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High Priest
Hebrews 5
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

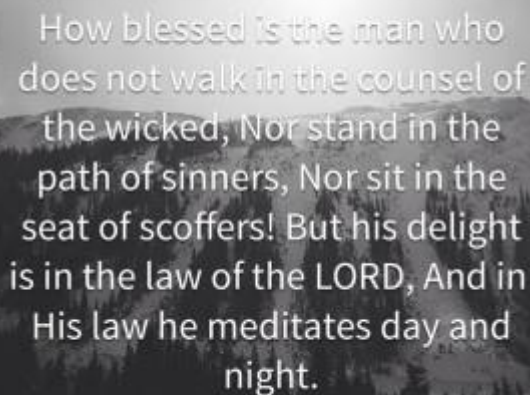
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Hebrews chapter 5 spends a good amount of time telling us about the superiority of Jesus as high Priest. The Jews have had a high priest for a long time. The priest would help facilitate their relationship with God. He would help them make sacrifices and offerings to pay for their sin. Now we have a new high priest, the perfect person to help us know God more. We definitely need community and we benefit from a community that encourages us in our relationship with God. However, we are not dependent on any one person to help us know God. Jesus is there to facilitate our relationship with God. He is the perfect High Priest. Join us this week as we talk about how Jesus allows us to know God.



How blessed is the man who
does not walk in the counsel of
the wicked, Nor stand in the
path of sinners, Nor sit in the
seat of scoffers! But his delight
is in the law of the LORD, And in
His law he meditates day and
night.

Psalms 1:1-2

The Perfect High Priest

5 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.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. What does the high priest do?

9. What is the benefit of the high priest being a person?

10. Who gives the high priest honor?

11. Who is Melchizedek? (Gen. 14:18-20) How is Melchizedek symbolic of Christ?

12. Who is the source of eternal life?

13. Who receives the eternal life?

14. What should the mature Christian seek? (v. 13-14)

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

15. Who is your high priest?

16. What does your high priest do for you?

17. What is the drawback of only considering the basics of Christianity?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes