

The Superiority of Jesus Christ's Priesthood (Hebrews 4:14–7:28)

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Introduction

- I. The Superiority of Jesus Christ's **Position (1:1–4:13)**
 - A. A Better **Name** (1:1-3)
 - B. Better Than the **Angels** (1:4–2:18)
 - C. Better Than **Moses** (3:1-6)
 - D. A Better **Rest** (3:7–4:13) • Faith-Rest over Works

Message

- II. The Superiority of Jesus Christ's **Priesthood (4:14–7:28)**
 - In the midst of this section is an exhortation related to the readers' spiritual condition (5:11–6:20).
 - A. Superiority to **Aaron** (4:14–5:10)
 - 1. An Approachable High Priest (4:14-16)
 - a. Heavenly Character (4:14)
 - b. Human/Earthly Character (4:15, 16)
 - 2. An Appointed High Priest (5:1-10)
 - a. Called (5:1)
 - b. Compassionate (5:2, 3)
 - c. Confirmed (5:4-10)

*All Christian service to be
recognized by these three
characteristics.*

For further study:

- B. Exhortation to Full Commitment to Christ (5:11–6:20)
 - Warning #3:** Don't stop here. Beware of spiritual stagnation.
 - 1. Entreaty to Become Saints (5:11–6:8)
 - a. Failure to Appropriate Biblical Teaching (5:11-16)
 - b. Faith to Appropriate Biblical Teaching (6:1-8)
 - 2. Encouragement to the Saints (6:9, 10)
 - 3. Exhortation to the Slow to Believe (6:11, 12)
 - 4. Example of the Saints — esp., Abraham (6:13-20)
- C. Christ's Priesthood like Melchizedek's (7:1-28)
 - 1. Melchizedek's Priesthood (7:1-10)
 - 2. Messiah's Perfection (7:11-28)
 - a. A Change for a Better Hope (vv. 11-19)
 - b. An Oath for a Better Covenant (vv. 20-22)
 - c. A Life for a Better Salvation (vv. 23-28)