

## CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO AARON

**Aim of the Lesson:** To see the superiority of Jesus Christ as our great high priest and what it means to us.

### AARON AS A PRIEST – 5:1-4

1. Called a high priest
2. Ministers on earth
3. Man – Sons of Aaron

### CHRIST AS A PRIEST – 4:14-16; 5:5-10

1. **Called the great high priest [4:14]**  
Only Christ is called the great high priest.
2. **Ministers in heaven [4:14]**  
Christ ministers at the right hand of the Father.
3. **God/man – Jesus, the Son of God [4:14]**  
As God and man, He is the perfect Mediator

Therefore, “Let us hold fast our confession” [4:14].

4. Has compassion, because he also sins
5. Was tempted in some areas

4. **Has sympathy, because He never sinned [4:15]**  
Christ was tempted, but never yielded. He felt the full force of a temptation by not sinning than if He had given in to sin. So He knows how a sinner feels when tempted.
5. **Was tempted in all areas [4:15]**  
Christ personally knows the lure of every temptation.

Therefore, “Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace” [4:16]

6. May show mercy
7. Cannot promise grace in time of need

7. **Will show mercy [4:16]**  
Mercy is not receiving what we deserve.
8. **Will give grace in time of need [4:16]**  
Grace is receiving what we do not deserve.

### DIVINE REQUIREMENTS FOR A HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 5:1-10; cf. 2:9-18; 4:14-16

#### AARON'S PRIESTHOOD

1. A man – “taken from among men” [5:1]
2. Serve people for God [5:1]
3. Offer gifts & sacrifices for people's sins [5:1]
4. Have compassion with sinners [5:2]
5. Offer sacrifices for his own sins [5:3]
6. Called of God (only Aaron) [5:4]

#### CHRIST'S PRIESTHOOD

1. **A man – “made like His brethren” [2:17; 4:14]**  
Christ is a human being like us, but without sin.
2. **Serves people faithfully for God [4:15-16]**  
Shows mercy when we sin; gives grace for our needs
3. **Offered Himself for every man's sin [2:9-15]**  
He died for all to save all that take His payment for sin.
4. **Sympathizes and helps sinners [2:17-18; 4:15]**  
Christ knows us and gently cares for those in trouble.
5. **Was without sin; was made perfect [4:15; 5:7-9]**  
He suffered to be perfect and be the Author of salvation.
6. **Called of God after His resurrection [5:5, 6, 10]**
  - a. God called Him “My Son,” when He resurrected Him to be King of all nations [5:5; Ps 2:6-9; Acts 13:33].
  - b. Was made a priest of the Melchisedec order, a royal and an eternal priesthood [5:6]—better than Aaron's.
7. **Made effective petitions to God [5:7]**  
His prayer was heard: He was raised from the dead.
8. **Obedied God to be a perfect Savior-Priest [5:8-9]**  
His obedience allowed Him to save us and help us.