

Hebrews 5 • “The High Priest Who Is The Sacrifice”

Hebrews is about the supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things. It’s major purpose is to remind, encourage and warn followers of Christ to continually rely on the finished work of Christ. If the most God glorifying thing ever accomplished was the cross then the most grievous sin, the most wicked thing you can do is to deny Christ the glory of the cross by considering it insufficient.

The year is 59 AD and you are a young Jewish boy or girl. You do something naughty. In your mind how are you to deal with your sin? Why?

Change the question slightly, you are a young Christian, that was raised Jewish, how are you to deal with your sin?

Mark 8:27b ...“Who do people say that I am?”

Mark 8:28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

Mark 8:29a And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?”...

The entire sacrificial system: priest, temple, animals, etc. were never the means but merely the metaphor.

Mark 15:38 And **the curtain** of the temple was **torn in two, from top to bottom.**

Hebrews 10:1 ¶ For since the law has but a **shadow** of the good things to come **instead of the true form of these realities**, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, **make perfect those who draw near.**

Hebrews 10:18 ¶ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is **no longer any offering for sin.**

Hebrews 10:19 ¶ Therefore, brothers, since we have **confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,**

Hebrews 10:20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, **through his flesh,**

Today's Focus: *Jesus Christ is our High Priest. As God he knows everything. That means everything about you. Because of suffering during the “days of His flesh”, being fully man, he not only knows all, he has sympathy, as one who has felt all. He is asking us to draw near with confidence. He is not only fully God and fully man but he is both the priest that represents us and the sacrifice, without blemish, that is required for us. Are you therefore, comfortable in the presence of God?*

Hebrews 4:14 ¶ Since then we have a **great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus, the Son of God,** let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is **unable to sympathize** with our weaknesses, but one who in **every respect** has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with **confidence draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may **receive mercy** and **find grace** to help **in time of need.**

Hebrews 5:1 ¶ For **every high priest chosen** from among men is **appointed** to act on **behalf of men in relation to God,** to **offer gifts** and **sacrifices for sins.**

Exodus 28:1 ¶ “Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, **to serve me as priests**—Aaron and Aaron's sons, **Nadab** and **Abihu,** **Eleazar** and **Ithamar.**

Hebrews 5:2 He can deal **gently** with the **ignorant** and **wayward,** since he himself is **beset with weakness.**

Hebrews 5:3 Because of this he is obligated to **offer sacrifice for his own sins** just as he does for those of the people.

Hebrews 5:4 And no one takes this **honor** for himself, but only when **called by God**, just as **Aaron was**.

Hebrews 5:5 ¶ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was **appointed by him** who said to him, “**You are my Son, today I have begotten you**”;

Hebrews 5:6 ¶ as he says also in another place, “**You are a priest forever**, after the order of **Melchizedek**.”

Hebrews 5:7 ¶ In the **days of his flesh**, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with **loud cries and tears**, to him who was **able to save him from death**, and he was heard because of his **reverence**.

Hebrews 13:20 ¶ Now may the God of peace **who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus**, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

Hebrews 5:8 Although he was a son, **he learned obedience through what he suffered**.

Hebrews 5:9 And being made **perfect**, he became **the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him**,

This does not mean he moved from being disobedient to being obedient. It means he moved from being untested to being tested and proven. He moved from obeying without any suffering to obeying through unspeakable suffering.

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Leviticus 22:19 if it is to be accepted for you it shall be a **male without blemish**, of the bulls or the sheep or the goats.

1Peter 1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, **like that of a lamb without blemish or spot**.

Hebrews 5:10 being **designated by God a high priest** after the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:11 **About this** we have much to say, and it is **hard to explain**, since you have become **dull of hearing**.

Hebrews 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the **basic principles** of the oracles of God. You need **milk**, not **solid food**,

Hebrews 5:13 for everyone who lives on milk is **unskilled in the word of righteousness**, since he is a child.

Romans 3:21 ¶ But now **the righteousness of God** has been manifested **apart from the law**, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

Romans 3:22 the **righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ** for all who believe. **For there is no distinction:**

Ephesians 5:27 so that he might present the church to himself in **splendor, without spot** or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be **holy and without blemish**.

Hebrews 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of **discernment** trained by constant practice to **distinguish good from evil**.

The presence of God is open to us because of our High Priest, Jesus Christ. The presence of God is the only place true discernment is possible.