

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

Hebrews 4:14

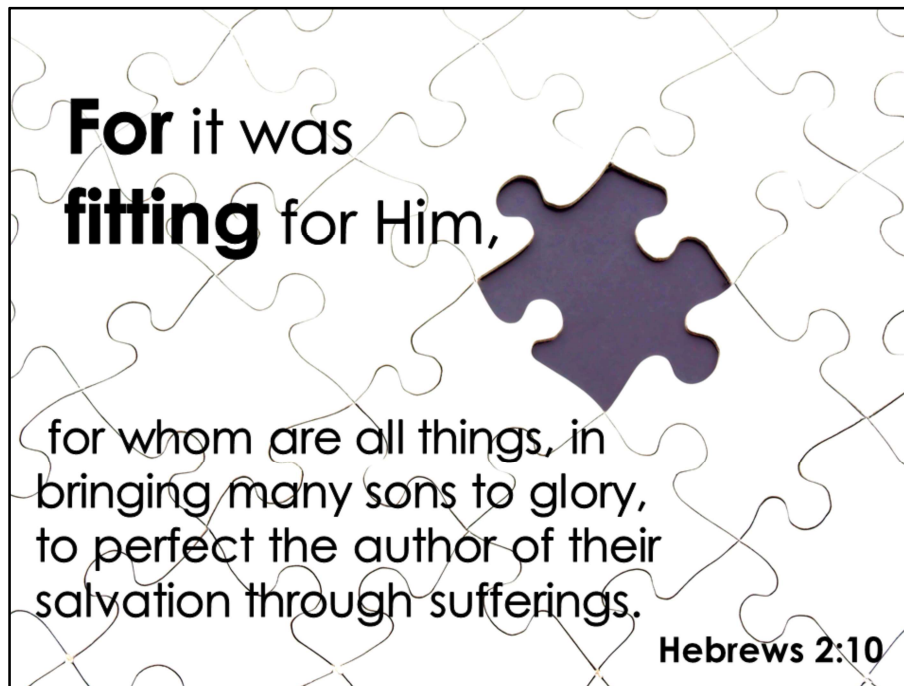
What makes Jesus this great high priest?

Our Great High Priest

- ▶ **The Role of Priest**
 - ▶ Serves as a mediator **Hebrews 5:1-4**
 - ▶ Some implications:
 - ▶ Priesthood = knowledge of Sin
 - ▶ Priesthood = shows that “man feels that he is without merit to atone for his own sins.”
- ▶ **Hebrews 10:1** – Always pointed to something better!

“The presence of a “priesthood” has been characteristic of virtually every society of cultured man since the beginning of time.” – Wayne Jackson

“Seneca, the tutor of Nero Caesar, once wrote: “All men have sinned — some more, some less.” An ancient Chinese proverb says: “There are two good men — one is dead, the other is not yet born.”



Fitting (πρέπω/ prepo)

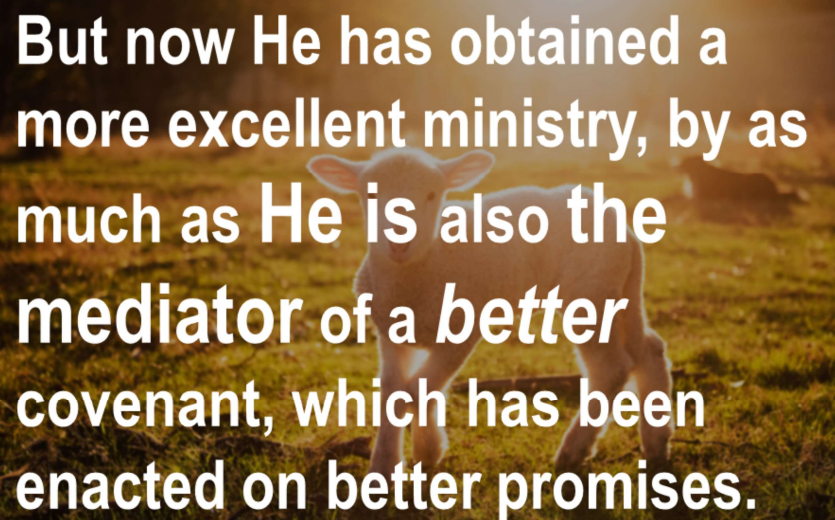
- to be suitable or proper (third person singular present indicative, often used impersonally, it is fit or right): — become, comely.

It Was Fitting:

- ▶ **The Aaronic priesthood was not fitting**
Hebrews 7:11-17
- ▶ **We needed a better priest, a better mediator**
- ▶ **Jesus is the better high priest**
Hebrews 7:22, 23-28; 2:10-18

Melchizedek's Priesthood – It is like Christ in that it is a special priesthood. It only exist for that person. It does not continue. Melchizedek had no “priestly-family,” his priesthood did not continue. Christ has a priesthood forever.

A better mediator – but one who also could sympathizes with us! (Hebrews 5:1-4)

A white calf stands in the center of a grassy field, facing the camera. The background is a warm, golden sunset with long shadows and a soft glow. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

But now He has obtained a
more excellent ministry, by as
much as He is also the
mediator of a *better*
covenant, which has been
enacted on better promises.

– Hebrews 8:6

Better:

- ▶ A Better Sacrifice **Hebrews 8:1-3**
 - ▶ The High priest offered yearly sacrifices **Hebrews 10:1b-4**
 - ▶ Christ offered Himself once and for all time **Hebrews 10:11-18**
- ▶ It is a better ministry with a great high priest **Hebrews 10:19-23**

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.



1 Timothy 2:5-6