Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.



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# A Better High Priest









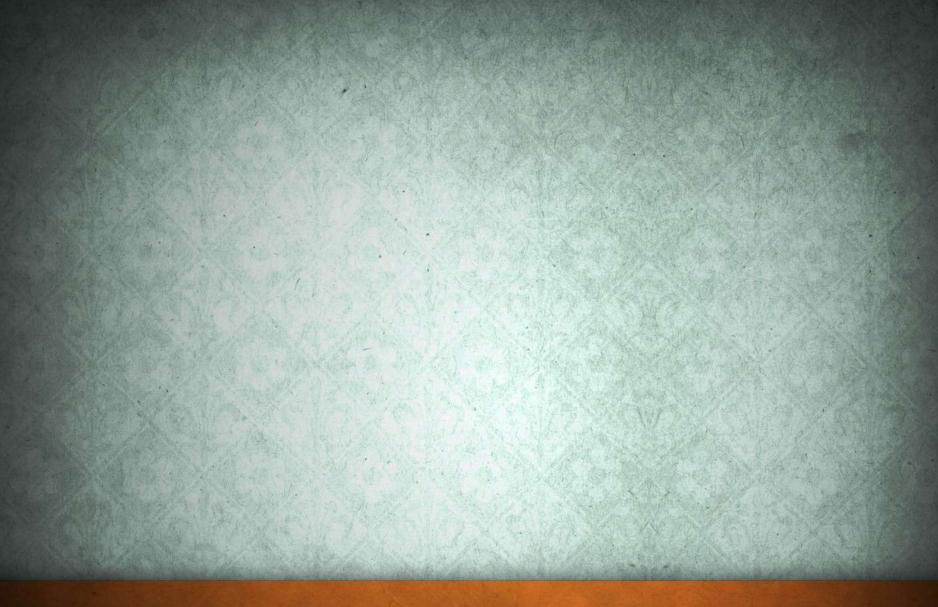


He Identifies With Our Struggles.

#### Hebrews 5:1-3 -

1 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. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.

#### He Identifies With Our Struggles.



He Exceeds Our Righteousness.

#### Hebrews 5:5-6

5 So 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"; 6 as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

#### He Exceeds Our Righteousness.

**Greater Than Melchizedek** 

#### Hebrews 7:1-2

1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.

#### **Greater Than Melchizedek**

#### Hebrews 7:3-4

3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually. 4 Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

#### **Greater Than Melchizedek**

# **Greater Than Levi**

#### **Hebrews 7:5-6**

5 And those indeed of the sons of Levi who receive the priest's office have commandment in the Law to collect a tenth from the people, that is, from their brethren, although these are descended from Abraham. 6 But the one whose genealogy is not traced from them collected a tenth from Abraham and blessed the one who had the promises.

#### **Greater Than Levi**

#### Hebrews 7:11-12

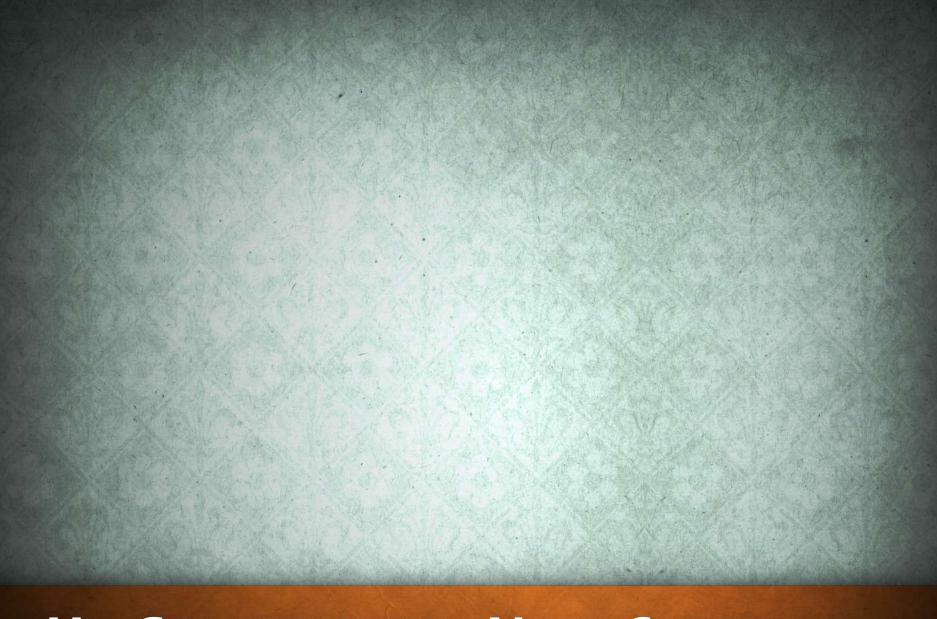
11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron? 12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

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#### He Exceeds Our Righteousness.



He Guarantees a New Covenant.

#### Hebrews 7:22-24

22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. 23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

#### He Guarantees a New Covenant.

#### Hebrews 8:6-7

6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

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