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Jesus' Appointment as Priest

Hebrews 5:1-6

'Study to show thyself approved unto God...' – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God's word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will be establishing a further understanding of, and appreciation for, biblical categories and contexts related to Jesus as a High Priest.

Hebrews road map: The Priesthood of Christ: 5:1 thru 10:18: Christ Our High Priest Is the Object of Our Confession (5:1—6:20) Christ Is a Priest According to Melchisedec (7:1—7:28) Christ Mediates a Better Covenant (8:1—10:18).

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

vv.1-4 The Nature & Qualifications of the Levitical Priesthood.

vv.5-6 Jesus' legitimate appointment to the Priesthood.

I. The Nature & Qualifications of the Levitical Priesthood:

First Qualification – He has to be a man.

We see here in v.1 that an important aspect of the nature and qualification of a high priest was a **shared solidarity** (unity with a people based upon shared interests) with those who he represented before God.

v.2 “...he himself also is **compassed** with infirmity.”

The Greek word *περίκειμαι* per-ik'-i-mahee translated ‘compassed’ carries with the idea of something ‘hanging’ around one’s neck, something you not only have upon your body, but also something that weighs upon you, something that hampers you.

Second Qualification – He has to be compassionate.

Re: Sin of ignorance - 1 Tim. 1:12-13 “...I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; 13Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, **because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.**”

Third Qualification – He had to be appointed by God.

v.1 **“ordained for men in things pertaining to God...”** v.4 **“...no man taketh this honor to himself, but he that is called of God”.**

NUM.3:10 **“...thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.”**

This GOD-APPOINTED method to the Priesthood all throughout redemptive history was consistently and jealously guarded by God. **Num.16:1-11** – The sons of Korah. **1 Samuel 13** – King Saul after he in his own fleshly impatience, acted as a self-appointed priest and offered a sacrifice and afterwards was told by God’s prophet “You have done a foolish thing. . . . You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you” **2 Chron. 26:16-21** outlines another instance where King Uzziah also acted as a self-appointed priest and was judged by God with leprosy.

Fourth Qualification – He had to make sacrifice for the sins of the people....AND FOR HIMSELF.

v.2 **“...that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:”** v.3 **“...he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.**

> The nature of this FORTH qualification of a Lev. High Priesthood forces us to consider and seek application of two truths which it reveals:

1. **OUR DESPERATE NEED FOR FORGIVENESS as MAN.**
2. **GODS MERCY AND WILLINGNESS TO FORIGVE OUR SINS.**

II. Jesus’ Legitimate Appointment to the Priesthood.

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATION: