

THE PRIESTHOOD OF AARON
(Hebrews 5:1-4)

- I. A Basic DESCRIPTION of the Office (Heb. 5:1)
 - A. Must be “TAKEN from among MEN”
 - B. Can only be “APPOINTED” to service
 - C. Will minister in “THINGS pertaining to GOD”
 - 1. Acting on GOD’S behalf toward MEN
 - 2. Acting on MAN’S behalf toward GOD
 - D. Will be RESPONSIBLE for making OFFERINGS
 - 1. Will include “GIFTS”
 - 2. Will include “SACRIFICES for SINS”

- II. A Vital CHARACTERISTIC for the Office (Heb. 5:2)
 - A. Must be able to treat people “GENTLY”
 - 1. Especially for the those CONSCIOUS of their NEED: those who sin in IGNORANCE and those who are MISGUIDED
 - [2. Not so with the UNREPENTANT or the DEFIANT REBEL (Num. 15:30)]
 - B. Is himself SURROUNDED by WEAKNESSES

1. From immersion in the PROBLEMS of the PEOPLE
2. From being conscious of his own SIN NATURE

III. The Essential DUTY of the Office (Heb. 5:3)

- A. Must offer sacrifices for HIS OWN SINS
- B. Must offer sacrifices for the SINS of the PEOPLE

IV. The Exclusive SELECTION to the Office (Heb. 5:4)

- A. Must be personally CALLED by GOD
 1. AARON had been the FIRST
 2. Others God CALLED from Aaron's DESCENDANTS
- B. No one was PERMITTED to TAKE the honor to HIMSELF
 1. As had KORAH, a LEVITE (Num. 16)
 2. As had KING SAUL, a BENJAMINITE (1 Sam. 13:5-14)
 4. As had KING UZZIAH, of JUDAH (2 Chron. 26:16-23)
- C. It was an HONOR to be SELECTED