

STUDYING THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 8 - A Sabbath-Rest for the People of God (continued) - Hebrews 5:1-10

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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HEB 5:1 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.

HEB 5:4 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. "

HEB 5:6 And he says in another place,

"You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek."

HEB 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. [8] Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered [9] and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him [10] and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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85. What is the role and primary duty of a high priest? (5:1)
86. What makes a good high priest sympathetic to those he represents? (5:2)
87. For whom did a high priest offer sacrifices? (5:3)
88. Who chose Israel's high priests? (5:4)

89. How is Jesus like Melchizedek? (5:6)
90. In what priestly activities did Jesus engage while on earth? (5:7)
91. What did Jesus' sufferings teach Him? (5:8)
92. Who is described in this passage as the "source of eternal salvation"? (5:9)

Lesson 9 - Warning Against Falling Away - Hebrews 5:11-14

HEB 5:11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. [12] In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! [13] Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. [14] But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Lesson 9 - Warning Against Falling Away - Hebrews 5:11-14

93. What was wrong with the group of Hebrew believers originally addressed in this passage? (5:11-14)
94. What are the marks of spiritual maturity? (5:11-14)
95. Of what are infant or baby Christians ignorant? (5:13)
96. What is the benefit of "solid food"? (5:14)