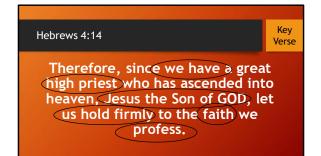


# Prayer

Father, you know our goals and dreams for the future, our deepest hurts and disappointments, our weaknesses and yes even our failures You understand us completely. Teach us to be open and honest with you Not for your benefit but for ours. May we tonight enter into your rest. May your word be **ALIVE ACTIVE** SHARP PENETRATING DIVIDING JUDGING OF OUR ATTITUDES OF HEART NOTHING IS HIDDEN FROM YOU We pray for the rest of knowing you. Open our minds to hope, joy, peace that only comes with you in our lives.





WE HAVE

a great high priest Who is in heaven We are to hold firmly. Grasp it as if nothing else matters. To a faith A faith that we shout to all to hear A faith based upon JESUS.





Up to this point in our study – Negative?

Prophets were not as good as Jesus bringing the message

The Angels were not as good as Jesus proclaiming the message

The great leader Moses not as good Jesus in honor

The great leader Moses not as good Jesus in bringing rest (Shabbat)

A little judgmental.

Here we step it up a notch

Start talking about FAITH 4:14

Priesthood and their relationship to faith

LISTEN CAREFULLY... FAITH IS MORE than A DEPENDENCE UPON SOMETHING

Story of the door to door witnesses.

Hey lets look at John 3:16

"Whoever has faith"

# FAITH IN WHAT.

Just exhibiting faith must be toward something.

FAITH CREATES SOMETHING IN US

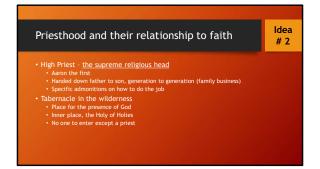
It produces a spiritual life

Rejection of revelation is not a good thing.

Acceptance of revelation and moving toward reconciliation is good

BUT THERE IS MORE

WITH RECONCILIATION COMES A PLUS- not free shipping but a spiritual life.



Not just a priest. One of many

Not just a High Priest. One that has taken the temporary job

BUT A GREAT HIGH PRIEST> BEST OF THE BEST

High Priest – the supreme religious head

Aaron the first

Handed down father to son, generation to generation (family business)

High Priest has special garments to set him apart from the ordinary priests

THE SUPREME MEDIATOR BETWEEN MAN AND GOD

Specific admonitions on how to do the job

Tabernacle in the wilderness

Place for the presence of God

Inner place, the Holy of Holies INSIDE OF THE VIEL

No one to enter except a priest

DAY OF ATONEMENT

Account of two sons of Aaron Hadab and Abihu

Brought their own fire to burn the sacrifice

They lit it up and they died

They could not wait for the Holy Fire to come

They saw the priesthood as something that could be done



Joy because all the garbage was cleaned out.

But they knew it would happen again

It had to be done over and over and over

Because sins would mount up

Garbage would not be taken out

Each sin, each falling short, each rebellion would put a shadow on their hearts

Every day after the day of atonement

Less and less joy in the house

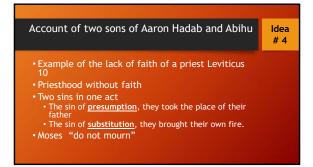
Guilt was a terrible thing

## LOGIC here

More sacrifices More perfect lambs would create more joy in the house Why not once a month? Why not once a week? Why not every morning and every evening? Why not a never ending sacrifice?

And the priest were no better.

They had their own sins. To be taken care of.



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#### 2 sins in one act

Take the place of the father Aaron Offering a strange fire.

### DO NOT grieve

Disrespect to the taker of the lives Not to think God was being a little to harsh



Had we a high priest who was cold and heartless;

who simply performed the external duties of his office without entering into the sympathies of those who came to seek for pardon;

who had never experienced any trials, and

who felt himself above those who sought his aid,

we should necessarily feel disheartened in attempting to overcome our sins, and to live to God.

His coldness would repel us; his stateliness would awe us;

his distance and reserve would keep us away, and perhaps render us indifferent to all desire to be saved.



Always on the watch for anything that would defile them.. Afraid of God and the heavenly zap

Became very aloof, though himself as being better than the common people

The were a part of a crew and populated with just your relatives A clan

**PASSIVE** always waiting for the next offering from the people, the next sacrifice from the people

No proactive duties.

**<u>STRUCK ME.</u>** 4:15.... The preacher was contrasting Jesus the perfect priest with the current High priest

Jesus was able to empathize . THE CURRENT PRIESTHOOD MUST HAVE BEEN UNABLE OR UNWILLING TO DO SO.

NOT ABLE TO SYMPATHIZE

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"Can's suffer fools easily" TERRIBLE THING TO SAY.

The priesthood was taught not to care Son to son to son to son There is no other way Can't get involved with the mundane We are doing God's business You will live this way You are better than them You are more spiritual You are closer to God than they Without Us they would never find God Without Us there is no atonement Without us there is no forgiveness of sin Without us there is no God to find We are the only representative of and to God If you see us you see God Without Us Israel really doesn't exist Without us God will never turn the people into the household.



Radical change from the priesthood of Aaron

One of the people . All the people

A representative of the people.

A servant to the people

One that has the people's heart

Gently

Ignorant

Going astray

He was one of them tempted in every way

Need not offer any sin for himself

He became the offering for all time for the people

Did not see himself as special

humble and meek of heart

Prayers of intercession for the people

Petitions to God for the people

Fervency Was an active role

God into the highways and biways and compel them to come in.

Tears.

It was all about compassion, empathy and sympathy

HEARD because of his reverent submission

heard not because he was the Son of God

Heard because he was willing to become a man and suffer in obedience From his suffering

MADE PERFECT

The source of intercession is perfect

Jesus is better

# Therefore...

#### Perfect Priest allows reconciliation

•Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with a confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Because He was tempted Because he has tenderness Because he has more than sympathy – gone to empathy Because he was tempted Because he was persecuted, Because he was poor Because he was despised Because he suffered physical pain Because he endured the sorrows of a lingering and most Cruel death BECAUSE HE DID IT ALL AND YET HE Did not sin Isaiah said: He had done no violence, neither was there any deceit in his mouth

Throw open the doors of heaven Let there be no constraints on the redeemed Prophets of Old stand to one side Angels you are not needed any more Moses your laws and oppressive regulations do not apply

Pull back the veil ... tear it down Let there be nothing that keeps me from GOD I COME Boldly to the throne room Step back Moses your honor is not as high as we We have an invitation written in blood My King is on the throne He is my brother I have a High Priest that welcomes us to the very throne of Grace. He who sits on the mercy seat reigns.

I do not hesitate, I do not tremble with head held low I do not fall on my knees For I have already been acknowledge and accepted by the King of Glory.

#### Questions of faith

- What qualifications did Jesus have to be the eternal High Priest?
  What personal attitude do you need to enter into the presence of God?
- What kind of relationship does Jesus the High Priest want with us?
  Have you ever felt reluctance to go to the High Priest with your needs or concerns?
  For you what is the significance of Jesus being the better High Priest and the better sacrifice?

#### Inspiration

How much does God care?

Big things ©
Little things ?

God cares about all things

Heir of God and Co-heir with Jesus
You are eternal
You have a crown
You are now a priest
You are a treasured possession
BEST OF ALL you are a child of the King

