

## **Lesson 12: The Priesthood (2)**

**Read: Hebrews 7:23-28, 9:11-14, 1 Peter 2:4-12**

The role of Aaron the high priest and that of all his descendents was only a shadow of the true high priest who was to come. Just as each component of the tabernacle pointed to Jesus Christ, the role of the high priest also was fulfilled in Christ. When Christ died on behalf all mankind, He became our high priest by being the only mediator between man and God.

### **Discussion:**

1. From the Hebrews passages, how is Christ our high priest different from the high priests descended from Aaron?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. According to Hebrews 7:23-25, does Jesus need a successor as high priest? What does this mean to us who trust in Him? What would you say to a Jewish person who thinks priests in the Aaronic order are still needed today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read Hebrews 4:14-15. What does this verse say about Jesus as our high priest and what does it say to us?

4. Recall God's covenant with Israel during the time of Moses in Exodus 19:5-6: "*You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*" From the 1 Peter passage, how are believers today called to be a kingdom of priests?

5. Think about the priests' duties in the tabernacle. How can we serve God by applying the lessons we learned from each component of the tabernacle?

6. Recall the special clothing that the priests had to wear in the tabernacle to be in God's presence (Exodus 28). In light of Romans 13:14 and Galatians 3:26-27, how are believers to clothe themselves today?

**Optional further reading:** A good exercise and review at this point would be to read through the whole book of Hebrews.