

# WHAT the BIBLE TEACHES about GOD and JESUS CHRIST

## Lesson 9 - Part 2

### THE WORK OF JESUS CHRIST

#### The work of priests and the high priest

1. One work of Jesus Christ is that He is a

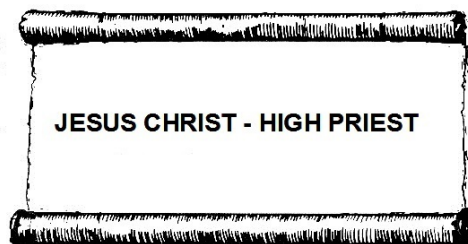
We know this because:

- The Old Testament said that a \_\_\_\_\_ like Moses would come.
- The words of Jesus came true and this shows that He is a true \_\_\_\_\_
- The people said Jesus was a \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus said He was a \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_ speaks the Word of God and Jesus spoke the Word of God.

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2. One work of Jesus Christ is that He is a prophet.

- The Old Testament said that a prophet like Moses would come.
- The words of Jesus came true and this shows that He is a true prophet.
- The people said Jesus was a prophet.
- Jesus said He was a prophet.
- A prophet speaks the Word of God and Jesus spoke the Word of God.



Another work of Jesus Christ is that of a High Priest.

In this lesson we want to learn that:

- A priest
  - stands between a holy God and sinful people
  - was appointed by God
  - was anointed for the work
  - was chosen from among men
  - obeyed God in everything
- Only the high priest could go into the Most Holy Place



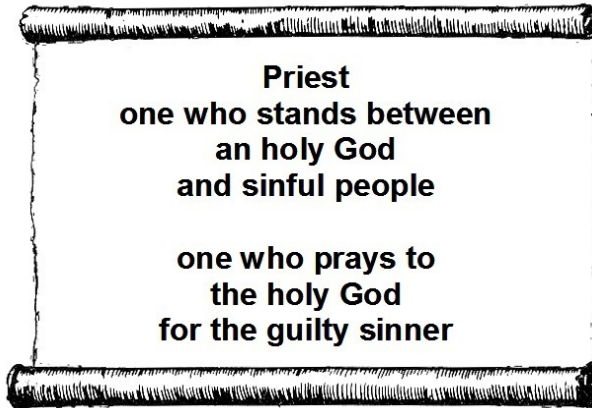
A priest is a man who stands between God and man, and prays to the holy God for the guilty sinner.

What do we call the man who stands between God and man and prays for the guilty sinner?

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3. A priest is one who stands between God and man and prays to the holy God for the guilty sinner.

We learned earlier that God is holy. There is no sin in Him. He is perfect. All people have sinned. Someone needs to stand between God and people to speak to God for them.



Who can speak to God for sinful people?

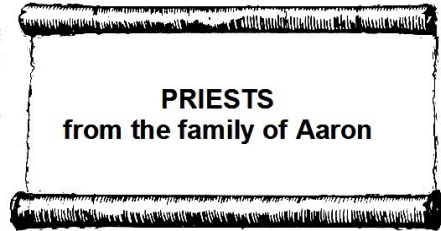
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4. A priest can speak to God for people.

Long ago in Old Testament times Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt. The whole group stopped in the desert at Mount Sinai. Here God gave the ten commandments and the rules of worship. We read about this in Exodus chapters 19 to 30. At this time God told Moses that Aaron and his sons should be priests. Aaron came from the tribe of Levi.

Exodus 28:1

*Have Aaron your brother brought to you from among the Israelites, along with his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, so they may serve me as priests.*



Exodus 29:44

*So I will consecrate the Tent of Meeting and the altar and will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests.*

From which family should the priests come?

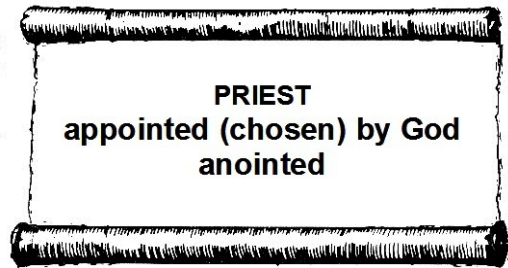
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5. The priests should come from Aaron and his sons. God had chosen this family. Everyone was to know this family was chosen of God. The priests wore special clothes.

At a special gathering, oil was poured on the men to set them apart to be priests. They called this pouring of oil on them, anointing.

Exodus 28:41

*After you put these clothes on your brother Aaron and his sons, anoint and ordain them. Consecrate them so they may serve me as priests.*



Who was anointed and ordained to be priests?

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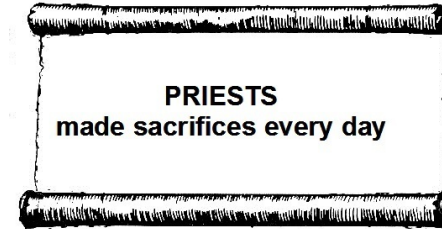
6. Aaron and his sons were anointed and ordained (appointed) to be priests. In verse 43, it says that it was a "lasting ordinance" for their children and children's children. This means that the sons and grandsons and their sons would be priests.

We learned that Aaron and his sons were:

- chosen of God to be priests
- anointed to be priests

Every day of the year priests made sacrifices for the people. When the people wanted their sins forgiven, they brought a sacrifice and the priest prayed for them. The priests stood between a holy God and sinful people.

What was the work of a priest?



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7. The work of a priest was to stand between a holy God and sinful people and to pray for the people.

We have learned several things about a priest now.

