

Lesson Notes:

Jesus, Our Savior & High Priest

Prior to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross Jewish people were required to sacrifice an animal for their sins. A Levitical priest also made a yearly sacrifice in the temple to cover the sins of the nation. Through his suffering and death on the cross Jesus has become our priest and savior.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Jesus is our mediator who bridges the gulf between God & Man** – In **Hebrews 1:3** we are told that Jesus purges our sins. **Hebrews 2:17** calls Jesus a merciful and faithful High Priest.
- 2) **Jesus is both God and Man.** – He is superior to the Old Testament Prophets (**Hebrews 1:1-3**), angels (**Hebrews 1:4-14**), Moses (**Hebrews 3:1-6**) and Joshua (**Hebrews 4:8**). In **Hebrews 4:14-16** he is superior to all other priests.
- 3) **Jesus has passed through the heavens** - In **John 17:4** Jesus says I have finished my work. This was the redemption of sins which no other man can do. He had led us in a most excellent way. In **1 Corinthians 13:10-13** Paul encourages the followers at Corinth to put away childish things and abide in what Jesus has brought to us all which is faith, hope and love.
- 4) **Jesus is the final sacrifice** – In **Hebrews 9:12-14** we see that prior to Jesus the blood of bulls and goats covered our sins. But Jesus sacrifice purged our sins. Prior to Christ's sacrifice a yearly sacrifice was required for the sins of the people at Passover. Jesus was the perfect and holy sacrifice which paid for our sins and completely (**Hebrews 10:4**) redeemed us of our sins.
- 5) **Jesus is the perfect sacrifice** – In **Hebrews 7:25 – 26** we see that Jesus is holy, harmless, undefiled. In **Hebrews 3** Jesus tells Nicodemus his purpose. In **John 14:6** he tells his disciples that no one comes to God except through him.
- 6) **Jesus is seated at the right hand of God** – He appears before God for us in **Hebrews 9:24 - 28**.
- 7) **Jesus bridges the gap between God and Man** – In **Matthew 27:51** the veil was torn in two upon Jesus' death. The veil separating God from Man was torn in two by our Lord Jesus providing us access to our father in heaven.
- 8) **He is the Way the truth and the Life** – **John 14:6**

When you contemplate on the tremendous sacrifice that Christ endured on the cross for our salvation we owe him all praise, glory, honor, worship and service.