

Hebrews 4:14 – 5:10

4:14 – high priest	(noun)	In the Old Testament, the high priest was the leader of the priests. He went into the inner-most part of the temple once a year to offer sacrifices for God’s people. This special sacrifice turned away God’s anger and allowed God’s people to continue to live in relationship with God.
4:14 – ascended	(verb)	went in an upwards direction
4:14 – faith	(noun)	trust, dependence on God
4:14 – profess	(verb)	acknowledge; affirm your belief in
4:15 – empathise	(verb)	understand someone’s situation because you have been in a similar situation
4:15 – tempted	(verb)	caused to want to do something sinful
4:15 – sin	(verb)	rebel against God, reject God
4:16 – throne	(noun)	a decorative chair used by a king or queen on important official occasions
4:16 – grace	(noun)	undeserved kindness
4:16 – mercy	(noun)	not punishing someone who deserves to be punished
5:1 – appointed	(verb)	formally chosen for a job
5:1 – sacrifices	(noun)	animals that were killed and offered to God as an act of worship
5:2 – ignorant	(adjective)	doesn’t know something they should know
5:2 – ‘going astray’		become lost
5:5 – glory	(noun)	greatness; magnificence; beauty
5:7 – petitions	(noun)	formal requests to someone in authority
5:7 – fervent	(adjective)	shows strong feeling about something and is very sincere about it
5:7 – reverent	(adjective)	respectful
5:7 – submission	(noun)	the attitude of putting yourself under someone else’s authority
5:9 – eternal	(adjective)	ever-lasting; never ends; lasts forever
5:9 – salvation	(noun)	the action of God to save people from sin and its effects
5:10 – designated	(verb)	formally given a title; formally chosen for a particular job

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¹⁴We have a great high priest. He has gone up into heaven. He is Jesus the Son of God. So let us hold firmly to what we say we believe. ¹⁵We have a high priest who can feel it when we are weak and hurting. We have a high priest who has been tempted in every way, just as we are. But he did not sin. ¹⁶So let us boldly approach God’s throne of grace. Then we will receive mercy. We will find grace to help us when we need it.

^{5:1} Every high priest is chosen from among the people. He is appointed to act for the people. He acts for them in whatever has to do with God. He offers gifts and sacrifices for their sins. ²Some people have gone astray without knowing it. He is able to deal gently with them. He can do that because he himself is weak. ³That’s why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins. He must also do it for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one can take this honor for himself. Instead, he receives it when he is appointed by God. That is just how it was for Aaron.

⁵It was the same for Christ. He did not take for himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son.
Today I have become your Father.”

⁶In another place God said,

“You are a priest forever,
just like Melchizedek.”

⁷Jesus prayed while he lived on earth. He made his appeal with sincere cries and tears. He prayed to the God who could save him from death. God answered Jesus because he truly honored God. ⁸Jesus was God’s Son. But by suffering he learned what it means to obey. ⁹In this way he was made perfect. Eternal salvation comes from him. He saves all those who obey him. ¹⁰God appointed him to be the high priest, just like Melchizedek.