

# Letter to the Hebrews

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## Christ's Greater Priesthood

Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10

In this section Christ is both compared and contrasted to earthly priests. He is shown to be superior in all respects; in fact earthly priests no longer exist in God's perspective.

### 1. HIS ABODE:

Christ took up His office as High Priest upon His ascension to the Father; His priesthood is in Heaven and not on the earth as were all others (*Heb.4:14; 7:2; 8:1*).

### 2. HIS ANCESTRY:

Christ is the only begotten Son of God whereas all other priests were born of men (*Heb.4:14; 5:5; 1:5,6*).

### 3. HIS APPOINTMENT:

Both are appointed by God; human priests by the Law, Christ directly by God from Heaven (*Heb.5:1, 4, 5, 6, and 10*)

### 4. HIS AUTHORITY:

The human priesthood was temporary by reason of death, but Christ's is an eternal priesthood with continuing authority on behalf of men (*Heb.5:1, 6; 7:23, 24*).

### 5. HIS ATTRIBUTES:

Human priests were fallible sinners but Christ is a sinless sympathetic and merciful High Priest (*Heb.4:15; 5:2 3; 7:8 11, 23*).

### 6. HIS ACCESS:

Human priests offered gifts and sacrifices which must be repeated over and over. Christ, by virtue of being The Great Sacrifice and the Sacrificer, has perfect access to the Father in Heaven (*Heb.5:8, 9; 9:26-28*).

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## 7. HIS ACTIVITY:

Both the many human priests of the past and the only priest now in the presence of God, Jesus Christ, represent Man before God (*Heb.5:1*).

However, Christ's activity is in the very presence of God at His throne of grace (*Heb.4:16*).

## Application

1. Hold fast to your confession! That is hold fast to your confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ as your only hope of Heaven (*vs.14; Heb.10:23; 2 Cor.9:13*).

Beware – Christ's High Priestly activity in Heaven is only on behalf of those who know Him as the sole source of their eternal salvation.

2. Draw near to God through Christ. How often? As often as you need His help! How often is that? In every situation and circumstance of life (*vs.16; 7:19*).
3. Finally, be confident in the assurance of your salvation. Christ is on the throne. What type of throne? A throne of grace. He is your merciful High Priest eager to represent you before God (*vs.16; 3:6*).