

The High Priest

"Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as _____... (Exo 28:1)

Priest (*kohen* in Hebrew) means "one who _____" and the priests of the Old Testament were to "officiate" or watch over, serve within, and guard the tabernacle.

Their leader was known as the **"high priest"** and we can learn a great deal about his role from *Hebrews*:

For every high priest chosen from among men is _____ to act on _____ of men in relation to God, to _____ gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with _____. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his _____ sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when _____ by God, just as Aaron was. (Heb 5:1-4)

Hebrews 7:23 reveals that there had to be many priests—high priest after high priest—"because they were prevented by _____ from continuing in office."

But what does this have to do with our search for our King?

This makes Jesus the guarantor of a _____ covenant. (Heb 7:22)

Why? How? Listen to Hebrews 7:24-28:

- ★ He holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever
- ★ He lives to make intercession for all who draw near to God through him
- ★ He is a holy and innocent high priest, unstained by sin and exalted above the heavens

What a blessing that "_____ him" we can "continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God" (Heb 13:15).



For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let's think back through some of the language we heard in Hebrews 5:
 - What would it mean for one man "to act on behalf of men in relation to God"?
 - We heard briefly about the "breastpiece of judgment" that the high priest would wear, holding 12 precious stones engraved with the names of Israel's tribes. How does Exodus 28:29-30 help us understand the significance of these stones and Aaron's work?
 - In what ways were even the high priests "beset with weakness"?
- Because of what our high priest has accomplished, what do we now enjoy? What can we learn from:
 - Hebrews 12:28?
 - Hebrews 13:15-16?
 - 1 Peter 2:9-10?
- Do we depend on someone else to make sacrifices for us? If not, where do our sacrifices come from?

