

**Session 5**  
**Hebrews 4:14-5:10 Christ Is A Better High Priest than Aaron**

At its most basic level, the function of a priest is to serve as a go-between or a translator, allowing the people to draw near to God without fear. The priest hears and understands the human voice of the congregation, whether the congregation wants to say “sorry” or “hallelujah!” The priest then turns and represents that voice to God in a form that is acceptable in heavenly circles. And there’s the problem with priests. How do we know that their voices will be heard? Priests aren’t perfect—even Aaron wasn’t perfect.

**Question: Consider Aaron’s ministry. What evidence do we have that he wasn’t up to the task?**

- A. Christ our High Priest knows heaven *and* humanity 4:14-16
  - 1. He has passed through the heavens 4:14
  - 2. He has experienced what we experience 4:15

**Question: What human experiences do we sometimes forget that Jesus knows about?**

- 3. Therefore He *guarantees* our reception at the throne of God 4:16
- B. Human priests are only sympathetic to man’s weakness 5:1-3
  - 1. Earthly High Priests deal with thanksgiving and repentance 5:1
  - 2. Earthly High Priests are chosen from a sinful pool 5:2
  - 3. Earthly High Priests need to deal with their own sin 5:3
- C. Christ did not elect Himself to the priesthood 5:4-6
  - 1. High Priests do not choose themselves 5:4
  - 2. Christ did not choose Himself 5:5
  - 3. Christ is of a different order of priesthood 5:6
- D. Christ is a priest after the order of Melchizedek, not Aaron 5:7-10
  - 1. Jesus knew what it was to be desperate before God 5:7
  - 2. Nevertheless, Jesus fulfilled his ministry perfectly 5:8-9
  - 3. Jesus is a Melchizedekian High Priest 5:10

**Question: How does being a Melchizedekian priest differ from being an Aaronic priest?**