CHAPTER

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The priest who prayed with tears; milk, not meat

Hebrews 5:1–14 · Fourteen verses · Song: "Priest Forever"

The picture: Jesus praying in a garden at night with loud cries and tears; nearby a grown man still drinking milk like a baby.



PICTURE WORD

Tears

THE CHAPTER IN BRIEF

Every priest is chosen from men. Jesus prayed with tears and learned obedience. You should be eating solid food by now.

Remember it: FIVE: five fingers wiping away tears.

MEMORY VERSE

Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered, and once he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him…

Hebrews 5:8–9 · the author's translation

GREEK WORD

δακρύων

"tears" · verse 7

In Hebrews: twice, in 2 chapters

In the days of his earthly life Jesus prayed "with loud crying and tears" to the one who was able to save him from death (5:7), and most readers hear Gethsemane. The same word comes back in 12:17: Esau sought the blessing with tears and was refused. The Son's tears were heard.

HOW THE CHAPTER MOVES

1–4	Every high priest is taken from among men and called by God, like Aaron.
5–6	God called Christ his Son and a priest forever.
7–10	Prayers and tears; he learned obedience and became the source of salvation.
11–14	You need milk; solid food is for the mature.

FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

v. 5 ← Ps 2:7 "You are my Son."

v. 6 ← Ps 110:4 A priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Hebrews 5 sung in the **Hebrews by Heart** app, or free at **ispress.de/hebrews/songs/5**.

The song: "Priest Forever." Every verse of the chapter is sung.

What a high priest is · The priest who prayed with tears · Learning obedience · Growing up in the faith

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Every priest is chosen from men. Jesus prayed with _____ and learned _____. You should be eating _____ food by now.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. Who calls a high priest to his office?

(A) He calls himself
(B) The people vote
(C) God calls him, as he called Aaron
(D) The angels choose him

2. What did the Son learn from what he suffered?

(A) Obedience
(B) Fear
(C) The law
(D) Patience with the angels

3. Who is solid food for?

(A) Infants
(B) The mature
(C) The angels
(D) The priests only

TALK IT OVER

1. Jesus prayed with loud crying and tears. What does that teach us about prayer in hard times?

2. What would it look like for you to move from milk to solid food?

3. Verse 14 says the mature are trained "by constant practice." What practice is training you?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES HEBREWS 5 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I can say 5:8–9 by heart
☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: tears · obedience · solid · Check yourself: 1. C (v. 4) · 2. A (v. 8) · 3. B (v. 14)