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Text: Hebrews 5:1-6
Topic: Priesthood. Justification.
Study: Hebrews
Week: 21
Series: 1 of 2
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Our Need for Representation

Understanding the Priesthood, Then & Now

part 1



1. Reconsider _____ (v.1)

2. See _____ (vv.2-3)

3. Stand _____ (vv.4-6)

Hebrews 5:1-6

¹ Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³ This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

⁴ No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." ⁶ And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What is your understanding of the holiness of God? What does it mean? What difference does it make?

Read **Isaiah 6:1-8**. Here is a picture of a "holy" prophet who in the previous five chapters had clearly seen and preached against the sin of the nation of Israel. In the sixth chapter Isaiah is confronted with a clear vision of the holiness of God enthroned in heaven. The prophet is now quick to see the grievousness of his own sin. What can you do to maintain a clear sense of God's holiness on a daily basis so that you will stay dependent on your need for atonement (v.7) and your eagerness to serve God's people (v.8)?

2. How has this message from Hebrews 5:1-6 helped you to understand the significance of the OT priesthood? What clarifications were most helpful and why?

3. Read **Hebrews 10:19-22** and **4:16**. Imagine your life during the Old Testament period of the mediatorial priesthood. What advantages do we have as New Testament Christians that you have taken for granted?

4. Read **1 Peter 2:9**. Write out a prayer of thanksgiving (fulfilling the intent of this verse) regarding your "royal priesthood" and full access to God because of the justification that came through your trust in Christ's work on your behalf.

Through the Bible in 2006

Chapters of the Bible you need to read this week!

March 19th

Deut. 5-6 & Lk. 3

March 20th

Deut. 7-8 & Lk. 4

March 21st

Deut. 9-10 & Lk. 5

March 22nd

Deut. 11-12 & Lk. 6

March 23rd

Deut. 13-14 & Lk. 7

March 24th

Deut. 15-16 & Lk. 8

March 25th

Deut. 17-18 & Lk. 9

March 26th

Deut. 19-20 & Lk. 10

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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