What is the work of a priest?

In the Old Testament who were chosen to be priests?

How were the priests set apart for their work?

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8. The work of a priest is to stand between a holy God and sinful people to pray for them. In the Old Testament the family of Aaron was chosen to be priests. They were set apart for this work by being anointed.

God chose the family of Aaron for the work of priests. Aaron came from the tribe of Levi. We could write it something like this:

Abraham  
    . . . . son Isaac  
        . . . son Jacob  
            . . . son Levi  
                . . . Aaron.

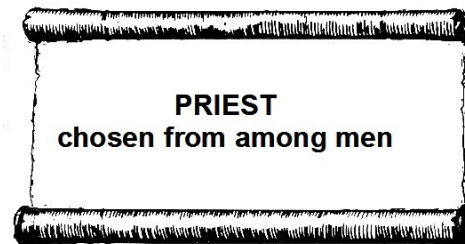
Hebrews 5:4  
*No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was.*

From which family did God choose priests?

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9. God chose priests from the family of Aaron. These priests were called priests in the order of Aaron. This means they were from the family group of Aaron.

Hebrews 7:11  
*. . . in the order of Aaron.*



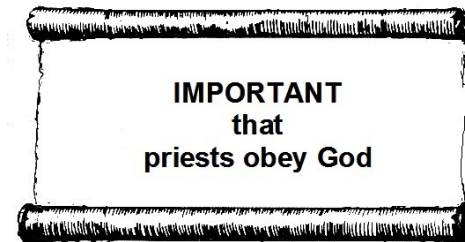
The priests were chosen from among men. These priests were people and people die. When one priest died, another priest had to take his place.

What are priests of the family of Aaron called?

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10. They are called priests in the order of Aaron.

It was very important that the priests obeyed God in everything. Two of Aaron's sons did not think it important. **Read** about this in Leviticus 10:1-7.



Why did Nadab and Abihu die?

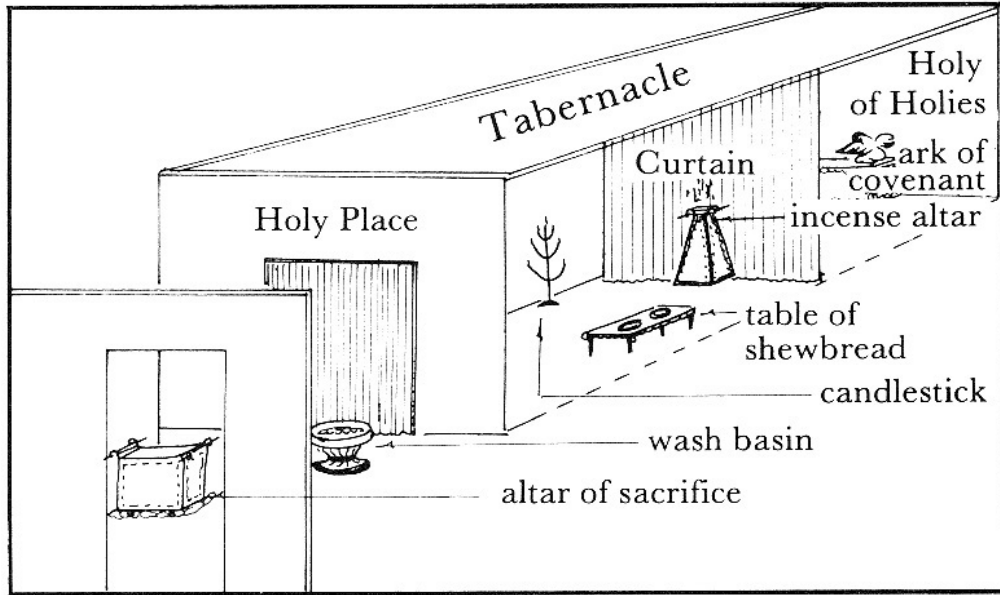
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11. Nadab and Abihu died because they used the wrong kind of fire. They did not obey all the orders God gave them.

Who should obey God?

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12. Priests should obey God. This is very important.



The leading priest is also called the high priest. Once a year he had to go into the Most Holy Place, and make atonement for the people. This was a very special time. You can read about this in Leviticus chapter 16.

Leviticus 16:17

*No one is to be in the Tent of Meeting from the time Aaron goes in to make atonement in the Most Holy Place until he comes out, having made atonement for himself, his household and the whole community of Israel.*

Who only could go into the Most Holy Place?

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13. Only Aaron, the high priest, could go into the Most Holy Place. First he had to make a sacrifice for his own sin and then he made a sacrifice

for the people. The high priest stood between the Holy God and the sinful people.

Who only could go into the Most Holy Place?

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14. Only the high priest could go into the Most Holy Place.

There were many priests, but only one high priest at one time. The high priest had special work to do. He talked to God for the people in a special way. He would go into the Most Holy Place once a year. No one else could do this. It was very important that he obeyed God in everything.

In what way is the high priest different from the other priests?

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15. Only the high priest could go into the Most Holy Place.

We have learned that:

- *A priest stands between a holy God and sinful people*
- *God chose or appointed Aaron and his sons to be priests*
- *The priests were set apart for this work by being anointed*
- *The priests were chosen from among men*
- *It was important that the priests obeyed God*
- *Only the high priest could go into the Most Holy Place*

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16. What is the work of a priest?

In the Old Testament who were chosen or appointed by God to be priests?

How were the priests set apart for their work?

What are priests of the family of Aaron called?

What was important for the priests to do?

Who only could go into the Most Holy Place?

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