

LESSON 205

Egermeier's Story: None

Memory Verse: Hebrews 3:1b "...consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession." NASB

Scripture: Hebrews 5-10

Teaching Resource:

Bible Study Guide for All Ages Lessons 234-236

Doctrinal Emphasis: Hebrews 5-10 – Jesus, Our High Priest

Key Theme: *Defining our High Priest and Savior*

Chapter 5: The high priest of the Old Testament was from the line of Aaron. He was a man but with sin and weakness. He offered a sacrifice for sin for himself and on behalf of the people.

Christ is the perfect high priest according to the line of Melchizedek (see below in chapter 7), not of the line of Aaron.

The author discusses maturity of the believer. By this time, the Hebrews should have been teaching others. Instead, they were lacking the fundamental principles. An analogy of solid food versus milk follows discussing maturity.

Chapter 6: There is danger in falling away from fundamental teaching. Faith in Jesus is more important than works. Believers are heirs to the promises of God. God keeps His promises, and He does not change.

Chapter 7: Melchizedek was the king of Salem (peace), and he was also a priest. His name means "righteousness." He comes with no genealogy. There is no mention of birth or death. He was respected by Abraham who gave Melchizedek a tenth of his choicest spoils.

This is who Christ is. He is a priest and a king. Jesus is a perfect priest forever. He is holy, innocent, undefiled, and separate from sinners. He died once and for all with His death on the cross.

Chapter 8: Jesus is at the right hand of God the Father. Christ is our mediator. A new covenant is coming with nation Israel.

Chapter 9: The old covenant provided regulations regarding worship and the sanctuary. A description of the tabernacle is detailed. Priestly worship is noted.

Christ entered as a high priest by the sacrifice of His own blood, not the blood of animals. Because of His shed blood, He is the mediator of the new covenant. Christ will appear a second time for salvation.

Chapter 10: Yearly sacrifices of animals do not take away sin. Aaronic priests cannot take away sin. Only Jesus can. We have access to God the Father through the blood of Christ. For those who refuse the payment of sin via the cross, there will come a day of judgment. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God (v. 31).