



Such a High Priest Is Perfectly Fitting

Lesson Twenty-Four • Hebrews 7:26–8:3

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A Doctrinal Pinnacle and Spiritual Pivot with Pastoral Passion!

“For it is indeed fitting for us to have such a high priest...a Son made perfect forever.” (7:26, 28)

“Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We have such a high priest...” (8:1 NET)

- **Doctrinal Pinnacle:** The eternal priesthood of the Son who **BECAME** a Son *sums up Ch 7 (7:28) plus the entire section (4:14–5:6 and 10:19–25) and the entire sermon-letter (1:13; 13:10–11, 15).*
- **Spiritual Pivot:** From Jesus’ *greater priestly order* like Melchizedek to His *better priestly* **MINISTRY** as a Son who is forever made perfect as our eternal perfecting High Priest! (7:28; 8:2, 6; Ch 8–10)
- **Pastoral Passion:** **APPLY** our doctrinal learning in practical living! (7:26, “us;” 8:1 “we”)

Stand Atop This Pivotal Pinnacle and Hear the Voice of God:

*“In Jesus You Have What I Require for a **PERFECTLY FITTING** High Priest for Sinners,
Because He Is My Son Who Became a Son Forever Made Perfect by Me for You!”*

Such a High Priest Is Perfectly Fitting

1. Such a High Priest Is Perfectly Fitting for Us as **SINNERS**. (7:26–28)

“Perfectly Fitted...”

By God *for* Himself— this is the high priest God **REQUIRES** to be perfected as a Son to enter God’s holy presence.

By God *for* sinners – this is the high priest we **NEED** to be perfected to enter God’s holy presence!

How Is Jesus Perfectly Fitted by God to Be the High Priest for Sinners?

- Perfectly fitted with **PERSONAL** purity. (v. 26)
 1. Jesus is a perfectly **LOYAL** covenant keeper. “*holy*”
 2. Jesus is perfectly *without* **BLAME**. “*innocent*”
 3. Jesus is perfectly *without* **STAIN**. “*undefiled*”
 4. Jesus has perfectly **ASCENDED** into God’s presence and is forever **EXALTED** as the God-Man who is our Mediator. “*separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens*”
- Perfectly fitted with **PRIESTLY** purity. (v. 27)
 1. Jesus has no need to **DAILY** offer up sacrifices for His own sins and then the sins of God’s people.
 2. Jesus’ personal purity enables Him to have a priestly purity where He is perfectly fitted to offer up **HIMSELF ONCE** for all – *never to be repeated in heaven or on earth!*
- Perfectly fitted with **PURPOSEFUL** purity. (v. 28)

Levitical High Priests	Jesus Our Perfectly Fitting High Priest
Appointed by the Law	Declared Such by God's Spoken Word with His Oath (Which Came After the Law)
Weak by Their Fallen Flesh and Destined to Die	Powerful as the Sinless Loyal One Who Lives Forever
Men Who Are Sinners in Need of Being Perfected	The God-Man Who Is a Son Forever Made Perfect by God

Jesus Is Perfectly Fitted with Purposeful Purity

He is the Son of God who became a sinless Son of Adam, Abraham, Judah, and David to be made perfect forever as the High Priest God requires and we need as sinners!

2. Such a High Priest Is What We Already HAVE in Jesus. (8:1-3)

We Already Have a Son Forever Made Perfect

- With greater priestly QUALIFICATIONS than Aaron. (4:14–5:10)
 - With a greater priestly ORDER like Melchizedek. (7:1-28 with the warning of 5:11-6:20!)
 - With a greater priestly MINISTRY as a Son forever made perfect. (7:28; 8:1-3)
1. A SEATED High Priest at the right hand of God in the heavens. (8:1; Psalm 110:1, 4)
 2. A SERVING High Priest in the true tabernacle set up by Lord in the heavens. (8:2-3)

Five Aspects of Priestly Ministry

- **The Mediator:** *Who does the sacrificing?* (7:26, 28; 8:1; focus of Ch 7)
- **The Sacrifice:** *What is sacrificed?* (7:27; 8:3; focus of Ch 9)
- **The Sinners:** *For whom it is sacrificed?* (7:25, 27; see also 2:5-13; 6:17; focus of the warning passages)

WARNING: Who Receives Eternal Salvation from This Perfectly Fitted High Priest?

All those who OBEY Him! (5:9-10)

- **By saving faith** that is given by God's grace to our hearts as sinners.
- **With persevering faith** like Jesus' that did not fall away from trusting God during trials and temptation.
- **And obedient faith** like Jesus' that cries out in prayer to forsake sin and remain obedient.
- **The Sanctuary:** *Where is it sacrificed?* (8:1-2; Ch 9)
- **The Covenant:** *Why is it sacrificed?* (7:12, 22, 28; Ch 8 but also Ch 9–10)

"covenant" in 7:22 [cf. 7:12, 28]; 8:6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13; 9:1, 4 [2x], 15 [2x], 16, 17, 18, 20; 10:16, 29 plus 12:24; 13:20

A Better Mediator – *A Son Forever Perfected as the Eternal High Priest!* (4:14–7:28)

A Better Ministry – *Enters God's Holy Presence in Heaven!* (8:1-6)

A Better Covenant – *Newly Established on Better Promises!* (8:7-13)

A Better Sanctuary – *Heavenly Not Made with Hands!* (9:1-10)

A Better Sacrifice – *Himself Once for All!* (9:11-28)

A Better Outcome – *Made Perfect by Transformation!* (10:1-18)

A Better Hope – *Christ Has Appeared, Is Appearing, and Will Appear Again!* (9:11, 24, 28)

The Main Point of What Is Being Taught: *In Jesus We Have Such a Perfectly Fitted High Priest!*

1. **Don't settle** for anyone or anything less than what is best!
2. **Hold fast** to this confession because it's morally necessary (*"fitting"*) for salvation. (4:14; 10:21-25)
3. **Draw near** to God through Jesus for salvation and to persevere with an obedient faith until our final salvation.

"Entrance into the presence of the God of this universe is an inestimable privilege and blessing— available for all those who seek to follow our forerunner in faith. We should not take that privilege lightly but treasure it and take advantage of it every day." – Doug Moo