

The Perfect High Priest
Hebrews 5:1-10
9-11-22

Why can we come boldly before the throne of grace?

I. The Requirements of the High Priest

Hebrews 5:1-4 – *“For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.”*

II. The Perfect High Priest

Perfect Humility

Hebrews 5:5 – *“So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him...”*

Perfect Authority

Hebrews 5:5-6 – *“...You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”*

Perfect Reverence

Hebrews 5:7 – *“In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.”*

Perfect Obedience

Hebrews 5:8 – *“Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.”*

Perfect Completion

Hebrews 5:9 – *"And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him..."*

We can come boldly before the throne of grace because Jesus said we can!

Matthew 11:28 – *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

Growing Deeper This Week

1. What was the purpose of Old Testament priests? In what ways did Jesus fulfill these duties in his service as high priest of the people? What similarities does this passage show between Jesus's priesthood and typical priesthods.
2. What part does Jesus's humanity play in his priesthood? How does it help him be the best possible high priest for us?
3. Explain how Jesus can be weak and dependent in his human existence yet remain sinless.
4. How do Jesus's prayers and supplications during his earthly life show his solidarity with human beings?
5. What does it mean for Jesus to be a priest forever? How does Jesus's remaining a priest forever assure our faith and help us endure?
6. In your own words, explain what it means for Jesus to be made perfect through suffering?
7. Pray for your "one".