

# OUR SUPERIOR HIGH PRIEST

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*Week of Jan. 12, 2025*

The Appointment and \_\_\_\_\_ of the

\_\_\_\_\_ High Priest (1-4)

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1. Thinking back on this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. As we start Hebrews 5, take a moment to reflect on the previous chapter. Summarize chapter 4 in your own words – ideally in a single sentence. What was the main point the author is making?
3. In verse 2, the word translated as "gentle" (in the ESV, NASB, and others), is unique – it only shows up here. What does the original Greek word mean? Grab a study Bible or use an online resource and see what you can find!
4. The author of Hebrews is drawing a connection between the human High Priest and Jesus, our new and better High Priest. But can the "gentleness" principle in verse 2 be applied in other areas? Or is it limited to the behavior of a High Priest? See 1 Peter 2:5-9, Galatians 5:22-23.
5. In verse 7, we see a description of Jesus "crying out" with great emotion. Two questions:
  - a. Was it this strength of feeling and depth of experience that caused his prayer to be heard? Or does the verse suggest something different?
  - b. What is the definition of "piety"? It's often misunderstood, so if you're not sure, look it up!
6. What implications does the answer to question 5 have for our own prayers? See James 5:16, 1 Peter 3:7, Proverbs 28:9.
7. Verse 6 and 10 mention a fellow named "Melchizedek." We aren't told much about him here, but he'll come up again in chapter 7. Do a little research on Melchizedek. Where else does he show up in scripture outside of Hebrews? What did he have in common with Jesus?
8. Second Tim 3:16-17 teaches that all Scripture is useful for training us up in righteousness. We should not walk away from a study of any passage of Scripture without it impacting our lives in some way. What is one thing you are (or will be) applying to your life as a result of studying this passage?