

# **PERSEVERANCE IN CHRIST**

**A STUDY IN HEBREWS**





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understand my own  
actions. For I do not do  
what I want, but I do  
the very thing I hate.*



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HEBREWS 4:3 ... *we who have believed enter that rest ...*

# The Only Perfect(ed) High Priest!

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- I. Jesus can sympathize WITH us – 4:14-16
- II. Jesus was appointed by God FOREVER – 5:1-6
- III. Jesus was made perfect BEFORE us – 5:7-10
- IV. Who is YOUR high priest (leading you to rest)?



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(Hebrews 4:14-16)



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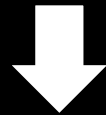
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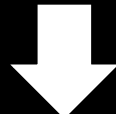
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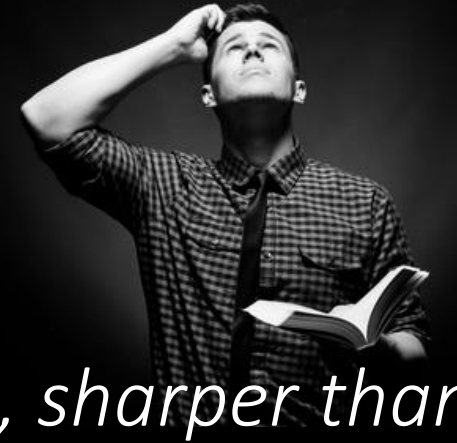
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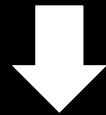
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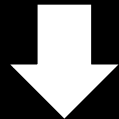


**HEBREWS 4:12-13** ... *the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

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# Jesus Can Sympathize WITH us!

(Hebrews 4:14-16)



HEBREWS 4:14 ... since then we have a great high priest **who has passed through the heavens**, Jesus, the Son of God, **let us hold fast our confession** ...

Passed through the heavens = in the presence of the Father  
Exalted! Sinless!

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*ISAIAH 53:3 ... He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and knowing grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not ...*

The SUFFERING of OBEDIENCE

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(Hebrews 4:14-16)



HEBREWS 4:16 ... let us then **with confidence draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may **receive mercy and find grace** to help **in time of need**.

Draw near with INFORMED BOLDNESS!

What are we BELIEVING will happen before the throne of God?

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*The first two words God uses to describe who he is, are “merciful and gracious” ... his highest priority and deepest delight and first reaction (his heart) is merciful and gracious ... we are not once told that God is provoked to love or to mercy. His anger requires provocation. His mercy is pent up, ready to gush forth – p148, Gentle and Lowly.*



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# Jesus is Appointed by God FOREVER! (Hebrews 5:1-6)



HEBREWS 5:1-4 ... every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God (to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins). He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was ...

**JESUS (unlike other high priests) is without SIN!**

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HEBREWS 7:25 ... *Jesus is able to save to completely those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them ...*

A PERMANENT high priest to fill a PERMANENT need!

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JESUS is our FOREVER KING begotten of God!

JESUS is our FOREVER PRIEST appointed by God!



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## A PRIEST-KING?

2 CHRONICLES 26 ... King Uzziah “decides” to be the High Priest

GENESIS 14 ... King Melchizedek is acknowledged to be a Priest





Jesus is  
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# Jesus is MADE PERFECT ... before us! (Hebrews 5:7-10)



HEBREWS 5:7-8 ... **in the days of his flesh**, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, **to him who was able to save him from death**, and **he was heard** because of his reverence. Although he was a son, **he learned obedience through what he suffered** ...

Jesus of Nazareth lived fully as a human “before our eyes”

He cried out in agony to God (not against God) “before our eyes”

He learned what it meant to be an obedient human “before our eyes”

# Jesus is MADE PERFECT ... before us!

(Hebrews 5:7-10)



HEBREWS 5:9-10 ... and being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek ...

All who OBEY Him ...?

HEAR God's words + COME to the throne of Grace

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KNOW God as Mercy and Grace ... eternally



Who is  
YOUR  
High Priest?

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Who is YOUR High Priest?

You?



Who is YOUR High Priest?

You?

Me?





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Mythical Friend?



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# A Triad of REST ...?

(Sea of) **IMAGINATION**

