

Christ the High Priest
Hebrews 5:1-6
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from comparing human priests of the Old Testament & Christ as the High Priest.

- Intro:
1. Mankind is a finite being. As such man has many limitations.
 - a. Even those who served as priests.
 2. Today we will compare the priests of men and Christ as our High Priest.

I. The Human Priest & His Qualifications

A. His duties

1. The high priest was for men to serve as priest for them as God had prescribed (**Heb 5:1**)
2. The priest was to serve others and he himself also had to offer up sacrifice for his sins as well (unlike Christ). (**Heb 5:2-3**)

B. Called by God

1. No priest was selected by men, but were chosen by God (**Heb 5:4; Ex 28:1,5**)
2. These priests are chosen by God, appointed by God. Denominations who have so called “priests” today choose these individuals themselves.

II. The Son of God as High Priest

A. Christ chosen by God to be Priest (**Heb 5:5-6**)

1. Christ was superior to the priesthood of Aaron.
2. The priesthood of Jesus is in likeness to the order of Melchisedec.
 - a. Melchisedec was a priest during the time of Abraham (**Genesis 14**).

B. Christ is our obedient priest

1. He cried out to Him who could save Him-God (**Heb 5:7**).
2. Though He learned obedience obeying God’s will by suffering and dying for mankind (**Heb 5:8**).

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Christ’s obedience is an example for us today (**Heb 5:9-10**)

1. Christ is not only our Supreme High Priest, He is our obedient High Priest.
2. Christ provided examples for us and we should follow His obedient & sacrificial Example (**1 Pt 2:21**)

B. Man cannot do what Christ has done.

1. It is not fair to God to attempt to bear the sin of others (**Ezk 18:19-25**)
2. Man must realize that only true obedience brings life.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Christ is our example of obedience. Are you following His example?
2. Our hope resides in Christ and not in man.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9