

Just What We Need

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RECAP:	<p>Last week we finished up Chapter 4 of Hebrews.</p> <p>—We saw how Jesus’ humanity is beneficial for us as He is our high priest.</p> <p>— —He can sympathize with us and the things that we go through because of His humanity.</p> <p>— — —Jesus, being our high Priest, gives believers access to God anytime we want to come to Him.</p> <p>— — — —So, if we have Christ we can come to God anytime knowing that we are not looked at under judgment but under the grace of God because of Jesus and we are seen as righteous.</p> <p>— — — — —We need to practice what Christ does: sympathy, tenderness, compassion, mercy, and grace with fellow believer in Christ.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>So this week God thought I needed the gospel. As I began to write this sermon I could not get past the gospel.</p> <p>—I set out to cover so much more but God was not ready for us to move on.</p> <p>— —Today you are going to get a lot of the gospel and hopefully you need know that you need the gospel.</p> <p>— — —Until we can live the gospel out perfectly we need to hear the gospel.</p> <p>— — — —We will see how Jesus is the perfect Great High Priest and meets the qualification of that office.</p> <p>— — — — —We will see how His sacrifice is superior to <u>ANY</u> other offer that has ever been offered.</p> <p>— — — — — —So, let’s get some gospel this morning. Sit back and soak it in, feel the grace and mercy of God this morning, feel the conviction of your sinfulness, but feel the thankfulness and life God proves for us in the gospel.</p>
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<p>Hebrews 5:1–4 (NASB95): 1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;</p> <p>2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness;</p> <p>3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.</p> <p>4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.</p>	<p>Now we get some reminders about the high priests that would serve Israel back in the day.</p> <p>— We will see as we go through the high priests qualifications that not only does Jesus meet the qualifications but He surpasses the qualifications of high priest.</p> <p>— — Israel’s high priests could be traced back to Aaron, Moses brother: READ: Exodus 28:2–3 (NASB95): 2</p> <p>“You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 “You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me.</p> <p>— — — The high priest’s job, in an abbreviated description, was to represent the people before God.</p> <p>— — — — As our passage tells us that the high priest was selected from the people.</p> <p>— — — — — How was the high priest chosen?</p>
	<p>It was not from a democratic process but as verse 4 tells us, he was appointed by God not man.</p> <p>— The high priest was selected from man but it was God that did the selecting.</p> <p>— — The high priest does not appoint himself, the people do not appoint him, but God appoints him.</p> <p>— — — This office of high priest was a divine calling by God to represent the people to God.</p> <p>— — — — It was not just some of the high priests but as our passage tells us, EVERY high priest was appointed by God from man.</p>

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	<p>Why is it important that the high priest was selected from the people?</p> <p>— Well, as state earlier, the high priest represented the people to God and in ways, God to the people.</p> <p>— — So, the high priest had to identity with the people that he would be serving.</p> <p>— — — Yet the high priest had to be separate from the people as well. They had a special role to play and needed to be distinct from the people as well as identifying with the people.</p> <p>— — — — Author W. Pink wrote, “An angel would be no fitting priest to act on behalf of men, for he possesses not their nature, is not subject to their temptations, and has no experimental acquaintance with their sufferings; therefore is he unsuited to act on their behalf: therefore is he incapable of having ‘compassion’ upon them, for the motive-spring of all real intercession is heartfelt sympathy.”</p> <p>— — — — — Only a priest who can personally restated to humanity is fit to be the high priest.</p>

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	<p>In seeing the first qualification of being a high priest we can see one of the reason that Jesus took on humanity.</p> <p>—He took on humanity for us! So that He could be our High Priest.</p> <p>— —He could not have offered the once for all sacrifice for sin if He was not our High Priest.</p> <p>— — —Pink wrote, “The Divine Incarnation was an imperative necessity if salvation was to be secured for God’s elect. ‘It was necessary for Christ to become a real man, for as we are very far from God, we stand in a manner before Him in the person of our Priest, which could not be were He not one of us.’”</p> <p>— — — —So as High Priest Jesus offered a sacrifice on behalf of us to God so we could be right in God’s sight (righteous).</p> <p>— — — — —<u>READ: Romans 5:8 (NASB95):</u> 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.</p> <p>— — — — —<u>READ: Hebrews 9:11–12 (NASB95):</u></p> <p>11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; 12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.</p>

