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CONSIDER JESUS, YOUR HIGH PRIEST

A high priest was chosen from among men so that he could deal gently with the ignorant and wayward. 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 heaven.

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 Most Holy Place 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 a child 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?

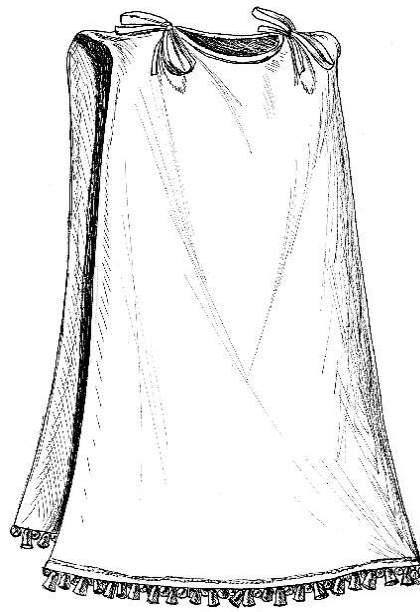
Thank you, thank you for strengthening His body by going on to maturity. We so appreciate you.



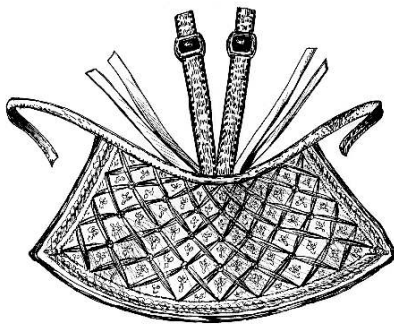
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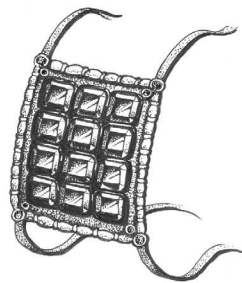
High Priest's Garments



Robe of the Ephod



Ephod



Breastplate



HEBREWS 4 Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

THEREFORE, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

3 For we who have believed enter that rest, 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 somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.”

5 And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,

7 again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.

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

10 for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.



- 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.
- 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
- 14 Since then 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 is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.
- 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



HEBREWS 5 Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

- FOR** every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.
 - 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.
 - 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.
 - 5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,
 “You are my Son,
 today I have begotten you”;
 - 6 as he says also in another place,
 “You are a priest forever,
 after the order of Melchizedek.”
 - 7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.
 - 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.
 - 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,
 - 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.
 - 11 About this 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 need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,
- 13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.
- 14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.