

sermon notes

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December 11, 2022 | “High Priest Par Excellence” | **Hebrews 5:1-10**

Three ways that Jesus is our high priest *par excellence*:

1) Jesus didn't offer up a _____ for his own
_____ (5:1-4)

2) Jesus is from the line of _____ not
_____ (5:5-6)

3) Jesus became a source of _____ for
_____ (5:7-10)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 5:1-10. There is a repeated statement in this passage concerning being “appointed” (5:1, 6). How was the OT high priest appointed? How was Jesus appointed? In what way is Jesus like the OT high priest? How is he unlike the OT high priest? How is his lineage different? How is his priesthood different?

Read Matthew 26:36-46 and the account of Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. How is Jesus's agony as a human on full display in this passage? How did Jesus's prayer progress from “Take this cup from me” to “Not my will but yours be done” in that passage? What principles on prayer can we glean from Jesus's experience in Gethsemane?

Connect Matthew 26:36-46 with Hebrews 5:7-8. Is the author of Hebrews alluding to the Garden of Gethsemane in this passage? How does Jesus's praying in agony show solidarity with human beings? What is the author of Hebrews teaching us through his statements about Jesus in 5:7-10?

GET PERSONAL

Interact with the following statement: “Jesus was always God, but his savior-hood reached full flower after his death and resurrection.” How did Jesus become “the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him” (5:9)? When did Jesus become the source of eternal salvation for you?

Interact with the following statement by Tommy Nelson: “The absence of tears in Jesus Christ would have been just as heretical and condemning as the presence of sin.” When did Jesus weep in the Bible, and why is this significant in Hebrews 5:1-10?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

In light of Jesus's incarnation, we can never say, “God, I'm hurting, and you don't know what I'm going through.” How does this impact the way we approach God in prayer? How does this change the way that we pray? Should it change the way we pray? Why is it significant that Jesus is called a “priest forever?” How does Jesus's eternal priesthood assure our faith and help us endure as Christians?

Read Hebrews 5:7-8. Jesus prayed to the Father, and the author of Hebrews tells us that he was “heard because of his reverence.” But was Jesus saved from death? How might we answer “no” (Matt 27:45-50)? But also “yes” (Matt 28:1-7)?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Who is Melchizedek? Why does the author of Hebrews reference him in this passage? Watch the following sermon on Psalm 110 and answer the application questions on that page (especially questions 2 and 3):

<https://www.vbv.org/king-david-s-king>.