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	<p>The next piece of the verse tells us that the high priest is “appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God offering both gifts and sacrifices for sins.”</p> <p>— In the Old Testament the high priest performed all the typical responsibilities of the priest but he had extra jobs as well.</p> <p>— — The high priest would be the only one who sacrificed on the Day of Atonement when he would take 2 goats and a ram.</p> <p>— — — READ: Leviticus 16:5–10 (NASB95): 5 “He shall take from the congregation of the sons of Israel two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. 6 “Then Aaron shall offer the bull for the sin offering which is for himself, that he may make atonement for himself and for his household. 7 “He shall take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the doorway of the tent of meeting. 8 “Aaron shall cast lots for the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for the scapegoat. 9 “Then Aaron shall offer the goat on which the lot for the Lord fell, and make it a sin offering. 10 “But the goat on which the lot for the scapegoat fell shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make atonement upon it, to send it into the wilderness as the scapegoat.</p> <p>— — — — The high priest would kill one of the goats and the other goat would be the scapegoat.</p> <p>— — — — — The high priest would lay his hands on the scapegoats head and confess the sins of the people before God and send the goat into the desert.</p> <p>— — — — — — This act represented the peoples’ sins belong atoned for.</p>

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	<p>The people would bring their gifts and sacrifices to the high priest and he would sacrifice them on behalf of the people.</p> <p>— These gifts were brought to remove sin, to reconcile the people to God, and have God’s grace fall on them.</p> <p>— — The problem with these gifts is they were not lasting.</p> <p>— — — They had to be done over and over again because the sin that persisted in the people’s lives.</p> <p>— — — — This is why as the Great High Priest, Jesus made the once for all sacrifice, for those who would believe, so that we would not have to continually bring incomplete sacrifices.</p> <p>— — — — — Jesus, the Great High Priest, offered Himself as the once for all time sacrifice for those who are believer in Him.</p> <p>— — — — — — READ: Hebrews 10:10–13 (NASB95): 10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.</p>

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	<p>In the Old Testament they were taught that they could not approach God directly because they were sinful.</p> <p>— There was a gap between God and them that they could not span.</p> <p>— — We see that span is there from our sin: <u>READ: Genesis 3:24 (NASB95): 24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.</u></p> <p>— — — <u>READ: Isaiah 59:2 (NASB95): 2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,</u></p> <p><u>And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.</u></p> <p>— — — — Sin alienated us from life in God: <u>READ: Ephesians 4:17–19 (NASB95): 17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.</u></p> <p>— — — — — But Christ came and bridged the span as sacrifice and as High Priest between God and humanity.</p> <p>— — — — — Christ takes aliens and dead people walking and turns us into citizens of God’s kingdom full of abundant life.</p>

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	<p>Pink wrote, “(Christ) He not only became Man, but had received appointment from God to act on behalf of, in the stead of, men: ‘Lo I come, to do Thy will, O God’, announce both the commission He had received from God and His own readiness to discharge it.”</p> <p>—Now when Christians bring their gifts and sacrifices to God, it is not for atonement, reconciliation, redemption, or any of those things that Christ has done for us.</p> <p>— —Our gifts and sacrifices are out of love, appreciation, thanksgiving, honor, and obedience to God.</p> <p>— — —If we have Christ, if He is Lord and Savior of our lives, then we have direct access to God for all time and He sees us as righteous, clean, redeemed, atoned, members of the kingdom, and His children.</p> <p>— — — —None of those things are based on us but on what our Great High Priest did and does for us.</p> <p>— — — — —<u>READ: Ephesians 2:8–9 (NASB95): 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 <u>not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.</u></u></p>
	<p>So, what is our take away? How do we apply these things to our lives?</p> <p>—It is not about you!!!! It is about God and God alone.</p> <p>— —Anything we do for God should be out of love, appreciation, thanksgiving, honor, and obedience; if they are not, then who are you doing those things for?</p> <p>— — —We can not earn our way to God’s favor, we need Christ to put us in God’s favor. Are you in God’s favor? Believers, are you doing things to make yourself look good or are you doing things to bring glory to God?</p> <p>— — — —Lastly, we need the gospel in our lives because we can never outgrow the gospel, we can never mature enough to move past the gospel.</p> <p>— — — — —Live in the light of the good of the gospel: Jesus Christ has set us free, so be free indeed!!</p> <p>— — — — — —<u>READ: Galatians 5:1 (NASB95): 1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.</u></p>

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