

# THE MAIN POINT

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*Week of March 23, 2025*

**Our High Priest is a Peerless** \_\_\_\_\_ (1-2)

**Our High Priest has a Matchless** \_\_\_\_\_ (3-6)

Consider His \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (3)

Consider His \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (4-5)

Consider His \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Second Tim 3:16-17 teaches that all Scripture is useful for training us up in righteousness. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one thing you are (or will be) applying to your life as a result of studying this passage?

3. As we start Hebrews 8, take a moment to reflect on the previous chapter. Summarize chapter 7 in your own words – ideally in a single sentence. What was the author's main point?

4. In verse 1, Jesus is said to have taken his seat at the right hand of the throne in heaven. What is the significance of being seated at the "right hand"? Do some research on ancient royal customs if you're not sure. Check out Ephesians 1:19-21, and Jesus' own words in Matthew 22 as well.

5. In verse 3, the author points out that one of the functions of high priests was to offer "gifts and sacrifices." It follows, therefore, that Jesus also had to have something to offer – but it does not tell us here what specifically that is. What is the better sacrifice that Christ offered? How is it different than the sacrifices offered in the Levitical tabernacle? Check out Hebrews 9:11-14 as a starting place.

6. Verses 4-5 tell us that the Levitical priesthood and temple system were a "copy and shadow" of a heavenly reality. In that case, the need for the shadow and copy was over – Christ is our better high priest now. But there are other things scripture describes as shadows and copies of heavenly realities – do some research on this and make a list. What realities/institutions/traditions do we have today that function as a reminder of a greater truth to come? Back up your answer with Scripture!

7. In verse 5, the author reminds us how God warned Moses to be sure and follow the instructions he received about the tabernacle exactly, because it was ultimately pointing to a greater truth. Refer to the list you created in question 5 and pick one or two of the items that directly relate to your day-to-day life. Are there ways you need to take greater care to ensure you are "making all things according to the pattern"? Be specific and share with your group if possible!