Do you know how precious you are to God?

Genesis 14:18

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High.

Hebrews 5:4-6

- 4 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.
- 5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You."
- 6 As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek"

Romans 14:17

For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- 1. Interesting facts or parallel with Aaron's priesthood and Jesus' priesthood.
- Anointed by God
- The only one entering the Holy of Holies once a year, on the Day of Atonement
- Without blemish
- Not defiled by the dead
- The prisoners in the city of refuge are free at the death of the High Priest
- Shall marry a virgin
- Shall not uncover his head

Shall not rend his clothes

62 Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven." 63 Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy! What do you think?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. Mark 14:62-63

By opposition, this is what happened to Jesus' garments at the Cross, thus fulfilling the law on this point as well:

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. John 19:23-24

• His garments were specifically designed and highly crafted

The High Priest's Golden Garments

Shemot/Exodus 28



28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

30 I and My Father are one." John 10:28-29

2. What does Hebrews say about Jesus as the High Priest

Who He is

- He is a merciful and faithful High Priest Heb 2:17, Heb 3:2
- He was called by God to be the Great High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek Heb 5:6,10
- He is holy, free from guilt, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens Heb 7:26
- He is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens Heb 8:1

What He did

- He was the propitiation sacrifice Heb 2:17
- He offered Himself, by one sacrifice Heb 7:26-27, Heb 9:25
- He ushered up a new covenant, he made the old one obsolete Heb 8:13
- He will not remember our lawless deeds Heb 8:12
- By one offering, He has made us perfect Heb 9:11, Heb 10:14
- He cleansed our conscience of dead works to serve the living God Heb 9:14
- He has become the Mediator of a better covenant Heb 9:15

How it impact us

- He sympathizes with our weaknesses Heb 4:15
- He has become an anchor for our soul, sure and steadfast Heb 6:19
- He went before us, the veil being torn, so that we, too, can enter God's presence at all times Heb 6:20
- Therefore, we have boldness to enter in through His blood Heb 10:19
- Thanks to His sacrifice, we can draw near with full assurance, knowing we have been totally washed from our sins Heb 10:21

3. The just shall live by faith

Now faith is the <u>substance</u> of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

Substance is the Greek word "Hypostasis", meaning assurance, firm trust, what actually exist, foundation

This same word is found in this scripture:

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high Hebrews 1:3

Hebrews 11:39-40

39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise,

40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

4. The armour of God



5. Our position as royal priesthood

5 you also, as <u>living stones</u>, <u>are being built up a</u> <u>spiritual house</u>, <u>a holy priesthood</u>, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. 1 Peter 2:4-9

6. We have been called to reign with Him

Revelation 5:10

10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

Revelation 20:6

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith...

Hebrews 4:10-11

10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

11 Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

Hebrews 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.