

There is No Reason to Turn Back!
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

16: “Introducing the Melchizedek
 Figure and the Supremacy of Christ”
 Hebrews 5:1-6

Qualifications for
 the high priest

Requirements that priests
 are appointed by God

All fulfilled in Christ

Heb. 5:1-6

Heb. 5:7-10

Hebrews 5:1-6

“¹ For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; ² he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; ³ and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.

⁴ And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, ‘YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU’; ⁶ just as He says also in another passage, ‘YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.’”

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Hebrews 4:15

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Hebrews 5:4-5

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I Thessalonians 5:12-13

“¹² But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, ¹³ and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.”

I Timothy 5:17

“¹⁷ The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.”

I Peter 5:2-3

“² ...shepherd the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness; ³ nor yet as lording it over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be examples to the flock.”

Hebrews 5b-6

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**Jesus was appointed
in behalf of men
(Hebrews 5:1)**

John 14:6

“⁶ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’”

Matthew 7:13-14

“¹³ Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

Hebrews 4:15

“¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.”

Hebrews 2:17

“¹⁷ Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

Hebrews speaks much of Christ as prophet, priest, and king.

His enthronement as king**John 17:1, 4-5**

“¹ Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to heaven, He said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, ... ⁴ I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.’”

Prophetic ministry**John 17:6,8**

“⁶ I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ... ⁸ for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.”

High priest**John 17: 9, 11**

“⁹ I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; ... ¹¹ I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.”

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