

Greater Than Our Amazing High Priest Pastor Mark Lehmann

Our Great High Priest Like No Other

“So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find [grace](#) to help us when we need it most.” [Hebrews 4:14-16 NLT](#)

“Every high priest is a man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers sacrifices for their sins. 2 And he is able to deal gently with ignorant and wayward people because he himself is subject to the same weaknesses. 3 That is why he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as theirs. And no one can become a high priest simply because he wants such an honor. He must be called by God for this work, just as Aaron was.” [Hebrews 5: 1-4 NLT](#)

“And in another passage God said to him, ‘You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.’ While Jesus was here on earth, He offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue Him from death. And God heard His prayers because of his deep reverence for God. Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. In this way, God qualified Him as a perfect High Priest, and He became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.” [Hebrews 5:6-9 NLT](#)

Jesus is Greater Because He is the Perfect Sacrifice

Jesus is Greater because He is in Heaven

Jesus is Greater Because He is Eternal

Advocate

“My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. 2 He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.” [1 John 2:1-2 NLT](#)

Mediator

“There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.” **1 Timothy 2:5 NLT**

Intercessor

“Therefore He is able to save completely. those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 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.” **Hebrews 7:25-27 NLT**

“So come on, let’s leave the preschool fingerpainting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ. The basic foundational truths are in place... God helping us, we’ll stay true to all that. But there’s so much more. Let’s get on with it!” **Hebrews 6:1,3 MSG**

- For those who are seeking you have a mediator like no other
- For those who are running from God you have a great High Priest who has already paid the penalty for your sin
- For Followers of Jesus, you have an intercessor in Heaven who is calling out your name in prayer
- For the World, we have a High Priest who has said to “Whosoever may come”

“Once people have seen the light, gotten a taste of heaven and been part of the work of the Holy Spirit, once they’ve personally experienced the sheer goodness of God’s Word and the powers breaking in on us—if then they turn their backs on it, washing their hands of the whole thing, well, they can’t start over as if nothing happened. That’s impossible. Why, they’ve re-crucified Jesus! They’ve repudiated him in public! Parched ground that soaks up the rain and then produces an abundance of carrots and corn for its gardener gets God’s “Well done!” But if it produces weeds and thistles, it’s more likely to get cussed out. Fields like that are burned, not harvested. I’m sure that won’t happen to you, friends. I have better things in mind for you—salvation things! God doesn’t miss anything. He knows perfectly well all the love you’ve shown him by helping needy Christians, and that you keep at it. And now I want each of you to extend that same intensity toward a full-bodied hope, and keep at it till the finish. Don’t drag your feet. Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them.” **Hebrews 6:4-12 MSG**