal high priest.
33. One of the problems was that animal sacrifices were insufficient to cleanse their \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.
34. It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away \_\_\_\_\_.

35. But Jesus offered Himself "\_\_\_\_\_ for all!"
36. When you invite Jesus into your life, He has the ability and power to dramatically \_\_\_\_\_ your life.
37. His sacrifice on the Cross is sufficient to give you a completely new and \_\_\_\_\_ life.

## Conclusion

38. The Law could only point out that you were a sinner, and the Sacrificial System could only cover that sin with a \_\_\_\_\_; it could not remove it.

Jesus became the sacrifice that removes sin and the High Priest who accepts, forgives, and cleanses you from your sins.

The priestly intercession by Christ on our behalf cannot be limited by death! His sacrifice is a permanent one, offered once for all when He offered Himself.

## ANSWERS

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| 1. Aaron          | 19. Priesthood     | 37. Better     |
| 2. Judaism        | 20. Created        | 38. substitute |
| 3. Mission        | 21. Intercession   |                |
| 4. Melchizedek    | 22. Human          |                |
| 5. Law            | 23. Death          |                |
| 6. Priest         | 24. Ascension      |                |
| 7. Intercedes     | 25. Blameless      |                |
| 8. Represents     | 26. Unchangeable   |                |
| 9. Deity          | 27. Righteous      |                |
| 10. Humanity      | 28. Representative |                |
| 11. Heaven        | 29. Sinners        |                |
| 12. Tempted       | 30. Sinless        |                |
| 13. Grace         | 31. undefiled      |                |
| 14. Compassionate | 32. Himself        |                |
| 15. Help          | 33. Conscience     |                |
| 16. Judah         | 34. Sins           |                |
| 17. Birthright    | 35. Once           |                |
| 18. Oath          | 36. Change         |                |