

## The Qualifications of Our High Priest 3 – 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

*in the days of His flesh*

#### (2) The Process of His Learning

*offering up prayers and supplications...heard*

#### (3) The Result of His learning

*perfected*

- c. He made atonement for sins (9-10).