

The High Priest of Ancient Israel

How can ordinary people approach a holy God and survive? It's sobering to think that God is holy and you are not. It's comforting to know that God's demand for holiness has been met by Jesus our High Priest. The High Priest of Ancient Israel was the only one allowed to enter the Holy of Holies and that was only on one day of the year – the Day of Atonement.

The actions and even the garments of the High Priest reveal much about the priestly ministry of Jesus. Just as the High Priest represented the people as he made his way into the presence of God so too Jesus has represented us as He has interceded for us.

GOOD NEWS: The blood sacrifices of the Old Testament have ceased because Jesus Christ fulfilled all that they were pointing toward. He was the final, unrepeatable sacrifice for sins. Hebrews 9:12, ***“He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”***

Home Group Discussion Questions:

If this is your first meeting in a while as a Home Group, spend some time catching up on life. Also spend some time talking about recent Exodus teachings.

1. Has this series on Exodus with its recent teaching through some of the “dry” material of the Old Testament helped you understand this section of Scripture more? Has it increased your appreciation for some of this “dry” material? How has it helped you?
2. In what ways have you been able to see a connection between Exodus and the Gospel?
3. Read and reflect on Hebrews 9:11-14 and 10:1-18.
In what ways do you think the Old Testament religious system helped prepare people to understand Jesus? How does it help you to know that Jesus has made a way to God?

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