

Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

Our Great High Priest
Lesson 6
Hebrews 5

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Hebrews

▶ Main subject

- Jesus, the Great High Priest (5-7)
- The New Covenant (8:1-10:18)

▶ Main purpose

- “I urge you to bear with the word of exhortation” (13:22)
- 5 interruptions: 2:1-4; 3:7-4:14; 5:11-6:20; 10:26-39; 12:25-29
- 3½ chapters of application (10:19-13:19)
- Benediction (13:20-25)

▶ Main audience

- A Jewish church . . . a new and living way (10:20)
- The Law is not able to perfect/finish (7:19; John 17:4)
- The Old Covenant has disappeared (8:13; 10:9)
- A mixed audience – unbelievers and weak believers

▶ An apostolic sermon

Hebrews – Outline

- ▶ Introduction (1:1-4)
- ▶ Jesus is God and Man (1:5-2:18)
 - Greater than angels (1:5-14)
 - Exhortation (2:1-4)
 - Less than angels (2:5-18)
- ▶ Jesus is Apostle and High Priest of our Confession (3-7)
 - Apostle (3:1-6) – compared to Moses
 - Exhortation (3:7-4:16)
 - High Priest (5:1-10)
 - Exhortation (5:11-6:20)
 - High Priest in the Order of Melchizedek (7)
- ▶ The New Covenant (8:1-10:18)
- ▶ The New and Living Way (10:19-13:19)
- ▶ Benediction (13:20-25)

Our Great High Priest - Hebrews 5

- ▶ The high priest – job description (5:1-4)
- ▶ Jesus, the Great High Priest – qualified (5:5-10)
- ▶ Introduction to exhortation and warning (5:11-14)

The High Priest (5:1-4)

- ▶ The Levitical priesthood is the pattern
- ▶ Taken from among men
 - Represents men before God
 - Leviticus 16:33 – “for the priests and for all the people of the assembly”
- ▶ Mediate things pertaining to God
 - Mediation to bring us to God – by gifts and sacrifices to God
 - A work of propitiating/pacifying the wrath of God
 - Annual Day of Atonement – High Priest entered the presence of God
- ▶ Identified with the people – shared their frailties and sin
- ▶ Chosen by God
 - Not qualified
 - Not able to solve the problem of sin

Jesus, the High Priest (5:5-10)

- ▶ Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest
 - Psalm 2:7 – My Son – Begotten today
 - Psalm 110:4 – Priest forever – order of Melchizedek
- ▶ Taken from among men – “In the days of His flesh”
 - Cried out to the Father
 - Heard because of His piety (“He feared” AV)
 - Not suffering for sin
 - Suffering because of the Father’s ways
- ▶ Learned obedience through suffering
 - Word of God or Ways of God
 - Faith
- ▶ Having been made perfect – finished the course
- ▶ Appointed by God to order of Melchizedek

Exhortation Begins (5:11-14)

- ▶ Putting off discussion of the Order of Melchizedek
- ▶ Congregation was “dull of hearing”
 - Spiritual death
 - Spiritual indolence
- ▶ Needed to be teachers
- ▶ Forgot the fundamentals
- ▶ Need milk – word of righteousness
- ▶ Need maturity – solid food – discern good and evil

Our Great High Priest

- ▶ God – partakers of the Divine nature
- ▶ Man – dull of hearing
- ▶ Perfected through suffering – trusting in the Father
- ▶ Our Great High Priest is bringing many sons to glory