

HEBREWS 4:14 – 5:14

September 29-30, 2021



1. Think of a few situations in your life that can lead to discouragement or stress. How has God met with you in these trying times?
2. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Remember a high priest's role was to be a representative for the Israelites in matters related to God. What are the reasons Jesus is our great High Priest according to these verses?

What should be our response to these realities?

What is awaiting us as we approach the presence of our Lord?

Even though we are offered these incredible gifts in our times of need, we often do not approach Jesus to receive them. Jot down the reasons this may sometimes be true in your life.

What encouragement can we glean from the following passages?

Proverbs 18:10

Isaiah 41:10

Philippians 4:6-7

1 Peter 5:7

3. In Hebrews 5:1-4, we read more about the role of a high priest. List the qualifications Jesus meets and also the qualifications which do not apply to Jesus.

Hebrews 5:4 tells us all high priests received their calling from God. Jesus, our High Priest, received a calling greater than Israel's high priests. Read 1 John 3:5 and record His calling.

4. Continue to read about Jesus' calling in Hebrews 5:5-6. Melchizedek was a high priest in the time of Abraham. He was both a priest and a king, and this is true of Jesus as well. Put on your thinking cap and consider the different roles of a priest and a king. List some specific provisions you can expect in your life as Jesus fulfills both of these roles for you *forever*.

PRIEST

KING

5. Read Hebrews 5:7-10 to look closely at our holy High Priest. What did Jesus offer to God?

The cost of these gifts was high. Write down the words from these verses that expose the pain involved with Jesus' offerings.

We all learn the depth of our obedience by how we respond to suffering. Jesus experienced the true meaning of obedience in terms of the suffering He obediently endured, and was made perfect for the role He would play as our High Priest. In verses 7-8 are some helpful truths about suffering which we can apply to our lives to endure trials well. Record your observations.

6. In Hebrews 5:9-10, we can see the good which resulted from the suffering of Jesus. What is the great gift He has given to those who believe in Him?

Read Romans 8:26-28 and jot down some of the good that has resulted from dark trials you have experienced in your life.

Read 1 Peter 1:3-5 and list the words that describe our eternal salvation that can never end.

7. In the next few verses, the author of Hebrews criticizes the Jews' spiritual immaturity. Read Hebrews 5:11-14. Record both the problems and the solution found in this passage.

What keeps them from understanding deeper teachings?

What prevents them from becoming teachers?

What is the result of living only on the milk of basic spiritual principals?

What does it look like to be spiritually mature?

8. Think about your journey into spiritual maturity. Share an area in your life where you realized you were eating solid food and had set down your glass of milk.

9. What are the responsibilities of every believer according to the following verses?

Colossians 3:16

1 Timothy 4:7-8

2 Timothy 2:15

2 Timothy 4:1-2

1 Peter 3:15

10. Envision the Olympic Games. If you were entering the Mature Christian Competition, how would you prepare to compete and take home the gold?

11. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

ALL WE NEED

Hebrews 4:14-5:14

*But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. Isaiah 59:2*

A Great High Priest

4:14

Jesus has the better title. Jesus was not just another high priest, but a _____ one.

A high priest passed through the outer court, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. Jesus passed through our atmosphere, space, and then into heaven itself to reign.

A high priest ministered in an earthly tabernacle made by man. Jesus ministers in the heavenly tabernacle made by God.

As our great High Priest, Jesus was both man and God. This is our confession.

Freed from that which is earthly, our faith is characterized by that which is heavenly.

A Sympathetic High Priest

4:15-16

Jesus can enter into the _____ that temptation brings us, because He felt it Himself.

The One who fully resists temptation can know the full extent of its force.

When we come to Jesus in our need, we will find His throne to be a throne of grace.

A God Appointed High Priest

5:1-6

Christ was ordained by God to _____ represent His people before the throne.

God appointed Jesus to be both priest and king forever in the order of Melchizedek.

The Father has ordained what Christ has done, is doing, and will do on our behalf.

A Sacrificial High Priest

5:7-10

Jesus willingly walked God's ordained path to the cross as the _____ sacrifice for sin.

Jesus experienced the true meaning of obedience in terms of the suffering He endured, and was made perfect in the role He would play as our great High Priest.

The Danger of Dullness

5:11-14

The spiritually immature cannot hear, cannot teach, cannot learn, and cannot discern.

We become advanced scholars in Christ's school by sitting in the front row of _____.

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1 TIMOTHY 2:5-6 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

HEBREWS 8:1-2 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

ROMANS 8:34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

ISAIAH 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HEBREWS 10:11-12 And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

1 PETER 3:18a For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.