



Do you ever feel the need for a priest?



High Priest in the
Old Testament

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(Hebrews 2:17-18)

Hebrews 1-2

- The eternal Son, God's final word, has come to be exalted as the heir and author of salvation *through* His incarnation and sufferings

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Jesus, Our High Priest

1. His designation as High Priest

- "becomes" such by means of His incarnation and sufferings/death
- "merciful and faithful" – the result of His faithful work as high priest is mercy

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2. His chief work as High Priest

- to make atonement – to purify God's people of sin's defilement and guilt
- "propitiation" – atonement involves the turning away of God's righteous anger by an God-provided sacrifice

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3. His present help as High Priest

- His suffering during temptation/testing uniquely qualifies Him to come to our aid in temptation
- He is able to strengthen, comfort and deliver us from all temptation – we must cry out to Him