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# What is a High Priest?

- The clothing of the High Priest
  - The onyx stones
  - The breastplate
- The Day of Atonement



# The Onyx Stones

Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them **the names of the sons of Israel...**

So Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD **on his two shoulders** as a memorial.

(Exodus 28:9,12)



# The Breastplate



And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the **Urim and the Thummim**, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD.

So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel **over his heart** before the LORD continually.

(Exodus 28:30)

# The Day of Atonement

For on that day  
the priest shall **make atonement for you**, to cleanse you,  
**that you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.**  
It is a **sabbath** of solemn rest for you...

(Leviticus 16:30-31)

The conclusion...



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.**



For we do not have a **High Priest**  
who is unable to sympathise with our **weaknesses**,  
but one who in every respect has been **tempted as we are**,  
**yet without sin.**

(Hebrews 4:14-15)

# Our weaknesses...

## Body:

- Hunger and cold
- Tiredness
- Sickness

## Mind:

- Understanding
- Repetitive work
- Bearing trials and troubles

Opportunities for temptation

When we yield

**SIN**

# Where have we come to?

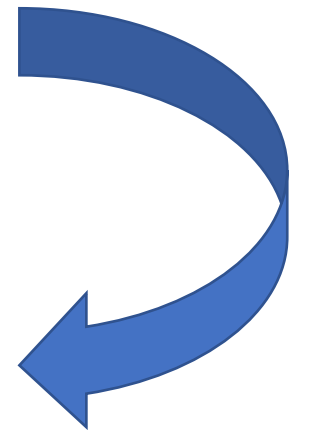
Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest,  
**let us fear** lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

(Hebrews 4:1)

The great High Priest, **Jesus**, the Son of God

Let us therefore come boldly  
to the **throne of grace**,  
that we may **receive mercy**  
and **find grace** to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:16)





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# Hebrews 5:1-6

This is God speaking about His Son...

Israel's High Priest	The Son of God
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taken from among men</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “For unto us a child is born...” (Isaiah 9:6)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appointed for the things of God</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me” (Luke 4:18)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He offers gifts and sacrifices for sins</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Behold the Lamb of God...” (John 1:29)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He is subject to weakness</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “He was ... asleep on a pillow...” (Mark 4:38)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• He is called by God</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “You are a priest forever...” (Psalm 110:4)</li></ul>

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“You are My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.”  
(Hebrews 5:5)

Like Aaron, but ...

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## Who is Melchizedek?

A name for  
Jerusalem  
(see Psalm 76:2)

Then Melchizedek **king** of Salem  
brought out bread and wine;  
he was the **priest** of God Most High.

(Genesis 14:18)

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Though He was [a] **Son**,  
yet He learned obedience  
by the things which He suffered.

He experienced obedience  
in the weakness  
of a human nature

And having been **perfected**,  
He became **the author of eternal salvation**  
to all who obey Him,

called by God as **High Priest**  
*“according to the order of Melchizedek”*



(Hebrews 5:8-10)

For it was fitting for Him ...  
**in bringing many sons to glory**,  
to make the captain of their salvation  
**perfect** through sufferings.

(Hebrews 2:10)

*prosagoreuō* =  
designated or  
addressed



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## Melchizedek...

about whom we have much to say,  
and [it is] hard to explain,  
since **you have become dull of hearing.**

(Hebrews 5:10-11)

### In Jerusalem:

*“You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are  
who have believed, **and they are all zealous for the law...**”*

(Acts 21:20)

A close-up photograph of a slug moving across a mossy surface. The slug has a brown, textured body and two long, dark eye stalks. A white thought bubble is positioned above the slug's head, containing the text "Sluggish or slow".

Sluggish  
or slow

You have become dull of hearing...

**What is the problem?**



Learn “the **first principles** of the oracles of God”



Milk and not solid food



**Unskilled** in  
the word of righteousness  
(Hebrews 5:13)



Those who by reason of **use**  
have their senses **exercised**  
to discern both good and evil.  
(Hebrews 5:14)



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# What is the answer?

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*“that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will  
in all wisdom and spiritual understanding...”*

(Colossians 1:9)

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