

“Hold Firm!”
Swartz Creek / Lads to Leaders
Family Bible Study - Week 11
Hebrews 5:1-7

Read the text in the NKJV. Suggested memory verses: 5:5-6. In lieu of *memorizing* the verses, read the assigned text every single day for a week.

FOR ADULTS:

The main idea is: “Christ was heard because of His godly fear.” *No book of the NT pictures Jesus as High Priest as clearly as Hebrews.*

What is the main idea from verse 1? The main idea will guide the thoughts from the rest of the chapter.

Why can priests have compassion with those who are ignorant and going astray? What does this point say to us who are priests in Christ?

How can *Jesus* have compassion with us if He is not “subject to weakness”? (Compare 2:17-18; 4:14-15; 5:7)

Who required the priests to offer sacrifices for sins? How does that apply to Christ as High Priest?

Who called Aaron to be priest? How does that apply to Christ? (compare verses 5-6)

FOR TEENS:

In the light of the writer’s discussion of priests, consider 7:26-28.

Why could Christ offer Himself as a sacrifice?

Priests were to be appointed by God. Look at these examples of ones who *assumed* they had God’s permission, but did not: Num. 16:31-35; 1 Chron. 13:9-14; 2 Chron. 26:16-21.

If 5:7 pictures Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, how does that affect your image of Jesus praying in the garden?

How was His prayer life like yours? Or different?

Since Jesus was heard, as He prayed, “because of His godly fear,” what message did that send to the recipients and to us?

FOR KIDS:

What job were priests to do under the Law of Moses (vs 1)?

Why were priests able to be compassionate (vs 2)? How can you relate to Jesus, our High Priest?

Priests had to offer sacrifices for their own sins (vs 3). What does it mean for us since Christ didn’t have any sins?

Since a priest did not “take honor to himself” (vs 4), why is it important that God made Jesus High priest (vss 5-6)?

If 5:7 describes Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, how does this affect how you picture Jesus responding to *your* prayers?

FOR PRE-SCHOOL:

Discuss with Mom and Dad what priests did in the Old Testament and how Jesus does much the same thing for Christians.

Why is it difficult sometimes to be nice to other people, even when we do wrong things ourselves?

What does the writer call Jesus Christ in verse 5 (as he quotes Psalm 2:7)?

What role does the writer give Jesus Christ in verse 6 (as he quotes Psalm 110:4)?

Draw a picture of Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane.