

For the Week Beginning December 14, 2025

“Ministry of a High Priest”

☼ Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every 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. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.

⁴No-one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So 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.”

⁶And he says in another place,

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

⁷During 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. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

☼ Opening Question:

- What’s the best piece of advice you’ve ever received?
- Looking back, how has God been faithful to you this year?

☼ The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

Verses 1-4

1. According to verses 1-4, what were the main responsibilities and qualifications of a high priest?
2. Why was it possible that the high priest was able to “deal gently” with those "who are ignorant and are going astray?" How important is this?
3. Why did the high priest have "to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people"?
4. What can we know about the high priesthood from verse 4?

Verses 5-6

1. What do verses 5-6 (quoting Psalm 2:7 and Psalm 110:4) reveal about Jesus' priesthood?

Verses 7-10

1. What kind of priest-king/high priest was Jesus according to verses 7-8? What was he like towards his people? Towards God?
2. What does it mean that Jesus was “made perfect” through suffering (verse 9)?
3. How is "high priest in the order of Melchizedek" an appropriate description of Jesus's priesthood?

☼ Living the Word/Application:

- In what ways can remembering Jesus as your high priest encourage you?
- What does it mean for us as a community to live under the leadership of a priest “in the order of Melchizedek”?