

Hebrews Part One

Lesson #19, Chapter 5:1-4

Read Hebrews 4:14-5:4 before beginning this lesson.

1. List what you learned from 4:14-16 about Jesus, our High Priest.
2. A different high priest is described in 5:1. What observations can you make about that high priest as stated in vs. 1?
3. Hebrews 5:1 states that the high priest was appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. Look up the following verses to gain a clearer picture of those duties. What do you learn? See Lev. 4:3; 16:1-6, 11-19; Heb. 7:27; 8:3; 9:6-7, 25.
4. What comparison is being made between 4:15 and 5:1-2?
5. What happened to those who tried to take on the role of high priest themselves instead of being appointed by God? See Num. 16:8-10, 31-33, 36-40; 1 Sam. 13:8-14; 2 Chron. 26:16-21.
6. To what kind of people did the high priest minister (vs. 2)? How was he supposed to do this (vs. 2)? Why?
7. Define *ignorant* [Strong's #50]. Heb. 9:7 and 1 Pet. 1:14 convey the meaning expressed in 5:2. What further information do you learn from those verses?

8. Define *misguided* [Strong's #4105 (NIV, KJV *going astray*)]. See also 2 Cor. 11:3; James 5:19-20; and 1 Pet. 2:25.

9. When was the high priest exempt from offering sacrifices on someone's behalf? Read Num. 15:28-31.

10. What does Num. 15:28-31 tell you about how God views defiant sin? See also Heb. 10:26-27.

11. The high priest was not authorized to make atonement for presumptuous, defiant sins—sins that we all have committed at one time or another. Think about that! The high priest would not offer a sacrifice on behalf of the person who was still defiant and rebellious against God. What would need to happen if that mutinous person wanted to be right with God? See Ps. 51:1-4 and Luke 18:13-14.

12. What principles for ministering to people can you extract from what you've learned about the high priest in Questions 6 through 11?

13. What was the high priest obligated to do according to vs. 3?

14. Why did he need to do that according to vs. 2?

15. What further information are we given in vs. 4 about the office of high priest?

16. Just as God gave the ministry of high priest to those whom He chose, He continues giving gifts and ministries today. What do you learn from the following verses about the gifts God gives each believer and the limits of those gifts? See Rom. 11:29; 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 11, 14-18; and 1 Pet. 4:10-11.

17. The picture painted here is beautiful to behold, especially when it is viewed with Jesus in mind. Look at Heb. 5:1-4 again. How did Jesus compare with the standard that God intended the high priests to uphold?

18. Write a prayer of thanks for God's provision of Jesus Christ as our great high priest.

Before the Throne of God Above

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Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea.
A great high Priest whose Name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart.
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free.
For God the just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace,

One in Himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by His blood,
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God!