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5:1-10

The New Covenant is better than the Old Covenant because:

1. The Priest is better.
2. The Priest brings a better sacrifice.
3. The Priest brings His sacrifice to a better place.
4. The Priest has perfectly represented us to God.

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First, he states how a High Priest comes to be.

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God chose and appointed the Old Covenant Priest to be Aaron and the New Covenant Priest to be Jesus Christ.

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Exodus 28:1-3

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Numbers 18:1-7

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God made it abundantly clear that there was no general admittance to His alter or to His mercy seat.

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If anyone chose to go directly to God without God's High Priest, they were to be put to death.

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God sets the rules for His mercy and grace, not man.

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Second, he states what the purpose is of a High Priest.

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Third, he gives the exact job description of a High Priest.

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God did not allow any creative license of dealing with sin.

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God creates right religion;
man creates false religion.

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1 Timothy 2:5

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

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Philippians 2:5-8

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Leviticus 9:7

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Draw near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and for the people, and bring the offering of the people and make atonement for them, as the LORD has commanded."

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Psalm 2

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Psalm 110:1-4

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Who is Melchizedek?

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Jesus is King and Priest.

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Matthew 26: 36-46

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What do High Priests do?

They represent people to God with sacrifice.

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What was Jesus about to do?

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There is only one way to be rightly represented to God, and it is through His chosen, appointed, perfect, and eternal Great High Priest: Jesus Christ.

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- 1 The author of Hebrews has emphasized that Jesus is the Great High Priest.
 - 1.a According to Hebrews 5:9 who does Jesus represent?
 - 1.b Read Hebrews 3:18. Who were the ones that were not going to enter the promised land?
 - 1.c What is the warning of Hebrews 4:11?
 - 1.d How does all of this relate to Hebrews 5:2 and 5:9 where the high priest is needed to represent those who are ignorant and wayward, yet he does not represent those who disobey him?
- 2 How could you help a person to determine if they truly have Christ as their priest who has provided eternal salvation for them even though they still struggle with sin?
 - 2.a Could passages like 1 John 2:1 and Romans 8:34 help? Can you think of others that might help as well?
- 3 God was extremely specific about the priestly role of representing the people of God to God by sacrifice. How does this point to the exclusivity of Jesus Christ for salvation in our day?
- 4 Trivia: In the Garden Jesus prayed so earnestly that he sweat drops of blood, was close to dying, and an angel was even sent to care for him. When else were angels sent to care for Jesus?
- 5 Those who tried to get to God any other way than how God commanded would be put to death. Even the priest and the High Priest had to do things exactly as God had prescribed or they too would be put to death. How does our world view such regulation and limitations of access to God?