



Hebrews 4v14-5v10

**A GREAT HIGH PRIEST**

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**3v12:** See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

# A promise for the future...

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**4v12:** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

**We have a GREAT high priest!**

# The job description of a high priest...

**5v1-2:** Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.

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# 1) Appointed by God

V4-5: And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.<sup>5</sup> In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him...

# 1) Appointed by God

**V5:** But God said to him,  
“You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

**V6:** And he says in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

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**Rom 3v23:** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

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- He's a sinner
- He deserves death

**Rom 6v23:** The wages of sin is death...

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**V11:** Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

**V12:** But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...

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**1 Peter 3v18:** For Christ died for sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

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*“You only experience the strength of the wind when you walk towards it.”*

**C.S Lewis**

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V8-9: Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered <sup>9</sup> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him



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- **Let us** hold firmly to the hope we profess (v14)
- **Let us** approach God's throne of grace with confidence (v16)

*Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea  
A great high Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart*

*When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me*

