

WARM-UP

- What is something that you do every day that you wish you did not have to do?
- Have you ever been in a situation where no one spoke up for you? What happened? How did you feel?
- Has anyone ever done something for your behalf that you couldn't accomplish on your own? Tell us about it.

WORD ²³*The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,* ²⁴*but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.* **HEBREWS 7:23-24**

(Read also **HEBREWS 7:25-28.**)

In the Hebrew tradition, priests made daily sacrifices for their own sins and then for the people's sins. The priests were mortal, and the sacrifices were imperfect which was why they had to be done daily. Before, only the priests could enter the holy presence of God, granted that they did myriads of cleansing rituals. For God to restore holiness to His people, an eternal priest and a perfect sacrifice were needed. This is why the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we can share in God's holiness.

1 | Jesus is the perfect and permanent High Priest.

. . . ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

HEBREWS 7:24-26

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is *holy, innocent, unstained, and separated* from sinners. Because He lived a sinless life, conquered death, rose again, and ascended to heaven, Jesus lives forever. His sinlessness and permanence qualify Him to be our great High Priest, who continuously speaks to the Father on our behalf. Through Him, we are made right with God. Why do you think God would make the effort to give us a perfect and permanent priest?

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2 | Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for all.

²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. **HEBREWS 7:27-28**

Because humans are fallen and sinful in nature, it is impossible to pass a single day without a sinful thought or action. So the priests needed to offer sacrifices daily both for

themselves and for the people's sin. However, every sacrifice done by humans fell short of God's holiness in some way. Because Jesus was without sin, He was the perfect sacrifice who paid the penalty of sin in full for all of us. Therefore, all of us who have put our faith in Jesus have been completely forgiven of all of our sins and have a right standing with God. What does Jesus' sacrifice mean for how you think, feel, and live life every day?

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Only an eternal priest and a perfect sacrifice could have made us right with God. Because of God's love for every person, He did not allow us to live in sin and die without hope. He sent His own Son to become the perfect sacrifice. Jesus is also the eternal priest who speaks on our behalf to God at every moment of the day. Through this, God restores our holiness and our right relationship with Him. Now, we can draw confidently to God, knowing that Jesus is our perfect and permanent High Priest.

APPLICATION

- Have you acknowledged Jesus as the one who makes you right with God? Would you like to receive Him in your life as Lord and Savior today?
- How would the truth that Jesus perfectly paid the sacrifice for our sins and made us holy affect the way you see yourself and how you live your life? How does this truth affect your struggle with sin?
- Because of Christ's perfect sacrifice, we can live holy lives for ourselves and for others. How can you share this changed life with others in the next few days?

PRAYER

- Thank Jesus Christ for being the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Thank Him for restoring us to God and to holiness.
- Pray that you will have a deeper understanding of God’s heart for you. Ask Him to lead you to continually trust and obey Him as you live holy.
- Ask God to show Himself to your family members and friends through your life. Pray for opportunities to share your life with others.

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