

1. A High Priest who ministers on our behalf

- a) What was the function of the high priest in the Levitical priesthood? Hebrews 5:1-4
- b) How did Jesus perfectly fulfill that role as our Great High Priest? Hebrews 5:5-9
- c) What comfort do you find knowing who have a Great High Priest ministering in the heavenly sanctuary?
- d) What is our role as part of His royal priesthood? 1 Peter 2:9

2. A High Priest after the order of Melchizedek

- a) Hebrews 5:10 Who was Melchizedek?
- b) Genesis 14:18-20, Hebrews 7:1-3 What can we learn from Abraham's interaction with Melchizedek?
- c) How does the life and ministry of Melchizedek point forward to the life and ministry of Jesus, our Messiah and Great High Priest?

3. An eternal High Priest

- a) Hebrews 7:14-16 What can we learn from these verses about our Great High Priest?
- b) What other inspired testimonies assure us that the incarnate Son of God has no beginning and no end? John 1:1-2,14, Revelation 1:10-11,17-18, Colossians 1:15-18, etc.

- c) Will Jesus perform the ministry of a Great High Priest throughout eternity, or does His work as our Great High Priest end after all things are made new?

4. A Sinless High Priest

- a) Hebrews 5:1-3, 7:26 What was the major difference between the high priests in the Levitical priesthood and Jesus our Great High Priest? (see also Hebrews 4:15)
- b) What other qualities of Jesus, our Great High Priest, are noted in this passage in addition to the fact that He does not need to offer sacrifices on His own behalf because He is sinless?
- c) What comfort do you find in the fact that Jesus was “without blemish”, both as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and also as our Great High Priest?
- d) When did Jesus, our Great High Priest, become higher than the heavens? Philippians 2:8-11, John 17:5, Psalm 24:3-10, Revelation 5:6-13
- e) When you reflect upon the qualities of Jesus our perfect Savior and Great High Priest, how does it impact you to know He is pleased to call you His brother and His sister?

- 5. **Discussion question: After all Jesus, our faithful Great High Priest, has done and is doing for us, what would bring Him the greatest joy right now?**

