

**WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST**

**Lesson 9 - Part 5**

**THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST**

**The work of Jesus Christ as High Priest**

1. Jesus is a priest in the order of

In what ways are Jesus and Melchizedek alike?

- They are not from the
- They are called
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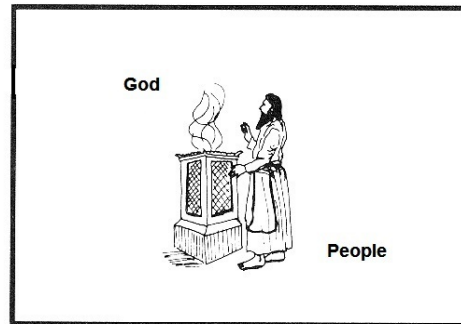
2. Jesus is a priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Jesus and Melchizedek are alike in that:

- They did not come from the tribe of Levi.
- They are called "priest forever."
- They are greater than Abraham.
- They are priests and also kings of righteousness and peace.

In this lesson we want to learn some more about the work of Jesus Christ as High Priest.

- Jesus Christ as the sacrifice.
- Jesus Christ as the intercessor.



Who is a priest?

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3. A priest is a man who stands between God and man and prays to a holy God for guilty sinners. In the Old Testament, a priest would make a sacrifice when he wanted to pray for people who had sinned. **Read** Leviticus chapters four and five.

Leviticus 5:5,6

*When anyone is guilty in any of these ways, he must confess in what way he has sinned and, as a penalty for the sin he has committed, he must bring to the LORD a female lamb or goat from the flock as a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin.*

If a person was too poor to bring a lamb, he would bring two doves and two pigeons or some fine flour.

The person who sinned had to confess his sin, and bring a sacrifice. Then the priest would make atonement for the person who had sinned.

What did the priest have to offer before sin could be forgiven?

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4. The priest had to make a sacrifice. The priests used lambs, bulls, doves, and pigeons. Jesus is a priest and He made a sacrifice for sin.

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.*

Who was the sacrifice?

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5. Jesus gave Himself as a sacrifice. The priests had to make sacrifices many times.

Hebrews 9:12

*He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.*

<b>Priests</b>	<b>Jesus</b>
<b>sacrificed</b>	<b>sacrificed</b>
<b>sheep, goats</b>	<b>Himself</b>

How often did Jesus make a sacrifice for sin?

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6. Jesus Christ made a sacrifice for sin once.

Hebrews 9:28

*So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.*

What does the sacrifice of Christ do?

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7. The sacrifice of Christ takes away the sins of many people. In the Old Testament, the priests also had to make sacrifices for their own sin.

Leviticus 4:3

*If the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, he must bring to the LORD a young bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has committed.*

<b>Priests sinned</b>	<b>Jesus had no sin</b>
<b>sacrificed for his sin</b>	<b>sacrificed for sins of others</b>

If a priest sinned, what did he have to do?

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8. The priest had to bring a sacrifice for himself. Jesus is different.

1 Peter 2:22,24

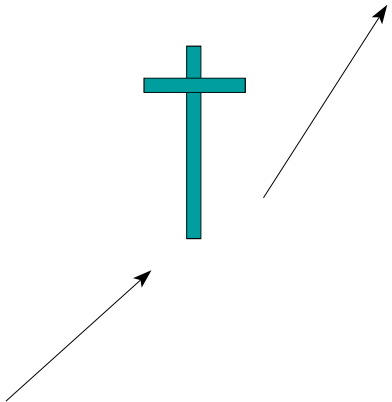
*He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.*

Did Jesus die for his own sin?

For whom did Jesus die?

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9. Jesus did no sin, and therefore He did not have to die for His own sin. He died for the sins of people.



**GOD**

God is holy. There is no sin in Him.

“And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory,” Isaiah 6:3 (KJV)

**Jesus** is the Mediator - because He died for the sins of all people

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all,” 1 Timothy 2:5 (KJV)

**People** have sinned. They cannot come to the holy God as they are. Their sins need to be forgiven. When a person admits, confesses his sin, and asks Jesus to forgive him, Jesus will do that. Then the person can come to the holy God through Jesus Christ.

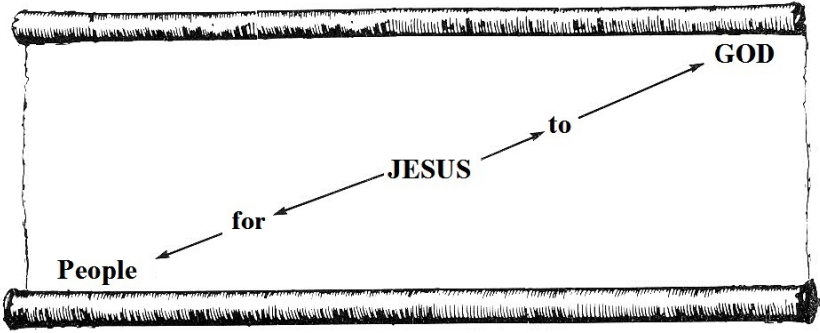
“Having therefore a great high priest who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who cannot have compassion on our infirmities, but one tried as we are in all things except sin. Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:14-16 (KJV)

What is the work of Jesus Christ as High Priest?

- He was a
- He is the Intercessor.

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10. The work of Jesus Christ as High Priest was as a sacrifice and now as an intercessor. Jesus died so sinners



could be forgiven. He does more than this. Jesus is also an intercessor. An intercessor is one who prays for another, as a go-between two people.

Jesus began the work of intercession while He still lived in the world. John chapter 17 is a prayer Jesus prayed not long before He died. **Read** this chapter.

For whom did Jesus pray?

- John 17:15
- John 17:9
- John 17:20

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11. Jesus prayed for Himself, for His disciples, and for all believers. After Jesus went to heaven, He is still praying for believers.

Romans 8:34

*Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

What does Jesus do for us?

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12. Jesus Christ intercedes or prays for us.

Hebrews 7:25

*Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*

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13. Jesus Christ intercedes for us.

1 John 2:1

*My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.*

Who speaks for Christians when they sin?

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14. Jesus Christ speaks for us when we sin. The King James Version says

Jesus Christ is an advocate. Jesus speaks for us like a lawyer speaks in court for the one who has done wrong.

1 John 2:2

*He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Why can Jesus speak for us?

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15. Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice. Because of this He can speak for us.

Hebrews 7:24

*But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent (unchangeable) priesthood.*

Why does Jesus have the right to speak for us?

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16. Because Jesus, as our great High Priest, lives forever, He has the right to speak for us.

What is the work of Jesus Christ as High Priest?

- He was the sacrifice.
- He is the

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17. The work of Jesus Christ as High Priest was as a sacrifice and now is as intercessor.

**In a paper of 250 words, write how Jesus Christ as High Priest intercedes for you. Use at least two Bible verses to tell why you believe that Jesus Christ is praying for you.**

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18. What is the work of Jesus Christ as High Priest?

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Write out Hebrews 7:25.

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**Questions from Lesson 9.**

1. One work of Jesus is

We know this because:

- The Old Testament said that a \_\_\_\_\_ like Moses would come.
- The words of Jesus came true and this shows that He is a true \_\_\_\_\_
- The people said Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus said He was a \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_ speaks the Word of God and Jesus spoke the word of God.

2. What is the work of a priest?

In the Old Testament, who were chosen 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?

3. Why is Jesus our great High Priest?

- He was \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ God in everything.
- He was \_\_\_\_\_ from among men.
- He was \_\_\_\_\_
- He knew \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Write out Hebrews 7:25.

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