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CONSIDER JESUS, YOUR HIGH PRIEST

A high priest was taken from among men so that he could deal gently with the ignorant and misguided. This is Jesus, your high priest.

TAKING IT IN

The book of Hebrews focuses our attention on Jesus, our great high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.

Because the author of Hebrews highlights Jesus' priesthood, we want to grasp every truth he presents regarding Jesus' priesthood. Remember Hebrews is a word of exhortation; therefore, these truths have practical application to our lives.

Since careful observation must precede any application, this week will be spent observing all we can from Hebrews 4:14–5:14 regarding the priesthood and Jesus Christ.

1. Turn to your Observation Worksheets of Hebrews 4:14–5:14 and mark every reference to priest, priesthood, and high priest in a distinctive way. Also mark all pronouns (for example, he, his, himself, etc.).
2. Now mark every reference to Jesus including, of course, Christ, Son, and all pronouns. Mark these all in the same way or with the same color. You'll find a suggested marking for Jesus Christ on the back cover of your workbook, along with suggestions for other words used frequently throughout the Bible.
3. In the right-hand column of your Observation Worksheet make two lists: one for priests and one for Jesus Christ. Then under each heading, list what you learn regarding each one.
4. By now you have observed that the author of Hebrews compares Christ's priesthood with the priests of the Old Testament and with Melchizedek. We will deal with Melchizedek in Hebrews 7.

Where did the Old Testament priests come from? Jacob (Israel) had twelve sons from whom tribes of Israel descended. The tribe of Levi was the tribe that provided the priests who ministered at the altar and had a right to enter the Holy Place. Others of the tribe of Levi were not priests, but ministered in ways such as moving the Tabernacle and its furniture. All priests were from the tribe of Levi, but not all from Levi were priests, only Aaron's sons (descendants). Aaron and Moses were descendants of Levi.

Aaron, who was of the tribe of Levi, was the first one ever consecrated by God as high priest. Only the high priest could offer sacrifices in the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement.

Exodus 28 gives us an account of the consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests. Read this chapter simply to familiarize yourself with the priest and his garments. You will find a sketches of the high priest's garments at the end of this lesson.

LIVING IT OUT

1. Read through Hebrews 5 again. This time note what the author has to say to the recipients of his letter.

Write out what you learn about them from this chapter.

2. According to what you have read in Hebrews 5, how would you describe yourself as a Christian—as an infant or as a mature believer? Why?

3. According to this chapter, what do you think it takes to make one mature as a Christian?

4. Beloved, what have you learned this week about Jesus as your high priest that you can personally apply to your life?

5. This is optional, but it would greatly profit you to memorize Hebrews 4:14-16.

O Beloved, can you see how essential it is to study God's Word that you might grow up in Him?

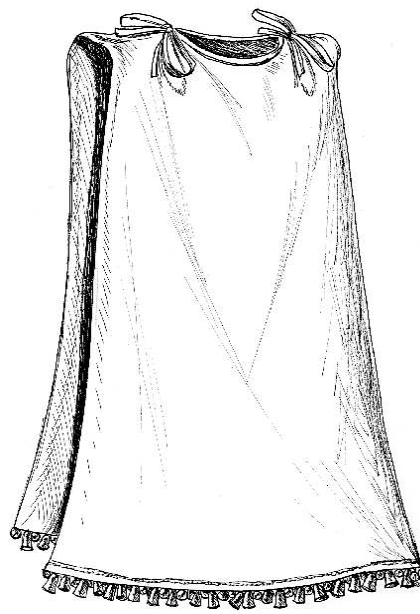
Thank you, thank you for strengthening His body by pressing on to maturity. We so appreciate you.



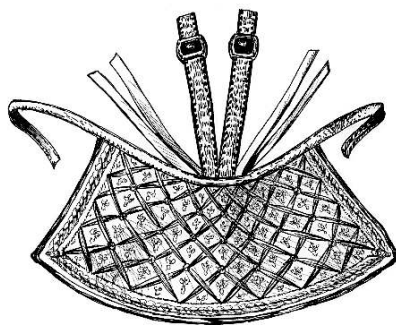
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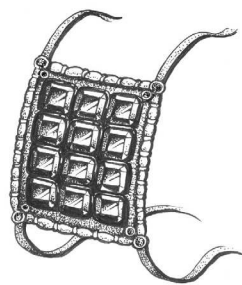
High Priest's Garments



Robe of the Ephod



Ephod



Breastplate

HEBREWS 4 Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THEREFORE, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.

2 For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

3 For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said,

“AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,

THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,”

although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: “AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS”;

5 and again in this *passage*, “THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.”

6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience,

7 He again fixes a certain day, “Today,” saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,

“TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.”

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that.

9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

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- 10 For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.
- 11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience.
- 12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.
- 14** Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.
- 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 5

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- FOR every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;
- 2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness;
 - 3 and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.
 - 4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.
 - 5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,
“YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”;
 - 6 just as He says also in another *passage*,
“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”
 - 7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.
 - 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.
 - 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

- 10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- 11 Concerning him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.
- 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.
- 13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.
- 14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.