

## The Qualifications of Our High Priest 4 – Heb. 5:1-10

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In order to be *in the right* before God we must have a mediator to represent us. The central argument in Hebrews is that Jesus Christ *became* the Mediator by becoming our High Priest. But what qualifies Jesus to be a Priest? The author answers this important question in our text by comparing the qualifications for the Aaronic priesthood with the qualities of Jesus Christ:

1. The Qualifications for the Aaronic Priesthood (5:1-4)
  - a. He must make atonement for sins (1).
  - b. He must identify with the people (2-3).
  - c. He must be appointed by God (4).
  
2. The Qualities of Jesus Christ as High Priest (5:5-10)
  - a. He was appointed by God (5-6).
  - b. He identified with humanity (7-8).

*We can make at least 3 observations about Jesus' learning through suffering:*

    - (1) The Duration of His Learning
    - (2) The Process of His Learning
    - (3) The Result of His learning: *having been perfected*
  
  - c. He made atonement for sins (9-10).