

A Priestly Comparison

Read Hebrews 7:22–8:7. Then, complete the following to contrast the Old Testament sacrificial covenant with the new covenant that we now have in Christ Jesus with respect to the role of the priest in each.

Priests of the Old Covenant

Jesus, Priest of the New Covenant

pointed to Jesus	Hebrews 7:22 _____ _____
(Hebrews 7:23) _____	is the sole priest of the new covenant
rotated, changed, died	Hebrews 7:24–25 _____ _____
sacrificed repeatedly	Hebrews 7:27 _____ _____
were men who were weak, sinful	Hebrews 7:28 _____ _____
served on earth	Hebrews 8:1 _____ _____
(Hebrew 8:4) _____	offered Himself

The Beatitudes

Using the chart, summarize Matthew 5:2–12, the Beatitudes. In the left column, write the description of the believers, according to the beatitude. In the center column, place the verse number of the beatitude. In the third column, record the blessing received from Christ according to the beatitude. There are nine in all.

Beatitude	Verse(s)	Blessing Described

Parable of the Prodigal Son

Characters: FATHER, SON, WILD FRIENDS, SERVANTS

SON: Father, I have done enough work; please give me my inheritance because I want to enjoy my life now while I am young!

FATHER: If you are sure that is what you want, then I will do as you wish.

SON: Thank you. I am off to the big city! (*Walks as if traveling to a far away land*) It's great to be with my wild friends having a good time.

WILD FRIENDS: Thanks, buddy, for all the fun!

SON: I am almost out of money. Does anyone want to pay for something?

WILD FRIENDS: No way! We don't waste our money that way. Call us when you have money again. (*WILD FRIENDS walk away.*)

SON: I don't know what I am going to do. I don't have any more money, and my friends won't help me. I will have to get a job. (*Walks a short distance, makes motions as if feeding pigs*) This job is the only one I could find, and it is the lowest of jobs! Feeding pigs! The owner doesn't even feed me as well as he does these pigs. (*Stops to think*) My father takes care of his servants better than I am being treated. I think I will return to him. Of course, I can't expect that I would be treated like a son after what I did, but being treated like one of his servants would be better than the life I am living now.

FATHER: (*Sees his SON walking toward him and runs to greet him*) Son, you have returned!

SON: I am not worthy to be your son any longer. Please let me be one of your servants.

FATHER: Servants, bring me my best coat to put on my son and make a wonderful feast of all his favorite foods! My son was dead but now is alive. My son was lost but now is found! We will celebrate!

Act, Pray, Speak

Next to each situation, write what kind of witness is taking place. Is the subject *setting an example of the faith, praying for another to come to faith, or openly talking about Christ?*

1. Whenever Diane visits her grandma, she brings her Bible along and curls up to read it while her grandmother watches television.

2. Tim can't attend the baseball game on Sunday. He explains to his teammates why attending church to worship the Savior is important to him.

3. Ryan's family just lost their home in a tornado. Daniel offers him words of comfort using Holy Scripture to tell him about Jesus.

4. Becky's cousin Joanie doesn't think Jesus is real. Becky silently asks the Holy Spirit to come into Joanie's heart.

5. Josh mows his neighbor's lawn for free.

6. Elaine tells her mom everything she learns in church youth group.

7. Joy forgives Bridget for lying.
