



**Series on the Book of Hebrews:
All of Jesus Means All of Us!**

Theme of the Month: Need-Oriented Evangelism



Scripture:
Hebrews
5:1-14 NLT
Holy Bible : New Living Translation.
1997 . Tyndale House: Wheaton, Ill.

Leviticus
16:20-34

Message Title:
**“Jesus, Our High Priest,
Perfectly Represents Everyone!”**



Context: Writer is comparing Christ the Great High Priest with Aaron the first high priest

The Comparisons =

- **Both were selected by God from among men (v.1a, 4)** = Our human pursuits are valid and honored even in our sinful state (There was **one** man IMPERFECTLY acceptable as a substitute for Israelites/foreigners under the Old Covenant. There is **ONE MAN** PERFECTLY acceptable as a substitute for ALL MEN under the New Covenant.)
- **Both were appointed to RE-PRESENT people before God (v.1b)** = Represent = to stand or act in the place of. The ONLY thing that makes you acceptable to God is the Person who represented your humanity to God in a perfect way...Jesus Christ! His perfection! His works!
His Faith!
- **Both were to pray and offer up sacrifices (v.1c)** = Thomas Torrance: "This is why we do not come to God worshipping Him and praying to Him in our own significance but in Jesus' name (character). Worship and prayer are not ways in which we express ourselves but ways in which we hold up before the Father His Beloved Son, taking refuge in His atoning sacrifice, and making that our only plea." – The Mediation of Christ, p.88



The Comparisons, Cont'd =

• **Both were to demonstrate compassion (v.2a, 8,9)**
= God keeps getting a bad rap about suffering in the world, even among believers, but we need to remember and trust that He “walked a mile in our moccasins”! In every case Jesus has already “out-suffered” us in suffering!!!

• **Both experienced infirmities of the flesh (v.2b, 3)** = Praise God! We don't have to get too discouraged about our discouragement or anyone else's!! The key is not to EVER place any confidence in self but to trust only in Jesus!!! Have faith for other people!!!! Yet Jesus was without sin!!
Hebrews 4:15.

Practical Help for Understanding and Sharing the Good News:

Jesus didn't just live, die, and rise up from the dead FOR us, but He did it AS us! Jesus isn't just the Savior FOR the World, He is the Savior OF the World!!!

We are only truly human in the humanity of Jesus Christ!!



The Contrasts =

- **Only Christ is called God's Son (v.5)** = Son doesn't mean anything like a human Son, it simply is a way of identifying the relationship that the One God has among His distinct Persons. "He who has seen me, has seen the Father"

- **Only Christ was given an Everlasting Priesthood (v.6a)** = The temple was still up at the time of this writing, but it is about ready to literally fall for good!

- *Permanent, Forever, and Everlasting* in the Old Testament never meant Forever, Forever! It's equivalent to "As long as you are in this house you will clean your room!"

- **Only Christ was made a priest after the order of Melchizedek (v.6b, 9-10)** = The only significance Melchizedek has is that he was a good example physically of what Christ is spiritually – there is no record of His beginning or end. **Hebrews 7.**

- **Only Christ cried out to the one who could deliver Him from death (v.7-8)** = Only Jesus was truly broken bread and poured out wine!! He KNOWS what it is like to be "stressed out of His gourd!"



Practical Help for Understanding and Sharing the Good News:

- **v.8, 9** The obedience of Christ in us is the obedience OF a Son, NOT obedience to become a son!!!! We obey because we are God's child, NOT to become God's child or remain God's child!! (*Baptism, Communion, Church, Fasting, Love for others etc. None of these things change anything! Only God changes anything, and He does it out of pure grace!!!*)
- **v. 11, 12** The scriptures are primarily about God as revealed in Christ, so let's stop going over the basics (thinking the scriptures are primarily about us!)
- **v.12, 13** A believer who is primarily centered on things other than Christ is on "milk" and considered a spiritual "baby". This is especially true of legalists!



Conclusion:

- **v.14** Jesus is Right, and as soon as I become identified with Him in His Rightness as my Representative and Substitute, I am immediately Sanctified (made right), and Obedient.

Response?

- **Recognize your Sonship in Christ (be Baptized, take Communion, and attend Worship Services with new motives! Give your life to Christ by recognizing that it is already in His Life Given for You!)**

- **Response Form**

