

Bible Study for October 11-17, 2021

Read: Hebrews 5:1-10

Notes:

Jesus Christ, our true High Priest, shares our humanity and knows the weaknesses that we experience. Being one with the Father, He is the source of God's full forgiveness. If we approach God confident in our own goodness, the strictness of the Law condemns us. But Jesus is gentle and understanding. He forgives us, and helps us in all our needs.

An Old Testament priest could not decide on his own initiative to be a high priest. Back then God chose the sons of Aaron to be priests, and on that basis they came to the position. Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

Questions to Ponder:

When you made a mistake and "blew it" as a child, how did you feel about the mistake? About yourself? About others involved?

From whom did you draw comfort: a parent? Sibling? Friend? Your dog?

What is it about Jesus being the ultimate High Priest that you see as most encouraging?

What encouragement do you find in knowing that Jesus was fully human?