

One and TOTALLY Done

Hebrews 5:1-10

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A BLOODY (and Insufficient) WORK

Who and what was a Priest? In the Old Testament a priest was a member of the Levitical tribe of Jacob. His duties were to represent God to the people and the people to God. He taught Scriptures. He discerned who or what was clean or unclean before the Lord. The priest prepared and made sacrifices to be burned before the Lord. He was responsible along with other priests to prepare and carry out animal and other sacrifices in the tabernacle in the wilderness and temple in Jerusalem. He made sure all the implements of the temple were in their place. His life was lived as described in Exodus 29-30, "to, for and before" the Lord.

It's what he did...all the time. He stood before God for the sake of men and stood before men for the glory of God.

Who and what was the High Priest? The high priest was in charge of the activities of the tabernacle and temple, as well as over all the Levitical priesthood and their activities as above stated. His most important duty was to once a year on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) present into the Holy of Holies a blood sacrifice that he would first present for his sins and then for the sins for the past year of the nation of Israel.

Hebrews 5:1-2 *For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.*

- **The only difference between the high priest and the people was God's calling. He had nothing to boast about; he had much to fear about!**
- **A role of total responsibility for all of Israel's sins was placed upon the "perfect" work of one man.**

Bloody Sacrifices by the thousands...a year...for centuries!

- Minimum 6,000/ year. (Some say a min of 600 A DAY!)
- Approximately 400 years of 6,000/year Levitical sacrifices = a MINIMUM of 2.4 million sacrifices of bulls, goats, sheep and doves.
- If 600 a day = around 74 million sacrifices until the temple was torn down.

Hebrews 10:4 *For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.*

Jesus, our Great High Priest....*One Call, That's All!*

Hebrews 5:5-6 *So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."*

John 8:54 *Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.'*

Jesus had to become a man to obliterate the sins of man. And this God Man came near us, like us, to do so. nearer and more necessary than we fully understand.

Hebrews 9:11-15 *But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered **once for all** into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an **eternal** redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. ¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.*

Hebrews 9:28 *...so Christ, having been **offered once** to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.*

1 Peter 3:18 *For Christ also **suffered once for sins**, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...*

Hebrews 7:27 *He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this **once for all** when he offered up himself.*

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Matthew 27:51 *And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. (See above, Heb. 9:11-12)*

Just like new wine in old wineskins don't mix, neither does the new wine of Jesus' blood mix when poured upon the altar of an Old Covenant! Quite a GRAND OPENING!

Hebrews 10:19-25 *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Hebrews 4:16 *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 7:25 *but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

Uttermost: to the "all complete"; completely, entirely, absolutely.

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Hebrews 10:12,14 *But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.*

➤ **Stop carrying around your bucket of blood! It's the wrong type!**

There's a new Address for the Presence of God

Acts 2:1-3 *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire that separated** and came to rest on each of them.*

1 Corinthians 6:19 *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

Colossians 3:1-3 *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

Galatians 2:20-21 *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.*

As he is a royal priest, we are born again into his lineage, as royal priests, to live at all times in all places before all peoples, for His glory, to, for and before the Lord. And that's all in the power of his might and by His own calling of us and only by the blood of the everlasting Covenant!

"To a man [or woman] who lives unto God nothing is secular, everything is sacred. He puts on his workday garment and it is a vestment to him. He sits down to his meal and it is a sacrament. He goes forth to his labor, and therein exercises the office of the priesthood. His breath is incense and his life a sacrifice. He sleeps on the bosom of God, and lives and moves in the divine presence."

Charles Spurgeon, All for Jesus. Sermon at Metropolitan Tabernacle, London, Nov. 29, 1847