

"A Priest Who's Where You Need Him to Be"

Hebrews 8:1-5

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I. Our Priest is Seated on God's Throne (v. 1)

- A. Jesus is not next to the throne, He shares the throne. (Rev. 7:17)
- B. He is enthroned as our *Priest*.

Zechariah 6:13 - "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the Lord, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."

- C. No priest has greater access to God than Jesus currently enjoys.
- D. Jesus is *seated* on the divine throne, showing the completion of His priestly work.

II. Our Priest Serves in the Fulfilled Heavenly Reality (vs. 2-5)

- A. The tabernacle and its priestly ministries were mere models of Christ's heavenly ministry.
- B. The contrast is not an imperfect physical copy verses a perfect spiritual form, the contrast focuses on temporal realities:
 - 1. The tabernacle (and temple) priesthood were mere prophetic *anticipations*.
 - 2. They were always pointing forward to Christ's heavenly priesthood at the Father's right hand.
- C. Looking for spiritual blessing from an earthbound priesthood after Christ is go backward in time to the ineffective and obsolete.
- D. Jesus is right where we need Him to be for all that we need.