

A serene sunset scene over a beach. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky and reflecting on the water. Waves are breaking on the shore, and the beach is visible in the foreground. Mountains are silhouetted against the sky in the background.

Delighting

in God

Hebrews 4

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Hebrews 4

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4

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What does a priest do?

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Jesus as Our High Priest

Heb 4.

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Ex. 19.6

- God intended to build up the people of Israel as "a kingdom of priests and a consecrated nation"

Gen. 1

- ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

1 Peter 2. 9,10

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Rev. 1.6

- “and has made us to be a kingdom and priests”

Rev. 5.10

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
because you were slain,
and with your blood you purchased for God
persons from every tribe and language and people and
nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve
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and they will reign on the earth.”



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- What priestly function am I to do that this person cannot do for themselves?

