


Week 15: The Priesthood and Christ Our High Priest

A Sabbath Family Bible Study

 **Scripture Reading: Exodus 28:1–3; Leviticus 16:1–17; Hebrews 4:14–16; 7:23–28 (KJV)**

With Commentary Throughout

Exodus 28:1

“And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him... that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office...”

Commentary:

The Levitical priesthood was divinely established. Aaron and his sons were set apart to mediate between the holy God and sinful man. Their calling was sacred, not optional. This teaches that **approaching God requires mediation**, reverence, and purity.

Exodus 28:2–3

“And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty...”

Commentary:

Even the priest’s garments reflected God’s glory and order. Every thread declared that ministry before the Lord must be **consecrated, not common**. These garments foreshadow the perfect righteousness of Christ, our ultimate Priest.

Leviticus 16:2, 15–17

“Speak unto Aaron... that he come not at all times into the holy place... and he shall make an atonement for the holy place...”

Commentary:

On the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place with sacrificial blood. This annual ritual reminded Israel of sin's seriousness. Access to God was limited—only one man, one time per year. This points forward to Christ, who would open the way **once for all**.

Hebrews 4:14–16

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest... Jesus the Son of God... Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace...”

Commentary:

Jesus is our High Priest—perfect, sinless, and eternal. Because He has passed into the heavens and sympathizes with our weakness, we may now approach God **boldly**, with confidence rooted in Christ's righteousness, not our own.

Hebrews 7:24–26

“But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood... For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled...”

Commentary:

Unlike the priests of old, Jesus is holy and eternal. His priesthood is **unchanging and sufficient**. No repeated sacrifices are needed—He intercedes forever, having offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice. In Him, we are cleansed, accepted, and heard.



Discussion Questions for All Ages

Young Children:

- What did the priest do in the Old Testament?
- Who is our priest now?
- What does Jesus do for us in heaven?

Older Children & Teens:

- Why could only the high priest go into the Most Holy Place?

- How is Jesus' priesthood better than Aaron's?
- What does it mean to "come boldly to the throne of grace"?

Adults:

- How does Christ's priesthood shape your daily prayer life?
- In what ways do we sometimes try to approach God on our own terms?
- How can we model reverence and dependence on Christ in our homes?

Psalm Reading

Psalm 110:1–4 (KJV)

1 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand...

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Commentary:

This messianic psalm prophesies the eternal priesthood of Christ—not according to Aaron's line, but after Melchizedek: a priest-king, appointed directly by God. Jesus now sits enthroned in heaven, interceding for us **as both Priest and King**.

Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

By Matthew Bridges (1851)

1.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

3.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.



Family Application Points

1. **Honor Christ as High Priest in Daily Life:**

Begin and end each day with prayer, recognizing that you approach God **only through Jesus**. Teach children to pray “in Jesus’ name” with understanding.

2. **Practice Reverence in Worship:**

Just as the priests approached God with care, so should we. Teach children that worship is holy. Dress, posture, and speech should reflect that we are coming before a holy God.

3. **Teach Substitutionary Atonement:**

Use this week to explain that Jesus offered **Himself** in our place. Reinforce that no other mediator is needed—He is the perfect sacrifice and eternal intercessor.

4. **Build Confidence in God’s Mercy:**

Help family members—especially teens or the repentant—to understand that they can come **boldly** to God for forgiveness, grace, and strength because of Christ’s finished work.

5. **Celebrate Christ’s Ongoing Ministry:**

Discuss how Jesus is still working—not on the cross, but as our **interceding High Priest** in heaven. This truth should comfort and embolden your family daily.



Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our eternal High Priest. Thank You for His perfect obedience, His holy sacrifice, and His unceasing intercession. Help us to approach You with reverence, gratitude, and boldness—not by our merit, but through His righteousness. Let our home honor His priesthood in prayer, in worship, and in daily obedience. May we trust fully in His mediation and rejoice that we have access to Your throne of grace. In the name of Jesus, our Great High Priest, we pray. Amen.