

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 5:1-4

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 5:1-4

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 1 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.

1. How would you summarize the argumentation of this passage?
2. The first word of verse 1 is “for,” indicating a relationship with what was written in chapter 4. How does our passage this week fit into the argument of last week’s passage?

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3. With whom are we meant to compare the high priest described in verses 1-4?
4. How does the high priest receive their role, according to v. 1?
5. On whose behalf does the high priest act?
6. What does it mean that the high priest is appointed “on behalf of men in things pertaining to God?”
7. What are the duties of the high priest, according to verse 1?
8. What kinds of gifts and sacrifices would the high priest offer? (Lev 16)
9. Why did the high priest need to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins?

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❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 5:1-4 again.

10. What two types of people does the high priest act on behalf of, according to verse 2?

11. How could the high priest interact with these people?

12. What does it mean for the high priest to deal gently with people? (“deal gently” is only used here in the NT)

13. Why ought the high priest interact with people with proper emotion and compassion?

14. How might the high priests have been tempted to not treat the people this way?

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15. How should the recognition of your own weakness affect the ways in which you interact and respond to others?

16. How does Jesus compare to what we've read of the high priest in verses 1-2? How is he similar? How is he different?

❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 5:1-4 again.

17. What is the "it" of verse 3 referring to?

18. How does the high priest's weakness obligate him to offer sacrifices for sin?

19. For which two parties does the high priest offer sacrifices for sins?

20. How does the high priest receive his role, according to verse 4?

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21. What word does the author use to describe this calling from God?
22. Who is Aaron of verse 4? Why is he referenced here?
23. What might be the author's purpose in including Aaron in this passage?
24. How does Jesus compare to what we've read of the high priest in verses 3-4? How is he similar? How is he different?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would consider Jesus, our great high priest, as our greatest treasure. Thank Him that He underwent temptation and took on humanity in order to sympathize with our weakness yet did not sin as we do. Ask for forgiveness for not treating others with compassion and understanding, those who are like ourselves, beset with weakness.