

LIFE-Groups

Growth Assignment—Week #11

—Heb 4:14-16

A priest is one who is duly authorized to minister in sacred things, particularly to offer sacrifices at the altar, and who acts as a mediator between men and God.¹ The first office of priest was given to Aaron and passed on also to his sons. So the priests were of the line and descendents of Aaron. The Priest was chosen of God (Heb 5:1,4) to be the representative of the people as a mediator between man and God. The people brought their sacrifices to the priest who then offered the sacrifice up to God on their behalf. It was the High Priest who was then chosen once a year for the Day of Atonement to go into the Holy of Holies to offer the blood of atonement on the mercy seat to cover the sins for the people of Israel. Throughout the book of Hebrews, Jesus is shown to be the great High Priest who offered himself once and for all for the sins of the people. We will look into this in more detail later in Hebrews 7-10.

Let's Review: Read the verses below and see what the writer of Hebrews has already said about Jesus as our High Priest.

Hebrews 2:17—Jesus is a

Hebrews 3:1-2—Jesus is the

Hebrews 4:14—Jesus is a

Now Let's God Back: Let's look briefly at the priesthood of Aaron in the Old Testament.

Exodus 28:1-5;41—What identified Aaron as priest?

Exodus 29:1-9;44—How were they consecrated unto God?

Jesus as Our High Priest: Now let's look at Jesus as our High Priest and note the differences that make Jesus our Great High Priest: (More will come later)

Jesus is A Great High Priest Who:

Vs 14—has gone

Vs 15—who is able

The OT Priest only

The OT Priest wasn't

Vs 15—Who has been

Vs 15—Yet was

The OT Priest wasn't

The OT Priest wasn't

Jesus as our Advocate: read the following passages to see how Jesus is described:

1 John 2:1—What is Jesus called?

Zechariah 3:1-10—What does the angel do?

How do these images point to Jesus as our High Priest?

The Throne Of Grace: We are encouraged to come before the throne of Grace.

With _____

WHY? Vs 15—

WHY? Vs 16—

What comfort do we get from knowing that we can approach the throne of grace?