

Hebrews Part 2: Jesus, Our High Priest Forever

Lesson 1: Chapter 5

"The Aaronic Priesthood"

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Hebrews 5 is our introduction to Melchizedek. However, the subject of Melchizedek will be more fully expanded after the warning of Hebrews 6. We will develop our study of him in Ch. 6 & 7.

1. From your *Hebrews At A Glance* page (included), check-out the Book & Chapter themes. Now, having carefully read Hebrews 4:14-5:15, how does Hebrews 4:14-16 relate to Hebrews 5?
2. Carefully read Hebrews 5 and then summarize the chapter in a single sentence of 10 words or less.
3. Aaron (Moses' brother) was of the Tribe of Levi and Israel's first High Priest. We need to learn more about the Aaronic Priesthood by reading several chapters from Exodus 28-29 and Leviticus 8. As you read, record what you learn about the Priesthood and any way in which these details parallel Hebrews 4:14-5:14.
4. In Hebrews we read that not everyone could offer sacrifices for the sins of the people; only those appointed by God (Heb. 5:3-4). Aaron and his sons, of the tribe of Levi, provided the priests for the Nation of Israel. However, all priests were from the tribe of Levi, but not all from the tribe of Levi were priests, only Aaron's descendants. Read Numbers 16:1-18:7. Note what happened when those not appointed intruded into the priests' office. Also, make note of any new insights you glean about the priesthood.

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5. Read Hebrews 5:1-6. Since Jesus was from the tribe of Judah rather than Levi, how did He become a high priest? According to who's "order" was He a priest?

6. Hebrew's author quotes 4 times (Hebrews 5:6, 1:13, 5:5, and 1:5) from Psalm 110 and Psalm 2. What do you learn about Jesus from these quotations? (Don't struggle here, just state the obvious.

7. What do you learn about Jesus as a Son from Hebrews 5:5-10? How does this compare with 5:1-2?

8. After studying Hebrews 4:14-5:10, how does knowing Jesus as your high priest affect your life. Be as specific as possible.

HEBREWS AT A GLANCE

Book Theme: Jesus, our High Priest / Let us hear Him, draw near, and hold fast

Chapter Themes

<p>Author:</p> <p>Purpose: A word of exhortation (13:22)</p> <p>When Written: possibly A.D. 64-68</p> <p>Key Words: Jesus (Son) God angel spoke (spoken, says, said) sin (sinners) priest (priests, priesthood) therefore faith (faithful) greater better (better than, more excellent) let us perfect promise covenant</p>	<p>1 God spoke in His Son, Jesus better than angels</p>
	<p>2 Pay attention to what we have heard / Jesus became flesh and blood</p>
	<p>3 Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest / Don't harden your heart</p>
	<p>4 Don't come short of entering His rest</p>
	<p>5 Jesus, high priest forever according to order of Melchizedek</p>
	<p>6 Let us press on to maturity, some have fallen away</p>
	<p>7 Jesus' priesthood permanent, able to save forever those who draw near</p>
	<p>8 Jesus, mediator of a better covenant</p>
	<p>9 Christ's blood—better sacrifice</p>
	<p>10 Christ's body offered once, let us draw near and hold fast</p>
	<p>11 Men of old gained approval through faith</p>
	<p>12 Jesus, Author and Perfecter of faith / Endure discipline</p>
	<p>13 Jesus—the same yesterday, today, forever / Don't be carried away</p>