SUCH A HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 8:1

PATRON AND BROKER

- First century Rome ran on patronage.
- Jesus is described with patronage language (Heb. 2:16, 18).
- His death, in particular, is recalled in terms of benefits (Heb. 2:9, 14-15).
- But part of His patronage is to act as our broker (Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24).

THE COMPARISON

- A son would be the best broker a person could hope for (Heb. 1:2; 4-14).
- Having a household servant as broker is a great privilege, but how much better a son (Heb. 3:1-6).
- Do you want a broker who comes into the presence of God once a year, or one who stands in His presence continually (Heb. 7-10).
- Then comparison grows even greater in light of typical human patronage.

THE WRATH OF THE PATRON

- The accepted duty of a client was to show gratitude through loyalty (Heb. 12:28).
- It was understood that failure in this area would incur wrath (Heb. 12:29).
- This is the context of the examples given.
- This is the context of every call to obedient loyalty (Heb. 10:25).
- You cannot find another patron if you spurn this one (Heb. 6:4-8; 10:26-31).