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A GREAT HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 4:14–5:10

Memorize God's Word for the week: Hebrews 4:15-16.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: HEBREWS 4:14-16—THE DISTINCTION OF JESUS

1. a. What are the distinctive characteristics of Jesus' priesthood shown in verse 14?

b. How does knowing what kind of priest Jesus is help us "*hold fast our confession*"?

2. State in your own words the incredible truths found in verses 15-16.

DAY 2: HEBREWS 5:1-3—THE IDENTIFICATION OF A PRIEST

3. Leviticus 9:1-7 records the beginning of the priests' ministry in Israel. Note the verses you use to answer the following questions.
 - a. Who is the designer of the sacrificial system?

b. What are the purposes of the offerings?

4. Read Leviticus 16:1-6, 11, 15-17 with Hebrews 5:1-3. State three or more facts about the work or person of a high priest.

DAY 3: HEBREWS 5:4-6—THE SELECTION OF JESUS

5. How is a high priest chosen?

6. Exodus 28–29 describes the great honor and respect given to the position of priest. Why does that make it seem even more remarkable that "*Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed*" (5:5)?

7. The quotes in verses 5 and 6 come from Psalms 2 and 110. Read these two psalms, then list additional things you learn about the Messiah.

8. Read Genesis 14:18-20; Hebrews 7:1-4. Who is Melchizedek?

DAY 4: HEBREWS 5:7-8—THE QUALIFICATIONS OF JESUS

9. What did Jesus do during His life on earth that was like the ministry of the high priest?
10. When was verse 7 fulfilled in Jesus' life as recorded in the Gospels (Luke 22:41-44)?

DAY 5: HEBREWS 5:9-10—THE DESIGNATION OF JESUS

11. The words *perfect* and *mature*, which often have the same meaning in Scripture, can be defined as *complete beyond improvement, fully developed*. Explain how *perfect* or *mature* is used in each of the following verses:
- a. Romans 12:2

 - b. Ephesians 4:13

 - c. Hebrews 6:1
12. a. Read John 3:1-8, 16-17; 1 Peter 1:18-21. Explain how Jesus "*became the source of eternal salvation*" (Hebrews 5:9).
- b. How does your belief in Jesus as "*the source of eternal salvation*" affect your relationships with people who do not yet know Him as their Savior?

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Jesus has been "*appointed to act on behalf of [us] in relation to God*" (5:1). Is there any aspect of life that does not matter to God? Our physical and our spiritual needs are important to Him. "*Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*" (Matthew 6:26, 33). Everything that matters to us matters to Him! And, because He understands and cares, we are encouraged to boldly approach Him to ask for help.