

A Study of the General Epistles

NT Survey Lesson 147—Hebrews 5

Introduction: Having urged his readers to draw near God through their high priest, the Hebrew writer contrasts Jesus with the high priests taken from among men. Like the priests of the OT He was called by God to His office and made suitable for His service by the suffering He experienced in the flesh.

Lesson aim: To show that Jesus was perfected by sufferings to be our high priest.

Our high priest was called by God and perfected by suffering—Heb. 5:1-10

1. A high priest taken from among men is appointed on whose behalf? (v. 1) What is he called to offer?
2. What makes it possible for a human priest to deal gently with the ignorant and misguided? (v. 2)
3. For whom does the high priest taken from among men offer his sacrifices? (v. 3)
4. Who calls one to be a high priest? (v. 4) Can one take the honor upon himself?
5. Who called Jesus to be a high priest? (v. 5) What verses show this? (v. 5-6)
6. What did Jesus do “in the days of his flesh?” (v. 7) Was He heard by God?
7. Though he was a Son, what did Jesus learn? (v. 8) How did He learn this?
8. Jesus’ sufferings made him what? (v. 9) What did Jesus become? To whom did He become this?

9. Jesus was designated high priest according to the order of what OT priest? (v. 10)

An encouragement to spiritual maturity—Heb. 5:11-14

1. What concern did the Hebrew writer express about his readers? (v. 11)
2. What was the proof that the Hebrews had become “dull of hearing”? (v. 12)
3. Of what kind of food were the Hebrews in need? (v. 12) What did the writer say about those who partake only of “milk”?
4. Solid food is for whom? (v. 14) How are the mature described?