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**Prayer**

- **BASIC SKILLS**
- **PRIESTLY DUTIES**
- **AMBASSADOR RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **FOUNDATIONAL FUNDAMENTALS**

**1. A priest is a member of the human race who represents a portion of the human race to God. This may be a person, a family, a clan, or a nation.**

**2. A priest is a mediator, as such he must be of the same nature as those he represents. (Heb. 7:4–5, 14, 28, 10:5, 10–14.)**

**Heb. 5:1, “For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.**

**Heb. 5:2, “He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.**

**Heb. 5:3, “Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.”**

**Heb. 5:4, “And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.**

**Heb. 5:5, “So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, *but it was He who said to Him: ‘You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.’***

**Heb, 5:6, “As *He also says in another place: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek’;*”**

**Patriarchal priests represented their families or clans**

**Melchizedekian priesthood was a Gentile  
order of Royal or King-Priests.  
(Gen. 14:18015019; Heb. 7:1–3)**

**Aaronic High Priesthood, and the Levitical priesthood were based on tribal affiliation and natural birth rather than regeneration and spiritual qualifications. (Lev. 6–8; 21–22)**

## **4. Responsibilities of the priests included:**

**sacrifices and offerings related to the confession of sin of the people and the nation;**

**administration of the tithes and freewill offerings to God**

**teaching and instructing and preserving  
the text of Scripture,**

**service in the Temple,**

**participation in public and corporate  
worship and**

**prayer in the sense of the ceremonial  
presentation of petitions before the Lord.**

**5. In the New Testament every believer is a priest unto God and represents himself to God.**

**6. Thus the duties of the New Testament priest relates to confession of sin, administration of his resources in a way that honors God (Eph. 5:16 “redeeming the time because the days are evil”)**

**Participation in public and corporate worship especially communion, prayer, and Bible reading, study, application and preservation in the sense of passing that on to the next generation of the family.**