

Better than Aaron – Hebrews 5:1-10

The high priests of the Old Testament.

Jesus is a new and better high priest.

Jesus is the source of eternal salvation

Questions for Discussion & Application

1. What questions do you have about today's passage and message?
2. What are the similarities and differences between Jesus' priesthood and the priests of the Old Testament?
3. Who was Melchizedek? Why is Jesus said to be a priest from the order of Melchizedek?
4. In what sense did Jesus need to learn obedience through His sufferings and to be made perfect?
5. Why do all people need a high priest?
6. Jesus is the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. How does this truth call us to action?
7. How will you apply today's passage to your own life?

Hebrews 5:1–10 (ESV)

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.