**Churches-In-Homes   Week Beginning 09/08/2020**

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**Theme:  Authentic Christianity Series 9:  Fixing our eyes on Jesus**

**Title:  Jesus our great high priest**

**Main text:** Hebrews 5:1-10

**Main Points:**

There are two types of Biblical high priesthood – The Old Covenant high priest (Aaron etc.) and the New Covenant high priest, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There are similarities and differences between the two.

Similarities:

* Both were established by the calling of God.
* Both had to be chosen from among the people they were to represent. Jesus had to become fully human in order to be our high priest for ever.
* Both types of high priests had to experience normal life, subject to temptations, so that they could empathise with the people.

Differences:

* The Old Covenant high priest was a sinful man. Jesus was completely sinless.
* The Old Covenant high priesthood was temporal. The high priesthood of Jesus is eternal.
* The Old Covenant high priest was not a king as well. Jesus is both high priest and King – a royal high priest.

Jesus is building His house, the Church – a royal priesthood. **1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10.** This is a serious calling requiring us to faithfully offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ and declare God’s praises to people.

**Warning:** Do not ignore or take lightly the responsibility of being part of a royal priesthood. Do not discount yourself from taking your place and responding to your calling in the Body of Christ, the Church.

**Encouragement:** Let us take intercessory prayer seriously. Let us always declare the praises of God.

**Discussion points:**

**Insight gained**

**Practical application**