

Jesus as Priest

I. The Three-Fold Office of Christ: Prophet, Priest, King

- A. Prophet – To know God, he must reveal himself.
- B. Priest - Sin must be dealt with if we are to live in God's presence and not be consumed by just wrath.
- C. King - God's people need to live under his good rule.

II. What is the Role of the High Priest?

- A. What did the priests do?
 - 1. Leviticus
 - 2. Hebrews 9:1-3, 6-7
- B. Who were the priests? (Ex. 28:1, 30:30)
- C. To summarize the role of the high priest, see Hebrews 5:1

III. Jesus is the Great High Priest

- A. Jesus is "the great high priest" because he is the Son of God become man
 - 1. Son of God (Heb. 4:14, 1:3, 1:8-9)
 - 2. Perfect Man (Heb 4:15, 1 Tim. 2:5)
- B. Jesus is appointed by the Father to be the high priest of the New Covenant
 - 1. He is appointed by God (Heb. 5:4-6, 10)
 - 2. After the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 5:10, Gen. 14:18-20, Psalm 110:4)
 - 3. The New Covenant means a new priesthood (Heb. 7:11-12, 15-17, 22)

IV. Jesus's Person and Work as The Great High Priest

- A. Permanent priesthood (7:23-24)
- B. He saves completely and always intercedes for those who trust him (Heb. 7:25)
- C. He is holy and without sin (7:26-27, 4:15)
- D. His sacrifice is "once for all" (7:27; 10:1-2, 11-14)
 - 1. He is the perfect sacrifice
 - 2. He sat down at the right hand of the Father
- E. He opens up direct access to God (10:19-22)

V. Application

- A.** Praise God that we have a high priest who has faced temptation and never failed (Heb. 4:15)
 - 1. He was truly tempted, thus, he understands our weakness.
 - 2. He never sinned for us!

- B.** Draw near to God's throne confidently (Heb. 4:16, 10:19-22)

- C.** Our hope is secure in him, so don't let go of him (Heb. 10:23)

- D.** Live like a kingdom of priests
 - 1. Proclaim God's excellencies (1 Pet. 2:9)
 - 2. Pray for one another (James 5:16)
 - 3. Encourage fellow believers as we gather together to worship (Heb. 10:24-25)