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Qualified As High Priest
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

We have come to the throne of grace over and over again not realizing there is a way to come to the presence of God. Some of us who are believers, say, “Oh well, I say my little prayers.” But when we do come, we are told we are not to come brazenly, but we are to come boldly. What a difference! We are never to come to a holy God in the confidence of our own attainment or our own self-sufficiency. Our only entrance into the Holy of Holies is by the precious shed Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus today is my mercy seat. Jesus today is my propitiation. Jesus today makes intercession to the Father on my behalf as a believer. Therefore, when I come before God as a priest — and I have been told I am a priest unto Him — I must come in the Name of Jesus. When I take that precious Name upon my lips, the ears of God Almighty are inclined toward me. Is it any wonder Satan hates that Name? He tries to intimidate the child of God not to mention that Name. He tries to make people feel that we can talk in a general sense with all religions and leave out the Name of Jesus. Yet, there is only one way to come to the Father: it is in the Name of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God.

As a child of God, I have the right to come as a priest; I have a ministry

before Him. It is interesting that in **Hebrews 5:1 - For every high priest. . . - speaking of Jesus - . . . is taken from among men . . . in things pertaining to God . . .** Yes, the first qualification as for Aaron, the high priest, as it is shown back in **Exodus**, was that he was **taken from among men**. The second qualification is as in **Hebrews 5:4 - And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God. . .** So the first qualification: **taken from among men**. Second qualification: **called of God**. Such was the case with Aaron. Aaron was taken from among men, but Aaron did not himself choose to be a high priest — he was **called of God**.

Just as that was true of Aaron, the type, so it is true of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is what we call the antitype. Our Lord is also **taken from among men**, but He is the sinless Son of God. In **Hebrews 5:7**, we read our Lord Jesus is spoken of as **Who in the days of his flesh . . . God became flesh. God in Christ was Perfect Man.** Jesus, the great High Priest, was taken from men. At His incarnation - *that is what we celebrate at Christmas* - He was a man among men. Interestingly, He met that first qualification and, at the same time, He was a Man distinct from other men. He only was the Perfect Man. Now He is the God-Man, who entered into the Holy of Holies in Heaven. Jesus is qualified to be High Priest in such a way as Aaron never was, because Aaron was just the picture of Jesus as high priest.

In **Hebrews 5:1**, we read - . . . **that he may offer. . .** - *this is what they were to do as a high priest* - . . . **both gifts and sacrifices for sins.** For that is what Aaron, the high priest, did. As he went into the Holy of Holies, he took the blood, speaking of the sacrifices, to make atonement for the sins of the people. He offered . . . **both gifts and sacrifices for the sins of men.** When our Lord Jesus Christ Himself entered into the eternal Holy of Holies, He presented the virtue of His own life's Blood shed at His sacrificial death. What a sacrifice! He did indeed complete the requirements. He offered **both sacrifice and gifts for the sins of men.** His atoning ministry has been accomplished! So let us worship, let us praise, let us adore Him! What a mighty God we have. What He has done on our behalf! Do not just take this as something we have learned in our minds. Let us accept this into our very being. Let us take everything that we have received from the Lord and turn it back in adoration and praise unto Him. Oh, that we might understand so great a price He paid for you and for me.

In **Hebrews 5:2**, we read - **Who can have compassion on the ignorant . . .** Isn't this interesting? Not only did He bring sacrifice and gifts, but He has **compassion upon the ignorant.** Our Lord Jesus fulfilled the second ministry of the Great High Priest. . . . **for he himself also is compassed with infirmity.** This marvelous condescension of God as He chose to be a Perfect Man, not only appeases the holiness of God, but also identifies with the weakness of

man.

In His presence, let's praise and thank Him for, yes, He could meet my needs, encompassing all that is going on in my life, because He is the mighty High Priest, Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour.

Amen.