

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

## – CHAPTER 5 –

JESUS: A BETTER HIGH PRIEST

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# GOD'S REST PROVIDES:

- Our true needs
- Freedom from primary focus on physical needs
- Freedom from sin's oppression and slavery
- Peace
- A focus on fellowship with God
- Worship, appreciation, and adoration to God
- Contentment

**We experience “God’s rest” NOW through Jesus**

# GOD'S WORD REVEALS ALL

## HEB 4:12-13

- The Word of God is:
  - Living
  - Powerful
  - Sharper
  - Piercing
  - Discerning
- Nothing is Hidden from God
- We are Naked and Open to God

# HEBREW 5: HIGH PRIEST DUTIES

- Every High Priest offers gifts/sacrifices for sin.
  - **Appointed by God**
    - Numbers 3:10
  - **Intercessor for men** (Link--Mediator)
    - See 2:17

## **Offers:**

- Gifts—Voluntary (Freewill Offerings)
- Sacrifices—Mandatory for sins/offenses

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- ***High Priest was sensitive to the problems of the people he represented.***
  - He also had weaknesses/sins!
  - Weakness: lack of strength; frail; limited power;
- See **Chapter 4: 14-16** (JESUS).
- Ignorantly go astray:
  - Misled; mistaken; deceived;
  - **God sees the Heart!** (Ch.4: 12-13)
  - What's the difference???
- Deliberate/Intentional/Willful Sin
  - Hardened heart

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- **Hebrews Challenge**: Persecution
  - Renew their commitment
  - Remain faithful
  - Hearts become hardened– **Ch.6:4-6**)
- **Mosaical System Problem**:
  - The High Priest was a sinner!
  - See (**Leviticus 4: 3-12**)
- **Roman Rule**: High Priest became a political post

# HEBREWS 5

- **Jesus: Our Great High Priest**
  - “You are *My Son*, today I have begotten You.”
- **Jesus:** is the reason that we are saved. (5:9-10).
  - Greater than angels
  - Greater than Moses
  - Greater than Mosaical High Priest
- “You are a priest after the order of Melchizedek.”
  - Psalm 110:4
  - Combines the offices of both High Priest **AND** King!

# HEBREW 5: LESSONS FOR US

- **King Saul:** Tried to combine the two (**1 Sam.13:8-14**)
- **Uzziah: (2 Chron.26:16-21)**
- **Melchizedek:** Priest after the order of;
  - See Chapter 7:14
  - No Successor
  - Directly appointed by God
  - Sole office holder
  - At God's right hand: Entered into the Most Holy Place



# HEBREWS 5

- **Jesus is a better High Priest:**
  - Appointed by God
  - He had no sin.
  - He has lived as we have.
  - He learned obedience. (Humbled Himself—(Phil. 2:5)
  - He is both High Priest and King.
  - He has entered into the Most Holy Place.