

# The Supremacy of Our Heavenly Minister

Text: Hebrews 8:1-5

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## I. The proven superiority of our High Priest (Heb. 8:1)

**We absolutely have a high priest who is sitting at the right hand of the throne of God!**

This declares the following:

- Jesus Christ sat down, indicative that His redemptive work on earth is done.
- Jesus Christ is alive and presently at work on our behalf.
- Jesus Christ has the place of honor in the Heavens.
- Jesus Christ is working in tandem with the Heavenly Father.
- Proof that the superior priesthood has been bestowed on Jesus Christ in His exaltation.

As God's children, Jesus Christ actively ministers on our behalf. When we have doubts, He has sent the HS to reassure us. When we have struggles, He begs us to come. When we sin, He is there to bring His atoning work on our behalf before the Father.

Jesus Christ is in God's courtroom as our Defender on our behalf.

So how does Jesus do this for us? He is the Righteous One who helps us when we sin. He stands as a go between our confession and the legal aspects of our sin. We are all guilty under the law, but Jesus died for us and paid for our sin. The moment we believe we have had that blood applied, He stands before the Father petitioning our case before the Righteous Judge.

Since Jesus is righteous and He has gone to the cross and paid for our sin, His work is always effective before the Father. Our High Priest is kind, loving, gentle, humble, effective, and hard-working, all on our behalf.

## II. The superior location of our High Priest (Heb. 8:2).

**The sanctuary:** Truly this is the holiest of holies, the abode of Jesus Christ at the throne of the Majestic One.

The OT tabernacle was great, grand, imperfect, and temporal. That which God erected is greater, grander, perfect, and permanent. This is not merely a replica; this is the real thing.

Since the Lord built this tabernacle, we must say that sin has been dealt with to the satisfaction of God Himself. Both the High Priest and His sacrifice have been accepted.

## III. The superior work of our High Priest (Heb. 8:3-5).

**\*\*The high priest's past earthly work (8:3a)**

**Transition:** Jesus Christ's important work is superior for His work is done from the heavenly sanctuary.

**\*\*The High Priest's present heavenly work (8:4-5)**

Since Jesus could not minister the old offerings under the old system in the old sanctuary, and since He is ministering today on the believer's behalf, this must mean He is ministering in a different place (in Heaven) and a different sanctuary (at the right hand of God in the holy of Holies).