

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How was Christ prepared to be our High Priest?
2. Who has need of a High Priest?
3. How is a High Priest to be selected or appointed?
4. The Law ordained that one who served as High Priest should have no physical blemishes (Leviticus 21:17). Why was this established?
5. How was the High Priest perfected?

SUMMARY:

The office of High Priest as established by the law required that one must be made pure (Hebrews 5:3) and that through temptations would be able to understand man's needs and in compassion, intercede for him. This office could only be filled by God's appointment (Hebrews 5:4). Just as the sacrificial lamb was to be free of blemishes, so also must the High Priest be free of physical blemishes.

Jesus, as High Priest, was perfected for this office through the suffering He experienced, and also through the obedience to God's will that He manifested. Let us therefore come confidently and boldly to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and help in time of need.

NOTES:

[SoF:4] We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #5

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Third Quarter

CHRIST, THE TESTED HIGH PRIEST [SoF:4]

LESSON TEXT: *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-10*

LESSON SETTING: Written from Italy probably to the Palestinian Jews by Paul.

TIME: Approximately 64 A.D.

I. AN UNDERSTANDING HIGH PRIEST. Hebrews 4:14-16

- A. Jesus, Our High Priest (vs. 14) Hebrews 2:17, 7:26; 8:1
- B. Able to Intercede for Us (vs. 15)
 1. His Temptations. Matthew 4:1-11; Hebrews 2:18
 2. His Victory. [SoF:4] 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 1:19; 2:22

II. AN ACKNOWLEDGED HIGH PRIEST. Hebrews 5:1-5

- A. Ordained of God (vs. 1, 4) Exodus 28:1-3
- B. No Physical Blemishes. Leviticus 21:18-21; Hebrews 7:26
- C. Christ, Chosen by God (vs. 5) Hebrews 8:1

III. A PERFECTED HIGH PRIEST. Hebrews 5:6-10

- A. Source of Perfection
 1. Through suffering (vs. 7) Hebrew 2:10; 13:12; 1 Peter 3:18
 2. Through obedience (vs. 8) John 14:31 Romans 5:19
- B. Perfection Attained (vs. 9) John 1:14; Hebrews 7:28

GOLDEN TEXT: ... WE HAVE A GREAT HIGH PRIEST, THAT IS PASSED INTO THE HEAVENS, JESUS, THE SON OF GOD . . .

Hebrews 4:14

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Hebrews 5:11-14 6:1-20

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 53:1-12; 1 Peter 3:18-22

QUARTERLY THEME: BOOK OF HEBREWS

TOPIC: CHRIST, OUR SACRIFICE

INTRODUCTION:

In the beginning of creation, after Adam and Eve fell into sin, it was necessary that blood must be shed to cover sin. While Adam and Eve tried to cover their nakedness with fig leaves, this proved to be ineffective and God provided coats of skins to clothe them. Thus blood was shed for that first sin as a sacrifice and this continued and still continues even today. Hebrews 9:22 states that "without shedding of blood is no remission." Even though God established the pattern of blood sacrifice, there was no power in the blood of animals to deliver the people from sinning, so new sacrifices had to be made continually.

In His mercy and His love for mankind and desiring that men could live Godly lives and come into fellowship with Him, He gave His Son to be our Savior and by doing so, we might be enabled to overcome sin in our lives. We are to live in godliness, peace and holiness without which not one shall see the Lord. (1 Timothy 6:11; Hebrew 12:14)

We must also realize that we should highly esteem this sacrifice. We dare not continue in sin after being cleansed and redeemed as that would require a new sacrificing and He only died once for us (vs. 6; Hebrews 9:28; 10:29).

CENTRAL TRUTH: Jesus as the "Lamb of God" became our sacrifice.

GOLDEN TEXT: ...EVEN CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US.

1 Corinthians 5:7b

When the Children of Israel prepared to leave Egypt and as God prepared to bring the last plague over Egypt, He decreed that a death angel would visit every house. The Israelites were instructed to slay a sacrificial lamb and put its blood on the door posts and lintels of their homes and to eat all the lamb. When the death angel would see the blood, it would pass over that house. This would thus ensure their deliverance from death and bondage.

They were commanded to keep this feast once each year as a memorial of God's power in delivering them.

We today also have a sacrificial lamb, Jesus the "Lamb of God", whose blood was shed for our sins and symbolically was placed on our hearts so that the "death angel" would pass over us and that we might live spiritually in this life and in eternity. Just as the Israelites were to commemorate this occasion with the Passover Feast, we today are commanded to likewise commemorate the Lord's death and resurrection with the Lord's Supper, which He instituted at that Last Passover Supper He had with His disciples. As He broke that bread He said: "*Take, eat this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me.*" Likewise as we share the cup we are to do it in remembrance of what He has done for us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF August 5 – 11

M. Spiritual Immaturity. 1 Corinthians 3:1-6

T. Spiritual Maturity. 1 Corinthian 13:3-14; 14:20

W. *Spiritual Growth. Hebrews 5:11-14 6:1-3

T. *Once-only Sacrifice. Hebrew 6:4-8; 9:28

F. *Faithfulness Rewarded. Hebrews 6:9-20

S. Salvation, Our Hope. Titus 2:11-15

S. God's Word is Sure. Matthew 5:17-20; Luke 21:29-33

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