

# Israel's First Priest

**TEXT:** Exodus 28:1-3; Hebrews 5:1-10

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURE:** Numbers 17:1-11

**KEY VERSE:** Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. — Hebrews 2:17

**RESOURCE MATERIAL:** A Series of Lessons on the Book of Hebrews

Included in the establishing of God's written Law was the process to be followed in administering the Law. The tribe of Levi was charged with the care of the sanctuary and the serving. Aaron and his sons, being of the tribe of Levi, were set apart for the priesthood; and this office was passed down from father to son.

1. What was the purpose of the Old Testament priesthood?

2. Why was it necessary for an Old Testament priest to make an offering for his own sins?

3. How was Aaron chosen to be the first high priest?

4. Why was the Old Testament priesthood not intended to be permanent? See Hebrews 8:4-11.

5. Read Hebrews 7:11-16. Was Jesus a descendant of Aaron? After what order was He a priest?

6. What were some of the things Christ went through to obtain this better priesthood? See Hebrews 5:7-9.

7. How is it that Christ can so readily relate to our disappointments, frustrations, and trials? See Hebrews 2:16-18.

8. Why would you rather be under Christ's priesthood than the Levitical priesthood?

9. What is God's promise to one in the time of need? See Hebrews 4:16.

10. Read Numbers 16:41-48. In what way was Aaron a mediator for the Children of Israel? In what way is Christ our mediator today?