

The Book of Hebrews

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we study the fourth section of **Hebrews – 4:14-5:10** – which deals with the Son's superiority to the Aaronic priesthood. This section can be divided into two subsections.

Read the following subsections, then answer the questions associated with them. Jot down the answers or type them out, and file them together with your morning study.

Read Hebrews 4:14-16

- ☞ What is the connection between **4:14** and **4:13**?
- ☞ Since we have Jesus as our High Priest, what should we do? (**4:14**).
- ☞ What kind of High Priest do we have? (**4:15**).
- ☞ Because of **4:15**, what can we now do? (**4:16**).
- ☞ In what way should we now approach the throne of grace? (**4:16**).

Read Hebrews 5:1-10

- ☞ What is a high priest appointed to do? (**5:1**).
- ☞ Why must a natural high priest offer sacrifices for himself as well as for the people? (**5:2-3**).
- ☞ How does **5:1-3** relate to **4:15**?
- ☞ To be a high priest, who must call you? (**5:4**).
- ☞ What are the two aspects of Christ's call referred to in **5:5-6**?
- ☞ According to **5:7**, the Father heard Jesus' prayers to be saved from death. How did the Father answer this prayer?
- ☞ Why were the prayers of Jesus heard? (**5:7**).
- ☞ Although Christ was a son, what did he learn and how did he learn it? (**4:8**).
- ☞ Once Christ was made perfect (in being a representative of mankind), what did he become? (**5:9**).
- ☞ What did God designate him to be? (**5:10**).

Memory Verse

Let us then approach the throne of grace
with confidence, so that we may receive
mercy and find grace to help us in
our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!