**Hebrews Lesson 7 4:14-5:10**

**Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)**
14  Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
15  For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin.
16  Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Hebrews 5:1-10 (NIV)**
1  Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
2  He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.
3  This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.
4  No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was.
5  So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.
6  And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."
7  During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.
8  Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered
9  and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him
10  and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

[4:14-7:28](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A14-7%3A28) An exposition of [Ps 110:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+110%3A4), stressing Christ's superiority over Aaron because his is a better priesthood.

[4:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A14) great high priest. See [2:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A17) and note; [3:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A1). through the heavens. As the Aaronic high priest on the Day of Atonement passed from the sight of the people into the Most Holy Place (see [Lev 16:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+16%3A15),[17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+16%3A17)), so Jesus passed from the sight of his watching disciples, ascending through the heavens into the heavenly sanctuary, his work of atonement accomplished ([Ac 1:9-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ac+1%3A9-11)). hold firmly to the faith we profess. Suggests that the readers were in danger of letting their faith slip (see similar admonitions in [2:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A1); [3:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A6),[14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+3%3A14)).

[4:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A15) tempted in every way, just as we are. See [2:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A18). The author stresses the parallel between Christ's temptations and ours. He did not have each temptation we have but experienced the whole range of our temptations. yet was without sin. The way in which Christ's temptations were different from ours was in the results—his temptations never led to sin (see [Mt 4:1-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+4%3A1-11) and notes).

[4:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A16) Let us then approach. Because Christ our high priest has experienced human temptation, he stands ready to give immediate and sympathetic help when we are tempted (see [2:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A10) and note).

#### **Chapter 5**

[5:1-4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A1-4) The high-priestly office had two specific qualifications: (1) The high priest had to be "selected from among men" ([v. 1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A1)) and thus be able to represent them before God; and (2) he had to "be called by God" ([v. 4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A4)).

[5:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A1) high priest. See note on [2:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A17). gifts and sacrifices. See [8:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+8%3A3); [9:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+9%3A9) and notes on [Lev 1:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+1%3A2); [2:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+2%3A1); [see also chart, p. 153](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?pub=0&book=3913&sec=00001838#otsac).

[5:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A2) those who are ignorant and are going astray. See [Ps 119:176](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+119%3A176) and note. Contrast the unintentional sin (see [Lev 4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+4) and note on [4:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lev+4%3A2); [Nu 15:22-29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+15%3A22-29) and note on [15:22](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+15%3A22)) with defiant rebellion against God (see [Nu 15:30-31](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+15%3A30-31) and note on [15:30](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Nu+15%3A30); cf. [Heb 6:4-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+6%3A4-6); [10:26-31](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+10%3A26-31) and notes).

[5:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A4) No one takes this honor upon himself. In Christ's day the high-priestly office was in the hands of a family that had bought control of it.

[5:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A5) Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. The Son was appointed by the Father, as the two passages cited here show ([Ps 2:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+2%3A7); [110:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+110%3A4)). today I have become your Father. See [1:5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+1%3A5); [Ps 2:7-9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+2%3A7-9) and notes; cf. [Ro 1:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+1%3A4).

[5:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A6) in the order of Melchizedek. See notes on [7:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+7%3A3); [Ge 14:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ge+14%3A20); [Ps 110:4](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ps+110%3A4).

[5:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A7) prayers... tears. The principal reference here is to Christ's agony in Gethsemane and on Golgotha. to the one who could save him from death. To the Father. Jesus did not shrink from physical suffering and death but from the indescribable agony of taking humankind's sin on himself (cf. [Mt 27:46](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+27%3A46)). Although he asked that the cup of suffering might be taken from him, he did not waver in his determination to fulfill the Father's will (see [Mt 26:36-46](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+26%3A36-46) and note on [26:38-39](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+26%3A38-39)). he was heard. His prayer was granted by the Father, who saved him from death—through resurrection.

[5:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A8) he was a son. Probably better "he was God's Son" (see [1:2-3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+1%3A2-3)). learned obedience. Learned experientially what his full obedience to God's will for humankind entailed for him. from what he suffered. Especially in the ordeal of his atoning death, by which "he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him" ([v. 9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A9)).

[5:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A9) made perfect. See [2:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A10) and note.

NIV Study Bible.

**Open it**

1. To whom do you often turn when you feel discouraged? Why?
 **God more and more, only he can help with my thoughts**

2. If Jesus walked in the room right now, how do you think you might feel?
 **Embarrassed for not being the Christian I should be**

**Explore it**

3. In what way is Jesus the ultimate high priest? ([4:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A15))
 **Jesus was tempted by the Devil and did not sin**

4. How is Jesus able to sympathize with us? ([4:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A15))
 **He also was able to overcome the temptations before him**

5. How does Christ respond to those who approach Him in faith? ([4:15-16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+4%3A15-16)) Why?
 **He draws us near so we can over come our old man and put him to death**

6. What is the role and primary duty of a high priest? ([5:1](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A1))
 **To offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins on behalf of men**

7. What makes a good high priest sympathetic to those he represents? ([5:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A2))
 **He understands your feelings as he has his own temptations**

8. For whom did a high priest offer sacrifices? ([5:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A3))
 **Not only for the people but also for himself**

9. How is Jesus like Melchizedek? ([5:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A6))
 **Since Jesus was resurrected and cannot die he can serve as high priest forever**

10. In what priestly activities did Jesus engage while on earth? ([5:7](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A7))
 **In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.**

11. What did Jesus’ sufferings teach Him? ([5:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A8))
 **obedience from the things he suffered**

12. Who is described in this passage as the "source of eternal salvation"? ([5:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+5%3A9))
 **And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,**

**Get it**

13. What is the difference between sinning and being tempted?
  **Sin is the act, tempted is just that**

14. How can we honor Christ as our high priest?
 **Do as he would want us to**

**Apply it**

15. When will you pray each day this week, approaching God through Christ?
 **Anytime I think about it, morning afternoon and night.**