SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 4:14-5:10

SERMON: *Our Appointed High Priest!* 19 January 2020

INTRODUCTION: COMPARE IN ORDER TO CONTRAST (good, best)

- **A. ABSOLUTE, SUPERIOR SON** (1:1-3)
- **B. SUPERIOR TO ANGELS** (Savior > messengers; c.1,2); **TO MOSES** (Son over > servant in; c.3); **TO JOSHUA** (perfect rest > imperfect rest; c.4)
- C. MAIN POINT: SUPERIOR TO AARON (eternal priest > temporal priesthood (c.5-10; see 2:17; 3:1; 4:15)

COMPARISON: SIMILARITIES BETWEEN AARON AND JESUS (5:1-4)

- **A. TAKEN OUT OF MANKIND ON BEHALF OF MANKIND** (1; see Ex.18:21; Dt.17:15; Acts 6:3; priests, kings, prophets; elders, deacons; see 1:1-3; Jn.1:14; Phil.2:5f)
- **B. APPOINTED BY GOD FOR GOD** (1,4; see Ex.28:1f; see Lk.3:22; 4:18f; contrast prophet, prince; 1:1,3)
- **C. TO OFFER GIFTS & SACRIFICES** (1; 8:3; 9:9; see Mt.2:11; Eph.2:8; 2Cor.5:21)
- **D. WEAKNESS RESTRAINS PASSION AGAINST SIN & FOOLISHNESS** (2; 2:17,18;14f; 4:15,16; see Mt.5:7; 6:12; 7:5)
- E. MAKES OFFERING FOR HIMSELF THEN FOR THE PEOPLE (3; 7:27; 9:7; see Lev.9:7; 16:6)
- F. HONOR NOT TAKEN BUT GIVEN (4,5 /Num.16,17; 2Chr.26:18; yet Zech.6:13 /church offices)

CONTRAST: DISSIMILARITIES BETWEEN AARON AND JESUS (5:5-10)

- **A. THE SON OF GOD** (5; see 1:1f, 5f; 2:6f; 3:5/6 (Jer.33:21); 4:14; see Mt.3:17 (Is.53:4f) & 17:5)
- **B. THE ETERNAL PRIEST** (6,10; see 4:14; 1:3; see 7:23f)
- **C. THE OFFERING FOR HIMSELF** (3: 8:3; 9:9; see 10:10)
 - 1. deep faith in midst of deep trouble (7)
 - a. not for His sins (3; see 4:15; 7:26,27)
 - b. but in His righteousness of faith (i.e., piety; prayers & supplications; loud crying and bitter tears; see Psalms!, e.g., 22:1f; 116:1f; see Jn.11:41f; Lk.6:12; 9:28; 22:41f,44; see Habb.2:4; Heb.10:38; 11:4; Rom.1:17; Gal.3:11)
 - c. object of faith: the one able to save him out of death (7; see Ps.22:1f,9,21f; Heb.11:19; 12:2)
 - d. summary: saving sinners, therefore trouble and suffering
 - 2. perfect obedience in the midst of unfathomable suffering (8,9; 2:10f; 4:15)
 - a. learned obedience: from innocence to righteousness; from clean to holy (8; see Lk.1:52; Phil.2:5-8; see Heb.4:15 & Jn.8:29)
 - b. priest forever: the source of eternal salvation (9,10; 7:23-25; see 2Cor.5:21)
 - c. to those who obey Him (9; see 7f)

GO TO YOUR APPOINTED HIGH PRIEST, JESUS, THE SON OF GOD TO BE SAVED!

(5:1-10; see 4:14-17; 10:19f; 1Pt.3:18; Eph.2:5-10)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)