

1 **Hebrews: a Bible Study**

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Men's Bible Study
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- Consciousness of Sin
 - Sin is real
 - All have sinned
- Sin can not be eliminated by self
 - Inner need for pardon
 - Man has the inability to rid himself of transgression
 - Feelings of unworthiness to find a solution
- Priesthood – someone to intercede
 - The priest is holy, set apart, sanctified
 - The sinful person must provide sacrifice
 - A payment to satisfy the debt
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18 **What is a Priest in the Old Covenant?**

Hebrews 5:1

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- For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to*

God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sin.

19 **What does a Christian Priest look like?**

- Priesthood in early Christianity
 - Bishops – Overseer
 - Elder – A person charged to specific ministry (Eucharist)
 - Presbyter – Leader of a congregation
 - 2nd century local church's bishops were called priests.
- But what does the Bible say?
 - Romans 12:1,2
 - Philippians 2:17
 - Philippians 4:18
 - Hebrews 13:15,16
 - Hebrews 5:1,2
 - I Peter 2:5
 - I Peter 2:9
 - Revelation 1:6
 - Revelation 5:10
 - Revelation 20:6

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20 **False Ideas in today's world**

- Catholic Priesthood
- Mormon Priesthood
- Millennial Priesthood
- There is no need for earthly priesthood

21 **Main Point Hebrews 8:1-6**

- Verse 1 – High Priest
 - We do now possess
 - A High Priest
 - Sat down at the right hand of the Father
 - Majesty in Heaven
- Verse 2 – High Priest Serving
 - Serving In the sanctuary, true tabernacle,
 - Not made by human hands
 - Set by the Lord (Adonai)
- Verse 3 – High Priest Serving by Doing
 - Appointment to offer gifts and sacrifices
 - Provided by others
 - Not earthly duties

22 **Main Point Hebrews 8:1-6 cont.**

23 **Why the New? – Hebrews 8:6-13**

- If it was good enough, nothing wrong with the first, why would anyone ever look for another?
- God found that Man could not make the old covenant work and was seeking more.

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - A new covenant
 - Not like the old
 - From the time of Sinai and Moses
 - Which was not kept (man continued to sin)
 - Laws in the mind and in their hearts
 - Will be God's people
 - The old is ready to disappear.

24 **Application: Why so important. The main idea of the writer**

- Written to Hebrew believers
 - Beleaguered, persecuted, wavering, uncertain, confused, and needy
 - To comfort to give them encouragement
- We have a possession
 - Holy, harmless, undefiled, separated from sin, author of salvation
 - Some one that is not just a little bit better but vastly superior
- We have a continuing intercessor
 - More than a one-time event
 - A continual, ongoing, perpetual, eternal, perfect, priest
 - The one and only appointed by God as God
- Christ through the veil
 - In heaven
 - At the side of the Father
 - At the throne
 - Victorious over death
 - Not a fable to teach the little ones
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25 **My hope is built on nothing less!**