

## Our Great High Priest, Part 2

Hebrews 5:1-10

*As we grow in our understanding of Who God is and who we are in comparison to Him, we recognize our desperate need for a mediator (priest) to represent us and reconcile us to God. And that mediator (priest) is none other than, Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Tim 2:5).*

- I. The qualifications for an \_\_\_\_\_ priest (1-4)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a priest (1-4)
    1. From among \_\_\_\_\_ (1-3)
    2. By \_\_\_\_\_ (4)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a priest (1b)
- II. The qualifications for a \_\_\_\_\_ priest (5-10)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (5-6, 10)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (7-9)
    1. In Jesus' weakness, He \_\_\_\_\_ (7)
    2. In Jesus' suffering, He \_\_\_\_\_ (8)

Until one gains an adequate sense of the overwhelming majesty of the thrice-holy God and simultaneously a true sense of one's sinfulness and unworthiness (as Isaiah did), one is not in a position to understand or appreciate the importance of priests and their work. Our failure on these two points probably is what makes the idea of priesthood unfamiliar and without apparent significance of meaning. One of the reasons that the Old Testament is indispensable to understanding the New Testament is exactly here, since on the one hand, it provides us with a sense of the sovereignty, majesty, and power of God, and on the other hand, it confronts us with the reality of human failures and needs. In the light of these two points, the importance of sacrifices and priests readily emerges.

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Into what infinite depths of humiliation did the Son of God descend! How unspeakably dreadful was His anguish! What a hideous thing sin must be if such a sacrifice was required for its atonement! How real and terrible a thing is the wrath of God! What love moved Him to suffer so on our behalf! What must be the portion of those who despise and reject such a Savior!

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