



LIVING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Our Great High Priest-Part 2”
Sermon Date: February 5th, 2023

Reflections on Sunday’s Sermon

The New City Catechism—Lord’s Day 6

How Can We Glorify God?

We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.
(Deuteronomy 11:1)

Scripture

Hebrews 5:1-6 (ESV)

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

*“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;*

⁶as he says also in another place,

*“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

Understanding and Applying

1. **Old Testament:** Read Leviticus 16:1-22. What did Aaron have to make atonement for (Lev. 16:11, 16)?
 - How does our passage in Hebrews draw from Leviticus 16?

2. **Comparison:** Compare and contrast the priesthood of Jesus with the priesthood of Aaron (Hebrews 4:14-5:6):
 - **Jesus:** Why is Jesus being 'tempted as we are, yet without sin'; better than Aaron being 'beset with weakness'?

 - **Jesus:** Why is Jesus' appointment to high priest better than Aaron's appointment (Hebrews 5:5-6)?

3. **Implication:** As we consider what it means for Jesus to be our great High Priest, how is this leading you to confidently approach the throne of grace in your time of need—unbelief, trial, temptation, or sin?

4. **Prayer:** How does this passage shape your prayers towards the second person of the Trinity?