

JESUS' QUALIFICATIONS AS HIGH PRIEST
(Hebrews 5:5-10)

- I. EQUAL to Aaron's Qualifications (Heb. 5:5-7)
 - A. He was CALLED to the high priestly office by GOD (5:5-6 with 5:1*b*, 4)
 1. Although the CHRIST, He did not take the HONOR to HIMSELF
 2. He ALONE is acknowledged to be GOD'S SON (Ps. 2:7)
 3. He was APPOINTED to a high priesthood IDENTICAL to Melchizedek's (cf. Gen. 14:18-20)
 - B. He Was GENUINELY HUMAN (5:7 with 5:1*a*)
 1. He ENDURED human FRAILITY (5:7*a*)
 2. He can SYMPATHIZE with DEPENDENT people (5:7*b*; cf. 4:15)
 - a. "Offered up..." expressions of NEED
 - b. "Offered up..." URGENT REQUESTS
 - c. Expressed them with LOUD OUTCRIES of DISTRESS
 - d. Expressed them with TEARS of GRIEF
 3. He depended upon the "One ABLE to SAVE Him out of DEATH"
 4. He was ANSWERED because of His REVERENT DEVOTION

- II. SUPERIOR to Aaron's Qualifications (Heb. 5:8-10)
 - A. He "was a SON," not merely a SERVANT (5:8)
 - 1. He did NOT "learn obedience" through FAILURE
 - 2. The SINLESS Son "LEARNED" how it FELT to obey while being actively COERCED to DISOBEY
 - B. He "WAS MADE" perfect through SUFFERING (5:9a; cf. 2:10)
 - 1. He was ALWAYS perfect MORALLY
 - 2. He has FULFILLED the high priesthood COMPLETELY
 - C. He became the "SOURCE of ETERNAL SALVATION," not the ADMINISTRATOR of a TEMPORARY COVERING (5:9b)
 - 1. He is the "CAUSE" of DELIVERANCE from SIN
 - 2. He SAVES all those who OBEY by BELIEVING
 - 3. His salvation is eternally VALID
 - 4. Those He SAVES are SECURED for ETERNITY
 - D. His high priesthood is of a SUPERIOR KIND (5:10; cf. 6:20 – 7:28)
 - 1. It is a PRIOR high priesthood
 - 2. It is a ROYAL high priesthood
 - 3. It is an ETERNAL high priesthood