

Bible study Hebrews 5

This week's mystery question - Who is Melchizedek?

I did not find out the answer to this question, possibly this is because nobody really knows.....

What we do know.....

Jesus the High Priest - being made weak he is able to deal gently - (He can play 'whist' without making a noise !)* - he is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward and that is me.

Though he has no fault, his empathy with us means He is able to weep on our behalf.

How much do we understand about Jesus' human suffering - it cost to be humble (to be humiliated), to thirst, to love, to be obedient, to be misunderstood and rejected, to be tired, to need to pray with tears and loud cries, to watch over friends faults and failings and to have enemies.

We have not made this up.

Only God can appoint the High Priest (not even the angels get a look in (see Heb 1:5))

Jesus acted on our behalf as God's son
but He PRAYED as a human.

He was heard because he revered God.

(Jesus is the example we need to be obedient to)

Revering God, learning obedience to God and being made perfect by God, is our salvation.

** This is a very poor joke*

Prayer for Persecuted Christians

Persecuted Christians in many countries are now facing increased pressures because of the devastating impact of Covid19. Please continue to remember them in your prayers. (Hebrews 13: 3)

Heavenly Father. We thank you for our brothers and sisters who endure persecution because they follow Jesus. We pray for those imprisoned and isolated, for those badly injured and traumatized, those who've lost loved ones, those who've had to flee from their homes in fear, for hundreds of displaced Christians and for all suffering injustice. Father your presence is with them always (Deut.31:6). Light up their darkness and dispel their fear with your love.

Thank you Lord. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

<https://releaseinternational.org>

How do we 'share Christmas' with our community ?

Give it some thought



perfection is 'completeness'

Jesus' death and resurrection qualifies Him as Highest Priest - able to act on behalf of all men.

but - 'Who is Melchizedek?'

(soon to be revealed?)

The 'Hebrews' were like babies who did not pay attention. They should have grown up and become teachers regarding good and evil. - instead they needed constant breast-feeding (and probably their nappies changing as well). Don't be like them..

Ask God for
His grace and His
mercy and His help !




Siloam Baptist Church
NOVEMBER 22ND LINK

FRIENDS: - Planning for Communion
Not everything stays the same !

We are praying for a meaningful communion service in the near future, a 'church' sharing of bread and wine that reminds us of so much that is central to the Gospel message.

(to minimise risk of virus transmission we have purchased pre-sealed cups / bread !)

Circumstances may not be ideal but communion has such importance that we should not neglect to meet together and share. Please - if you are able- join us for this, and over the coming advent and Christmas! - *We will still be online if you're not able to join us in person!*



If you know of someone who is missing out on church, please extend our friendship and greetings to them. If you are needing support please do not hesitate to ask, there are many people at Siloam who do care and would appreciate being thought of as 'family' at this time.

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JOIN US in: Sunday worship 11:00am
(also on facebook)

BIBLE STUDY and **PRAYER**

We meet regularly for bible study and prayer using 'ZOOM'. **Bible Study**

(SUNDAYS 7pm.) Time flies during these times of study, there is a good mix of ignorance with learning and we are finding that only God has all the answers!

Prayer Time is **WEDNESDAY 7:15**

onwards. An opportunity to share thoughts, concerns and life's problems and to ask God to strengthen us in our daily walk. It is also a good opportunity to praise and give thanks for the many blessings and His amazing grace. It is not too late to join either (or both) groups. Ask Morrison or Heini to email an invitation, follow some simple onscreen instructions and Bob will be your uncle (if you have a smart phone, tablet or PC with camera you should be OK.).

Speak to Morrison for a crash course on using technology.



Please pray for:

Peace in this world - this has a different meaning for so many different people. That we might all value all **people as God's creation**. That we might be a Christ-like example for those we come into contact with.

Students and COVID transmission.

Church worship - safety and protection for those involved.

Thanks for the church meeting together. The **prayer meetings** and **bible studies** that have had continuity - not interrupted by lockdown.

Encouragement - people are in God's care - we don't know the outworkings of anybody's future.

Support for ill people within the church and our community.

Thanks for precious memories.

Thanks for our **security** and **well-being**. For the **basics of living**.

Work relationships.

Christmas church and **service to the community** - how does 'Christmas' reach our friends and neighbours?

Thanks for **healing** and **reassurance for blessings**.

For our church that we might be inclusive and not leave people feeling ignored and unimportant.

That we might find time for God and have hearts for God.

Thank you Lord for our salvation and Your great love.



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...when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities. Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

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