



Our Great High Priest

Prayer:

Text: Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10

Icebreaker: Why do we need a mediator between us and God?
1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 2:1-2

1. What did Job and his friend Elihu have to say about needing a mediator?
Job 9:32-35; 33:23-26

2. What objective did the author have in writing the book of Hebrews? Hebrews 3:1-2; 12:3

3. What superior title is Jesus given as High Priest when contrasted to Aaron?
Hebrews 4:14

4. What has Jesus done that the High Priests of the Old Testament could not do?
Hebrews 4:14; John 3:13; 20:17; Ephesians 4:8-10; Luke 16:22-23

5. Considering our Lord's superior priesthood what should the response be from believers who are tempted to turn again to an inferior earthly priest? Hebrews 4:14

6. What encouragement do we receive from the double negative statement found in Hebrews 4:15? Hebrews 12:2-4

7. How was Jesus superior to Aaron and other earthly priest according to the second part of Hebrews 4:15? Hebrews 2:17-18

8. Because of Jesus' superior priesthood what great invitation becomes a reality to us each day? Hebrews 4:16

9. How did God illustrate through the turban of Aaron that we need a mediator to make our gifts and sacrifices acceptable to God? Hebrews 5:1; Isaiah 64:6; Exodus 28:36-38

10. What was the Old Testament priest required to do before offering sacrifices for the people, which was not necessary for the Lord Jesus? Hebrews 5:2-3; 10:11-12

11. What contrast is made in the following verses between the Aaronic priests compared to our Lord? Hebrews 5:4-5

12. The Aaronic priesthood was from the order of Levi. What tribe was Jesus from and what was the superior order of His priesthood called? Hebrews 5:6; 7:1-3, 14-17

One of the great hallmarks of a godly High Priest was to make intercession for himself and for the people. Jesus' earthly ministry was marked by intercession. He would go up on the mountain or to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray, even rising before daybreak to spend time with His Heavenly Father.

13. When did Jesus intercede for us with intense crying and tears? Hebrews 5:7; Mark 14:32-36; Luke 22:41-44 (Read Jesus' intercessory prayer in John 17 only if time permits. This may have been part of Jesus' prayer of intercession for us in Gethsemane)

Think about it this week:

*Though He was a Son,
yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,
called by God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.*

Hebrews 5:8-10

Jesus learned the cost of obedience by the things that He suffered, and thus He proved His perfection.