

# What is WORSHIP?

Part 3 **Worship Then & Now**  
**PRIESTS**

On Wednesdays this month we're looking at worship  
"then and now." **Hebrews 12:28** issues a clear call...

...and thus let \_\_\_\_\_ offer to God acceptable  
worship, with reverence and awe...

...but how should we answer that call? There's a big  
difference between worship "then" and "now."

Throughout the Old Testament, we read about God's  
people being led and served by priests, starting with  
\_\_\_\_\_ and his sons (**Exo 28:1**). Beyond this  
family, an entire tribe of Israel, the tribe of \_\_\_\_\_,  
was chosen by God to serve as ministers and  
guards of this work (**Num 3:5-7**).

At the head was the \_\_\_\_\_ priest  
(**Heb 5:1-4**). What would he do?

...act on \_\_\_\_\_ of men in  
relation to God, to \_\_\_\_\_ gifts  
and sacrifices for sins. (**Heb 5:1**)

When he served, he would wear "\_\_\_\_\_  
garments" (**Exo 28:2**).

But there had to be many, many priests  
over the centuries "because they were  
prevented by \_\_\_\_\_ from continuing  
in office" (**Heb 7:23**). Until... let's read about the  
greatest high priest of all in **Hebrews 7:22-28**.

Does that mean there are no priests today? No.

But \_\_\_\_\_ are a chosen race, a royal  
\_\_\_\_\_, a holy nation, a people  
for his own possession... (**1 Pet 2:9**)

Through Jesus, we are called to "continually offer up a  
\_\_\_\_\_ of praise to God" (**Heb 13:15**).



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Priest (*kohen* in Hebrew) means "one who officiates." In your own words, what did God want and the people need these men to do?
- In what ways was even the high priest "beset with weakness" (**Heb 5:2**)?
- In contrast to "the former priests" who were "many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office," Jesus holds his priesthood "permanently, because he continues forever" (**Heb 7:23-24**). Why is this really, really good news?
- What do we need to understand from **1 Peter 2:9**?
- Do we wait around for someone else to bring sacrifices to us or for us? If not, where do the sacrifices we offer come from? What sort of sacrifices are they? Revisiting **Hebrews 13:15-16** might be helpful here...