

THE "WHO TOLD YOU?" SERIES

A STUDY IN DISCERNING THE VOICES OF OUR DAY

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHO TOLD YOU SERIES:

JESUS - THE HIGH PRIEST?

discerning the voices of our day and knowing what to do about what you hear

Part 3

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Church, Priesthood, Doctrine, End Times, Disciple-Making, Truth.

Introduction and overview to the series

Church, Heaven, Eternity, Salvation, Faith, Works, Community.

Our Responsive Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. :14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Jesus - The High Priest

1.) What is the work of His priesthood?

The Historical Background to Having a Priesthood
It's from That History that Pagan and Priesthoods Multiplied.

The priest is to go to work on your behalf.

In every culture, on every continent, in every age – man has erected an altar. from paganism to popery. From the reformation to the present day – man is drawn to an altar of sacrifice.

If an earthly priesthood is sufficient, then why does the Bible teach that there was the need for The Son of God to come into this world to be our High Priest – one that supersedes all other priests?

Consider the concept of us needing a priest.

They were to represent us. They were to intercede for us. They were to mediate for us. They were to accomplish for us. They were to secure for us. They were to absolve for us.

Maybe today you're a Roman Catholic or maybe an Anglican or whatever... why are you going to confess or be absolved by an earth-bound priests?

What Is The Work of The Priesthood of Jesus Christ?

1a.) Jesus' priestly work is to justify the ungodly

The Biblical Message is 100% Unique for the Transgressor.

Romans 4:5-8

But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works: 7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered; 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

Christ's Suffering and Ours

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also **suffered** once for sins, the **just** for the **unjust**, that He might bring us to God,

What Is The Work of The Priesthood of Jesus Christ?

1b.) Jesus' priestly work is to convert the soul.

To "**Convert**" is to switch/change. It means to be existing in one "**State of being**" to then experience "**a different state of being**"

The **pursuit of God** becomes the soul's passion.
Your Soul is constantly **being imprinted** upon in life.

Hebrews 1:3

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

What Is The Work of The Priesthood of Jesus Christ?

1c.) Jesus' priestly work is to create a new heart.

In this world of theirs,

The Issue of the Heart is being conveniently ignored these days. People want to blame the government. They want to blame the communist or the conservative. It's the economy. It's the blacks. It's the whites. It's the guns!

Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence,
For out of it spring the issues of life.

Keep Heb. Naw-Tsar'; to set a watch. to position armed guards around it. to keep it in your sites as a target.

It's the exact opposite of what the world says
"follow your heart." "be true to yourself" "let your heart guide you"

Jeremiah 17:9-10

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Luke 6:45

For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

The result of their receiving a new heart will be obedience

to God's commands: "Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God"

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God, renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Jesus - The High Priest

2.) What is the benefit of His priesthood?

Representation for me. **Argumentation** in my defense.
Mitigation for mercy in the face of judgment

The priesthood was to, is to “bridge” the gap between
God and man.

What Is The Benefit of His Priesthood?

2a.) Jesus’ priestly benefit renews your mind.

Psalm 19:14a

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,

Hebrews 8:10

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,
says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts;
and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 9:14

how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered
Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works
to serve the living God?

What Is The Benefit of His Priesthood?

2b.) Jesus’ priestly benefit transforms your spirit.

Romans 12:1-2

beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable
service. **2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed by the
renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable
and perfect will of God.

Romans 8:2-3

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son... He **condemned** sin in the flesh.

Condemned grk: katakrino.
to issue His **ruling** on sin. a **judgment** on "sin." to **condemn** sin, to **sentence** sin.

What Is The Benefit of His Priesthood?

2c.) Jesus' priestly benefit guarantees your redemption

Positionally, Practically;

#1 - You can only be as "good" as your priest is.

#2 - You can only be as saved as your priest is holy.

Jesus is my High Priest – He represents me before God.

(who is it that you have for you in heaven?)

Jesus walks in to the throne room with you upon his heart / chest

Hebrews 7:26-27

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; **27** who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

Hebrews 9:26-28

He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. **27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **28** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Jesus - The High Priest

3.) What is the assurance of His priesthood?

What Is The Assurance of His Priesthood?

3a.) Jesus' priestly assurance is all-sufficient.

(We are as secure in Christ now as we will ever be. His work is finished, but for now, you are arriving at it daily. You are entering into what is already in effect.)

Hebrews 10:11-12

And every (earthly) priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

Did You Know That...

There were no seats or chairs in the tabernacle in the wilderness or in the temple at Jerusalem? **But Jesus "sat down"** = all that needed to be done to save mankind, was done by Jesus Christ and there is nothing to add to it.

Hebrews 8:1-2

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

But Jesus is Better

Hebrews 10:9b-10

then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first (Jer. 31:33) that He may establish the second. (New Covenant) 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:16-18

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Hebrews 7:25-27

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. :26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled,

separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

What Is The Assurance of His Priesthood?

3b.) Jesus' priestly assurance abides forever.

Hebrews 7:23-25

There were many priests, but because they were prevented by death from continuing. 24 He, because He continues forever, has **an unchangeable priesthood**. 25 Therefore He is also able to **save to the uttermost** those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession** for them.

High Priest Diagram

https://assetsnffrgf-a.akamaihd.net/assets/m/1001061225/E/art/1001061225_E_sub_xl.jpg

The Temple Diagram

<http://seedsmission.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/templeillus.jpg>

Picture of His forever work...

Prof. Alfred Edersheim, 1825-1889, a Jewish, Hebrew scholar who, from his deep study of the Old Testament converted to Christianity. He especially known for classical work "The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah."

"When the High Priest's uniform became unusable by reason of use, it was not destroyed, but buried away so that no other man could ever wear it."

What Is The Assurance of His Priesthood?

3c.) Jesus' priestly assurance gives what can't be bought.

Hebrews 9:11-12

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 12 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.

Hebrews 9:26

He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

Hebrew 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed **through** (grk: passed through and beyond the veil. to pass from the "here" world to the "there" world) the heavens, JESUS the Son of God, So then let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all **points** tempted (grk: every possible temptation) as we are, yet without sin. **16** Let us **therefore** (grk: because of Him) come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Lets Stand for This

Play Marty Goetz Song

Merciful and gracious, so slow to anger
In pity plenteous, Oh the Lord is so good
He'll not always chide us, nor let His anger or wrath abide upon us
Oh the Lord is so good
He is not rewarding me according to my iniquity
Nor treating me after my sin
No I'll enter into His throne room with boldness
When I've a hunger for His forgiveness
Oh the Lord is so good
He is not rewarding me according to my iniquity
But if I happen to sin, He'll bid me come into
His throne room with kindness
For my Intercessor is the gentle Jesus
Who delivers us for our good
So sing hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah
To the Lord, the Lord is so good

End of Study