

2. Jesus, Our High Priest

Have you ever tried to act one way when you feel another? We can hide how we truly think and feel from others. Sometimes we can even fool ourselves, but God knows what we think and how we feel. God can see right into our hearts and minds and know. It is like He has a window into our souls. With God we will have to be truthful in the end, as "...all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account" (Heb. 5:13). We will be at the mercy of God. Will God be merciful if we have not been the best we can be?

We can know that God **WILL** be merciful. How? Because, when we become Christians, Jesus is our great High Priest and He is interceding for us. Jesus is at God's right hand. Jesus can sympathize with our weaknesses because He lived as a man and He faced the same trials and temptations that we do (Heb 4:15). We can go to God confidently. We can ask God for help, and we can be sure that we will be understood. Christians will be given mercy and grace to help us when we need help (Heb 4:16).



In the Old Testament, the High Priest offered animal sacrifices to God and asked God to be merciful with His

people. Aaron (the brother of Moses) was the first High Priest in the Mosaical Age. The Old Testament laws are no longer needed because we have a better law, a better sacrifice and we have a different High Priest. We have the New Testament and the perfect sacrifice was Jesus.



Jesus continues forever, and has an unchangeable priesthood (Heb 7:24). The High Priests under the old law had to be replaced when they got old and died. Jesus is at the right hand of God. He will not need a replacement. He is our perfect High Priest.

Jesus is interceding for God's children now. To intercede means to plead or beg on someone else's behalf. Isn't it great to know that Jesus will be there to plead on our behalf anytime we make a mistake? Jesus is also called our mediator.

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Follow the directions. Cross off the words that don't belong. Read from left to right then top to bottom and write the words that are left in the blanks below. Check the message by looking at Heb. 9:12.

Cross off any words that begin with the letter "d."

Cross off any words that begin with the letter "k."

Cross off any words that begin with the letter "s."

Cross off any words having to do with weather.

In row two cross off any words shorter than four letters.

In row six cross off any words longer than four letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Not	did	keep	with	does	final
know	said	the	son	blood	day
of	any	goats	king	sank	and
key	it	calves	some	ice	but
rain	with	cloudy	His	knock	own
blood	new	sick	drive	He	first
kind	entered	dine	windy	The	do
Most	so	Holy	freezing	Place	family
once	is	for	save	all	shine
having	all	sing	obtained	dull	grace
snow	eternal	shower	sunny	redemption	son

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"Therefore, in _____ things He had to be made
some/all/many

_____ His _____, that He might
like/better than friends/brethren/father

be a _____ and _____
superior/humble/merciful faithful/sorry/nice

_____ in things pertaining to God,
judge/High Priest/angel

to make _____ for the _____ of
propitiation/excuses/punishment cries/sins/love

the _____. For in that He Himself
bulls and goats/people/angels

has _____, being _____,
suffered/rejoiced/died thankful/tempted/angry

He is able to _____ those who are tempted"
hate/leave/aid

(Hebrews 2:17,18 NKJV).

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A =  C =  D =  E = 

G =  H =  N =  O = 

P =  R =  S =  U =  V = 

Finish the verse by using the code above. Check the answer by looking at Heb. 9:24.

“For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into

_____ itself, now to _____ in
           

the _____ of _____ for _____.
            

The two words below are scrambled. They both mean something similar. See if you can unscramble them and write their definition on the back of your paper.

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Underline the correct answer:

1. Who was the first High Priest under the Mosaical Law (after Moses received the commandments)?

(a) Moses (b) Jesus (c) Aaron

2. Who is our High Priest now, during the Christian Age?

(a) Moses (b) Jesus (c) Aaron

3. Who is the only one perfect enough to be our sacrifice?

(a) Paul (b) Matthew (c) Jesus

4. Jesus can intercede for us because:

(a) He became a person and was tempted like we are.

(b) He is deity (the Son of God) and has no sin.

(c) Both a and b.

5. What did the High Priest have to do under the Mosaical Law so that the sins of the people could be forgiven?

(a) Sprinkle dirt on the sinner.

(b) Offer animal sacrifices.

(c) Both a and b.

6. Who will replace Jesus as High Priest?

(a) No one (b) A preacher (c) An elder

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Look up the following verses and fill in the missing words. Then find them in the word search:

1. **Heb. 2:17**, "Therefore, in all things He [Jesus] had to be made like His _____, that He might be a _____ and _____ High Priest in things pertaining to God..."

2. **Heb. 4:14-16**, "Seeing then that we have a _____ High Priest who has passed through the heavens, _____ the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High priest who cannot sympathize with our _____, but was in all points _____ as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come _____ to the throne of _____, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of _____."

3. **Heb. 5:8-10**, "Though He was a Son, yet He learned _____ by the things which He _____. And having been perfected he became the _____ of eternal _____ to all who _____ Him, called by God as _____ ..."

4. **Heb. 8:1**, "Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is _____ at the _____ hand of the _____ of the Majesty in the heavens."

5. **Heb. 9:11,12**, "But _____ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more _____ tabernacle not made with hand, that is, not of this creation. Not with the _____ of goats and calves, but this His own blood he _____ the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."

Teacher: If you attach this page to the word search, be sure they are facing each other so students may look over the words they have written and find them in the puzzle.

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After you find all of the words, write the unused letters here:

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OBJECTIVES:

Teach where Jesus is now and how He is helping us by interceding for us. Compare Jesus to the High Priests of the Old Testament.

BEFORE CLASS:

Duplicate the activities most suitable for the ages of students you are teaching. You may desire to provide different activities for younger students than you do for older ones if you are teaching in a multiage classroom.

ACTIVITIES:

Choose your Words Carefully: “Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

Fill in the Blanks: all, like, brethren, merciful, faithful, High Priest, propitiation, sins, people, suffered, tempted, aid

Code: heaven, appear, presence, God, us

Every other letter: “But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.”

Multiple Choice: 1-c, 2-b, 3-c, 4-c, 5-b, 6-a

Word Search: After all the words are found, the remaining letters spell out Heb. 1:1,2 (except the last phrase of verse 2).

