



KNOWING BETTER – PART 3

## A BETTER HIGH PRIEST

HEBREWS 4:15-16

### WHO NEEDS A PRIEST?

HEBREWS 5:1

<sup>1</sup> Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed **to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.**

1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6

<sup>5</sup> For **there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,** <sup>6</sup> **who gave himself as a ransom for all people.** This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

In Israel, the role of a priest was to approach God to speak and act on their behalf. In what ways is Jesus a better High Priest than those in the Mosaic tradition?

### BETTER: EMPATHY WITHOUT SIN

HEBREWS 4:14-15

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup> For **we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.**

Jesus, the only begotten son of the father, experienced temptation and struggle. Jesus did not sin and, therefore, did not need to offer sacrifices for himself.

### BETTER: WILLING AND FINAL SACRIFICE

JOHN 10:17-18

<sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> **No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.** I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

HEBREWS 7:27

<sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. **He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.**

Jesus willingly laid down his life. The Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God. This perfect eternal sacrifice is once and for all.

### BETTER: ETERNAL INTERCESSION

HEBREWS 7:23-25

<sup>23</sup> Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but **because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.** <sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because **he always lives to intercede for them.**

Jesus has conquered death and is alive forever. Jesus always live to intercede for us.

### HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

HEBREWS 4:14

<sup>14</sup> Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

Hold firmly to the faith you profess.

HEBREWS 4:16

<sup>16</sup> Let us then **approach God's throne of grace with confidence,** so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

In your times of need, approach God with confidence in his grace and mercy.