

ONE BIBLE, ONE STORY: THE EPISTLE to the HEBREWS

Chapter 4:14-5:10

Last Week's Main Points:

- Learn from the wandering Israelites
- Enter God's Sabbath rest

- I. **A glimpse of what it means to have a high priest (4:14-16)**
 - A. Adequacy and sufficiency
 - B. Hope
- II. **High Priest: Role, person, & appointment (5:1-3)**
 - A. The role: to offer sacrifices for the people so that atonement and relationship with God is possible
 - B. The person: High priests first had to make atonement for his own sin
 - C. The appointment: the office of high priest was a "divine appointment"
- III. **Christ as high priest (5:5-6)**
 - A. The person: Son of God
 - B. The appointment: Appointed by God according to the order of Melchizedek
 - C. The role: High priest-one who offers atonement and opens the way for relationship with God.

IV. **How did He act as high priest? (5:7-10)**

- A. Humanity—Cries and tears=indicators of his humanity and his suffering
- B. Humanity—“Learned” obedience from what he suffered
- C. Deity—He was heard (His work was effective and sufficient)
- D. Deity—He became the source of eternal salvation
- E. Deity—He was appointed by God

V. **Structure & Tone**

- A. “Sets the stage” for the next several chapters
- B. Profoundly pastoral—comforts and proclaims truth
- C. Hope filled

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

- How might the truth of Christ as high priest both comfort us and propel us forward in our Christian walk?
- How do these truths shape our view of Jesus ?
- How do these truths shape our view of ourselves? Specifically, how do these truths shape our view of ourselves in the context of guilt and/or shame?

Application:

Identify one point from today’s passage that you would like to meditate on/hold onto this week. List it below and/or share it with the people at your table: