

# WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson 9 - Part 3

### THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

#### Jesus Christ as High Priest

1. What is the work of a priest?

In the Old Testament who were chosen or appointed by God to be priests?

How were the priests set apart for their work?

What are priests of the family of Aaron called?

What was important for the priests to do?

Who only could go into the Most Holy Place?

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2. The work of a priest is to stand between a holy God and sinful people to pray for them. In the Old Testament the family of Aaron was chosen to be priests. They were set apart for this work by being anointed. They were called priests after the order of Aaron. It was very important for a priest to obey God in all things. Only the high priest could go into the Most Holy Place.

In this lesson we want to learn that Jesus Christ is our great High Priest and why He is our great High Priest.

Jesus Christ, as our great High Priest:

- Was appointed by God
- Obeyed God in everything
- Was chosen from among men
- Was tempted
- Knew suffering

Hebrews 4:14

*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.*

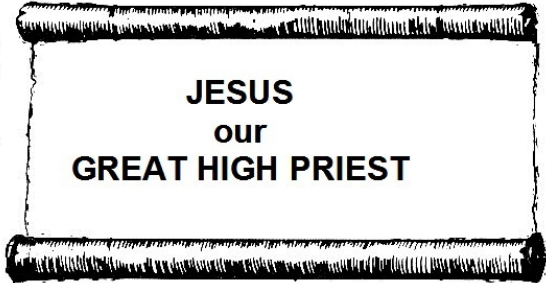
Hebrews 4:14 (KJV)

*Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*

Who is our great High Priest?

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3. Jesus is our great High Priest. In the Old Testament, the priests were appointed by God to come from the family of Aaron.



Hebrews 5:5

*So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."*

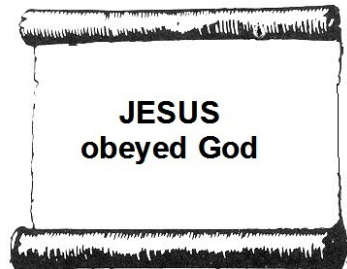
Who appointed the priests in the Old Testament?

Who appointed Jesus to be our great High Priest?

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4. God appointed the priests in the Old Testament. God appointed Jesus to be our great High Priest.

It was very important for the priests to obey God. They had to offer the sacrifices just like God said they were to be done. The high priest had to be very careful to obey God in all things before he went into the Most Holy Place.



Jesus came into this world to do God's will. To do God's will, He had to obey God.

Hebrews 10:7

*Then I said, "Here I am - it is written about me in the scroll - I have come to do your will, O God."*

What did Jesus want to do?

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5. Jesus came to do God's will. He obeyed God in everything.

Philippians 2:8

*And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!*

Why is Jesus our great High Priest?

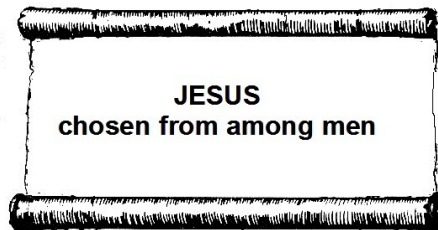
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- He was tempted.
- He knew suffering.

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6. Jesus Christ is our great High Priest:

- He was appointed by God.
- He obeyed God in everything.
- He was chosen from among men.
- He was tempted.
- He knew suffering.

In the Old Testament the priests were chosen from the family of Aaron. These men were chosen from among the people. Therefore they understood other people.



Hebrews 5:1

*Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.*

Jesus is called the Son of God and the Son of Man. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

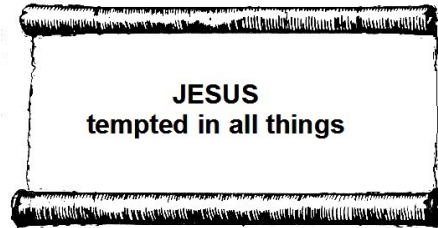
Hebrews 4:15

*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize (understand) with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.*

Because Jesus is fully man, what can He do?

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7. Because Jesus is fully man, He can understand our weaknesses. This is very important for a high priest. He knows what it feels like to be tempted because He was tempted like we are tempted.



Jesus was tempted like we are tempted, but what did He not do?

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8. Jesus did not sin even though He was tempted. He did not sin and so He can help us to have victory when we are tempted.

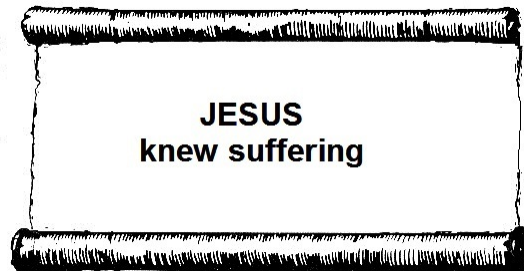
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9. Jesus is our great High Priest because:

- He was appointed by God.
- He obeyed God in everything.
- He was chosen from among men.
- He was tempted.
- He knew suffering.



When Jesus lived in this world, He saw a lot of suffering. Many people followed Him to see His works and to hear Him preach. There also were many enemies who watched all He did and said. They wanted to kill Him. Jesus knew this very well.

How did the people treat Jesus?

John 6:66

John 7:20

John 7:30

John 7:44

John 7:48

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10. Many disciples turned back. The enemies said Jesus was demon possessed. They tried to take Jesus. The Pharisees did not believe in Him. To see more of the suffering of Jesus, read John chapter 19.

Hebrews 9:26

*Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.*

In what way did Jesus suffer?

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11. Jesus suffered a lot when He died as a sacrifice on the cross. Jesus knew suffering as much as anyone will ever know suffering. Because of this He can understand us when we suffer.

Hebrews 2:18

*Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

Hebrews 5:8

*Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered.*

Who suffered when He was tempted?

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12. Jesus suffered when He was tempted. Yet in all his suffering He obeyed God.

Why is Jesus our great High Priest?

- He was appointed by God.
- He obeyed God in everything.
- He was chosen from among men.
- He was tempted.
- He knew suffering.

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13. It is great to have Jesus Christ as our great High Priest. He was appointed by God. He obeyed God in everything. He was chosen from among men. He was tempted and understands us when we are tempted. He knew suffering.

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14. Why is Jesus our great High Priest?

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