

The High Priest Is Holier than Thou (and that's a good thing)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Happy Reformation Day! Today we remember Martin Luther's posting of 95 Theses, which marked the beginning of the Reformation of the Christian church in 1517. Today we celebrate Jesus as our great High Priest, which was one aspect of the great Reformation theme of Jesus' Threefold Office: our Prophet, Priest, and King.

The High Priest Aaron and his two sons: A tragedy

- The lesson: "Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke of when he said: "'Among those who approach me I will show myself **holy**; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.'" Aaron remained silent." (Leviticus 10:3)

Our Series: Holy Worship For a Holy God

- The God of the Old Testament was Holy, and the God of the New Testament is the same Holy God.
- Question: So why does our worship of this Holy God look so different than what we see in the Old Testament?
 - Answer: Because of **Jesus Christ**
 - But Jesus didn't correct, modernize, or improve the Old Testament – instead, He *fulfilled* it.

[2] About the High Priest Jesus (Hebrews 7:23-28)

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. According to the Old Testament, what do priests do? Why were they necessary?
2. What kind of things did the High Priest Aaron have to do?
3. How did these things foreshadow Jesus, now at the right hand of God the Father? (Hebrews 7:23-28)
4. Do *you* need Jesus, the High Priest?
 - a. If you do, how is this practically reflected in your life? How should it be?