



## Lesson 8 – Christ our High Priest

The Saviour has many titles, for He **“hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name”** (Hebrews 1:4) than all the angelic host of heaven. Of the many titles bestowed upon Him, there is none dearer to humanity than the **“Lamb of God” (John 1:29)** and **“High Priest.”** By virtue of these two offices, He lifts poor fallen humanity up where they can share in His glorious kingdom of grace, even while amid this sin-cursed earth.

- 1) In Old Testament times, what was the person who sinned supposed to do?  
**Leviticus 4:27** And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;  
**Leviticus 4:28** Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his \_\_\_\_\_, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.  
**Leviticus 4:29** And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and \_\_\_\_\_ the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering.
- 2) Can the Priest do anything for the sinner if he doesn't bring a sacrifice? \_\_\_\_\_

That entire service was but a great kindergarten lesson, making the way of salvation so simple that none could fail to comprehend it. When we realize that we have sinned, we remember our **“Lamb,”** confess our sins, and in His Name, they are forgiven; then He officiates as High Priest on our behalf before the Father. He pleads the merits of His blood and covers our life, stained with sin, with the robe of His spotless righteousness, and we stand before the Father accepted in the Beloved.

- 3) What does Jesus do for us?  
**Ephesians 1:6** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us \_\_\_\_\_ in the beloved.
- 4) What else did Jesus do for us?  
**John 10:17** Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my \_\_\_\_\_, that I might take it again.
- 5) What did Jesus do for us in the Heavenly Tabernacle?  
**Hebrews 9:12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own \_\_\_\_\_ he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

The Saviour gave His life a sacrifice for sin here upon the earth; and as He entered the heavenly sanctuary as High Priest, He presented Himself to the Father as the Sacrifice for our fallen race.





6) What does the author of Hebrews tell us about Jesus?

**Hebrews 6:19,20** Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the \_\_\_\_\_; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high \_\_\_\_\_ for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

In all monarchical forms of government (kingdoms), the forerunner is a familiar character. In gorgeous uniform, with waving plumes, he rides before and announces the approach of the royal carriage. While he is always hailed with joy by the waiting crowds, yet he is not the center of attraction; their eyes do not follow him as he passes on, but are turned down the road whence he came to get the first glimpse of the royal personage of whom he is the forerunner.

Jesus here is called in Hebrews the “**forerunner**”, what does this mean? Great question. Of the many condescensions on the part of our blessed Master, this is one of the grandest. When He entered heaven a mighty Conqueror over death and the grave, before the entire heavenly host and representatives of other worlds, He entered a forerunner for us. He presented the “**wave sheaf,**” those brought forth from their graves at the time of His resurrection, as a sample of the race He had died to redeem, thus directing the attention of that wonderful assemblage down the road whence He came to watch—for royalty!—yes, for royalty made so by His precious blood.

7) Who was part of the “Wave Sheaf” offering?

**Matthew 27:52,53** And the graves were \_\_\_\_\_; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the \_\_\_\_\_ after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

There was a special resurrection after Jesus died and Many in Jerusalem were a witness. Like them, we also, a company of poor, frail mortals stumbling along and often fall by the way; but when they reach the heavenly gate, they will enter “**heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.**”

It meant much for us that Christ entered within the veil as our Forerunner, for all heaven is watching the church of God on earth. When tempted by the enemy to doubt God's love and care, remember that on account of the great sacrifice made, you are so dear to the Father.

8) What does Romans tell us about God's love?

**Romans 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Romans 8:17** And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also \_\_\_\_\_ together.

9) What did Peter tell us we should do?

**1 Peter 2:21** because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should \_\_\_\_\_ his steps:

10) Who also will help us here on earth?

**Hebrews 1:13,14** But to which of the \_\_\_\_\_ said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?



That last verse says something wonderful, it tells us God's angels will help us 😊

11) What did the author of Hebrews promise us about Jesus?

**Hebrews 2:18** For in that he himself hath suffered being \_\_\_\_\_, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

*Succor means assistance and support in times of hardship and distress*

12) What did the earthly priests represent?

**Hebrews 8:5** Who serve unto the example and \_\_\_\_\_ of heavenly things

In the earthly sanctuary, not only the high priest but also common priests officiated, because it was impossible for one man to perform all the work; but it required the work performed by all the priests in the typical services to represent the work of our High Priest. The work of one year was taken as a type of the entire work of our High Priest. During the year **“the priests (plural, both high and common) went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.”** This continued all the year, except one day; on that day, the service changed and into the second (apartment) went the high priest alone, . . . not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people. These priests served **“unto the example and shadow of heavenly things.”**

When Christ entered heaven, He went as the Antitype (the real thing, not the shadow) of the earthly service God had ordained and entered upon His work within the first veil of the heavenly sanctuary. When the typical work ordained by God in the first apartment of the earthly sanctuary had fully met its Antitype (been fulfilled), He passed through the second veil into the glorious apartment of the antitypical holy of holies. There He is to perform the marvelous service which will end in the blotting out and total destruction of the sins of the righteous, nevermore to be remembered by the redeemed host nor by God Himself.

13) What is the scene in Heaven when all the trials are over?

**Revelation 15:2** And I saw as it were a sea of \_\_\_\_\_ mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

**Revelation 15:3** And they sing the song of \_\_\_\_\_ the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

14) What did Isaiah Promise? **Isaiah 53:11** He shall see of the \_\_\_\_\_ of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

*Treavail: painful or laborious effort.*



When Christ stands upon the sea of glass and places the glittering crowns upon the heads of the company who have traveled the road made sacred by the footprints of their Forerunner, albeit with faltering step and through falling tears, and who are clad in robes made white in the blood of the Lamb, He will see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied.

15) What glorious scene is revealed in Revelation 5:13?

**Revelation 5:13** And every \_\_\_\_\_ which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the \_\_\_\_\_ for ever and ever.

### **Our High Priest**

**Hebrews 7:25** *"Is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him."*

**Hebrews 4: 15** *"Is touched with the feeling of our infirmities." "Was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."*

**Hebrews 2: 18** *"For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted."*

**Hebrews 2 17.** *"He is a merciful and faithful High Priest."*

**Hebrews 7:25.** *"He ever liveth to make intercession for us."*



**Can you see that Jesus is our High Priest?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you interested in Him cleansing you?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you now ask Him to help you bring your sacrifice and work His miracle in you?** \_\_\_\_\_