

Jesus is Our Priest
Hebrews 5:1-14
October 21, 2018

1. We Need a Priest

Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. **Hebrews 5:1**

2. Jesus is Uniquely Qualified to be Our Priest

So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." **Hebrews 5:5-6**

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. Jesus learned obedience through what he suffered. **Hebrews 5:7-9**

And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of a regulation as to his ancestry but on the basis of the power of an indestructible life. **Hebrews 7:15-16**

3. Accept Him as Your Priest

And, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. **Hebrews 5:9**

Next Steps

Memorize Hebrews 5:1-2

How often do you think about your need for a priest? Do you really believe you need one? Spend some time reflecting on that question. Where in your life do you need to move from belief to obedience?

Bless 3 people this week at least one who is not part of our church.

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Read Hebrews chapter 5:1-10

What was the work of Israel's chief priests? How is Christ's work as our chief priest similar to their work?

What are some examples of teaching you would consider to be like milk? Like solid food?

Is it always right to pray (for ourselves or for others) for deliverance from a trial? How can we know what to pray?

What makes a good high priest sympathetic to those he represents? (5:2)

For whom did a high priest offer sacrifices? (5:3)

Who chose Israel's high priests? (5:4)

How is Jesus like Melchizedek? (5:6)

In what priestly activities did Jesus engage while on earth? (5:7)

What did Jesus' sufferings teach Him? (5:8) How does Christ meet the requirements of a High Priest? Who is described in this passage as the "source of eternal salvation"? (5:9)

What does it mean that Christ was made perfect?

Here we see that Jesus is the source of eternal salvation. In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." How does verse 9 put this passage in perspective?

Read Hebrews 5:11-14

What was wrong with the group of Hebrew believers originally addressed in this passage?

What are the elementary truths of God's word that we should all know (Hebrews 5:12)?

What does the writer expect believers to do with such knowledge (Hebrews 5:12)?

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