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HELPFUL STUDY TOOLS

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How to Study Your Bible

Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1994/2010

The New Inductive Study Bible—The New American Standard Bible

Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 2000

Greek Word Study Tools

Commentaries on Hebrews

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GUTHRIE, DONALD

Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: Hebrews

Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1983.

MORRIS, LEON; BURDICK, DONALD W.

The Expositor's Bible Commentary: Hebrews, James

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996.

PFEIFFER, CHARLES F.

Everyman's Bible Commentary: The Epistle to the Hebrews

Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1962.

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LESSON ONE

Chapter Five

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES Observation Worksheet of Hebrews 5, located in the Appendix
Cross-references

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.

DAY
ONE
AND
DAY
TWO

1. To begin our study of Hebrews Part 2, let's look at the "Hebrews at a Glance" chart which is found at the end of this lesson. For those of you who studied Hebrews Part 1, you did an Overview of Hebrews to complete this chart and you may prefer to use it. But for those of you who were not with us for the study of Part 1, we have provided a completed At a Glance chart so you can see what this letter is about.

Be sure to check out the book and chapter themes, especially for Hebrews 1–4. Also, pay close attention to Key Words, the Author's Purpose, and Segment Divisions.

2. Now read Hebrews 4:14–5:14. How does Hebrews 4:14-16 relate to Hebrews 5?

3. Do a Chapter Study of Hebrews 5. Keep in mind the relationship you have just seen between Hebrews 4:14-16 and Hebrews 5.

If you are new to Precept, Beloved, and have never done a Chapter Study before, then follow the instructions in “Focusing in on the Details” in *How to Study Your Bible* or see “How to Do a Chapter Study” in the Appendix of this Hebrews study. Don’t panic. Observation of a chapter is a skill developed through repetitive practice, and you will have an opportunity to do so eight more times since there are thirteen chapters in Hebrews!

DAY THREE

To have a better appreciation of all that the author of Hebrews is saying to us, we need to have an Old Testament perspective of the Aaronic Priesthood. Aaron, who was from the tribe of Levi, was Israel’s first high priest consecrated by God. Therefore, we will spend today reading some key chapters from Exodus and Leviticus.

As you read these Scriptures, record what you learn regarding the Priesthood and any way in which these details parallel Hebrews 4:14–5:14.

Read Exodus 28–29 and Leviticus 8. As you read these chapters, refer to the sketch of the high priest’s garments located at the end of this lesson.

DAY
FOUR
AND
DAY
FIVE

1. In Hebrews we read that not everyone could offer sacrifices for the sins of the people; only those appointed by God could do so (Hebrews 5:3-4). Jacob (Israel) had twelve sons from whom the tribes of Israel descended. The tribe of Levi was the tribe that provided the priests—Aaron and his sons—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 the moving of 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). Only the high priest could offer sacrifices in the Holy of Holies once a year on the Day of Atonement.

What would happen to someone who sought to intrude into the priests’ or the high priest’s office and perform their duties?

- a. Read Numbers 16:1–18:7. From these chapters note what happened when those not appointed intruded into the priests’ office. Also note any new insights you glean about the priesthood.

- b. Let’s look at one more example: the intrusion of a king into the priest’s duties. Read 2 Chronicles 26:1-23. This is the King Uzziah of Isaiah 6:1! Record the main points of this chapter as they relate to our subject of the priesthood.

4. How does knowing these truths about Jesus as your high priest from Hebrews 4:14–5:10 affect your life? Be as specific as possible.

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

Press on to maturity. Persevere in your studies. He who is coming will soon come and not delay, and you don't want to be ashamed when He comes!

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

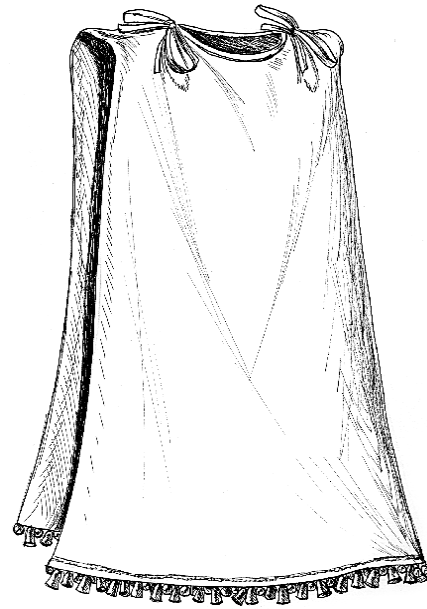
HEBREW'S AT A GLANCE

Book Theme: Jesus, our High Priest / Let us hear Him, draw near, and hold fast

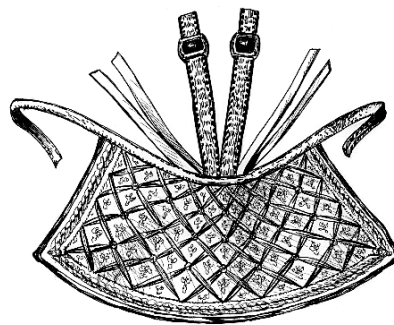
	Chapter Themes	Segment Divisions			
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	2 Pay attention to what we have heard / Jesus became flesh and blood				
	3 Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest / Don't harden your heart	Consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our Confession			
	4 Don't come short of entering His rest				
	5 Jesus, high priest forever according to order of Melchizedek				
	6 Let us press on to maturity, some have fallen away				
	7 Jesus' priesthood permanent, able to save forever those who draw near				
	8 Jesus, mediator of a better covenant				
	9 Christ's blood—better sacrifice				
	10 Christ's body offered once, let us draw near and hold fast				
	11 Men of old gained approval through faith		Jesus, Author and Perfecter of Faith		
	12 Jesus, Author and Perfecter of faith / Endure discipline				
	13 Jesus—the same yesterday, today, forever / Don't be carried away				



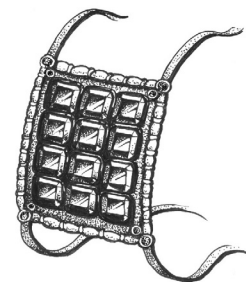
High Priests Garments



Robe of the Ephod



Ephod (viewed from the back)



Breastpiece

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.