

Jesus as a Priest and My Pattern as a Family Priest

- ❑ How is Jesus similar to the Priests in the Old Testament?
- ❑ How is Jesus dis-similar from the Old Testament Priest?
- ❑ What lessons are there from Jesus as we strive fulfill our functions as “family priests”?

Three Major Roles of Jesus as a Priest:

1. His role as a Mediator
1Ti 2:5; Heb 8:6; John 14:6
2. His role as a Propitiation
Heb 9:26; 10:12; 1Jo 2:2; Eph 5:25
3. His role as an Intercessor
Ro 8:4; Heb 7:25; 1Jo 2:1

I. Lessons from John 17:

One of the most important portions of Scripture that shows us how Jesus functioned as a priest is found in “His High Priestly Prayer “in **John 17**. This is particularly helpful to us in the whole area of prayer.

Here is an Outline of the Prayer:

He prayed for Himself (vs. 1-5)

- Glorify your Son (vs. 1)
- Glorify yourself in the Son (vs. 5)

He prayed for His Disciples (vs. 6-19)

Two imperatives:

1. Keep them (vs. 11) - Protect from the Evil One - Separation from the world and Safety from the Evil One
2. Sanctify them (v. 17) - Perfection in holiness
 - Safety, Sanctification and Spiritual unity
 - Our safety and security rests on the Father's faithfulness to the Son, not our faithfulness to Him.

He prayed for Us (vs. 20-26)

Two Petitions:

1. I pray (v. 20)
2. I desire (v. 24)

The Three Sections are three concentric circles, each dependent on the other. His prayer is that He might be glorified that He might make eternal life available to all men and a reality to those who accept Him and that the Father might be glorified in all.

The MOST IMPORTANT verses in this passage that will help us a “Family priests are vs. 15-19.

What are the implications and lessons from these verses (Jn 17:15-19) for the Family Priest?

Hints and a Start:

1. Protection from the Evil One
2. Sanctification and the Word of God
3. Mission in the world
4. Personal sanctification of the priest
5. Others

How will I specifically apply the above to help me function more effectively as my family priest (as the head of my household)?

Jesus was in fact saying something like, “For Thee and for them, I sanctify myself.”

Do we sanctify ourselves for the sake of our families?

II. Lessons from Hebrews (Heb 4:14- 5:10):

As our high priest, He had passion for God and compassion for people.
He is our pattern

He is:

- Sympathetic to our weaknesses 4:15)
- Empathizes (5:2)
- Gracious and merciful (4:16)
- Gentle (5:2)

Your effectiveness as a Family Priest will be determined by your:

1. Purity before God (John 27:19)
 2. Empathy for people – feel with Heb 5:2)
 3. Sympathy for others – feel for (Heb 14:15)
 4. Humility before God (Heb 5:8)
 5. Fervency (intensity) before God (Heb 5:7)
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