

The Book of Hebrews Chapter Five

A High Priest Better Than Aaron

I. Chapter Five Memory Verse:

Hebrews 5:9 *“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him”*

II. Lesson – Chapter Five

A. The Greatest High Priest Compared with Aaron (Heb 5:1-10)

1. Old Testament Priests and High Priests

- a. Priests are only _____ – no _____ priests
- b. Chosen by God – _____ - Called of God
- c. Ordained by God – commissioned – authorised
- d. Their purpose is to _____
 - 1) Offer gifts
 - 2) Offer sacrifices
 - 3) Bring people back to God!
- e. They are supposed to have compassion
 - 1) Because of their own weaknesses
 - 2) Because of their own sins and need for compassion themselves
- f. It was a great honour to be a High Priest
- g. Following the priestly pattern of _____

2. So also was Christ a Priest

- a. He glorified/honoured not Himself
- b. He was chosen as a man – He had a human nature
- c. As a Son
- d. But, NOT following Aaron’s order
 - 1) An order is a “_____”
 - 2) Aaron’s order had its own laws and regulations specific to it
- e. But Jesus was following the order of Melchisedec – a different set of laws, superior to Aarons – not just different
- f. Jesus remains a priest forever

3. Jesus was limited as a Man

- a. He had “_____”
- b. He had to pray for things
 - 1) For wisdom before choosing the 12 apostles (Lk 6:12,13)
 - 2) As our High Priest (John 17)
- c. He had times of strong crying
- d. He was heard – always was and will be heard!!!

4. Jesus is made a perfect High Priest (5:8-10)

- a. He was tested, tried and proven
- b. Though Jesus was a Son, yet He learned _____ - By suffering

- c. He became the only author of eternal salvation, to all who follow HIM
- 5. Jesus was a High Priest like Melchisedec was (5:10)
 - a. Aaron was a failure
 - 1) Anger got him like it ruined his younger brother, Moses
 - 2) As a High Priest, he was still an idolater
 - 3) His family was a mess – his two oldest boys were wicked and were killed by God
 - b. Melchisedec did not fail – at least as recorded by the Bible!

B. This is Strong Meat for a Jew (Heb 5:11-14)

- 1. There is so much to say about the order of Melchisedec – more will be taught in chapter Seven
- 2. The truths about Melchisedec are hard to be taught – because of the Jewish mindset
 - a. The Jews believed Aaron was the only priesthood – forgot about Melchisedec
 - b. Thought the Old Covenant was all they needed – forgot about the promise of a new covenant coming (Jer 31:31)
 - c. Thought the law was perfect and didn't need a better hope
 - d. These are things most every Jew STILL believes!
- 3. The problem with the Jewish reader of Hebrews:
 - a. “Dull” of hearing – full of the teachings of every Rabbi
 - b. Immature – not growing – only stuck on “milk” (1Cor 3:1-3)
 - c. They were in need of starting all over and relearning
- 4. Only by _____ and testing / challenge can you grow to understand / discern good and evil doctrines! Having our senses, through instruction, exercise, and habit, brought to the place where we can recognize both good and evil.
- 5. What is the mark of full spiritual age?
 - a. Full age – experience, time
 - b. Fully aware by all senses
 - c. Discernment of good and evil
- 6. The ability to distinguish good from evil is the power of judgment.
- 7. Milk and Meat Doctrines
 - a. Milk - grace
 - 1) Forgiveness by the lamb
 - 2) Things you learn without really reading the Bible – just from hearing it (5:13)
 - 3) Things that help you get started as a new baby and helps you grow
 - 4) The wrath of God
 - b. Meat
 - 1) Dispensations
 - 2) Melchisedec priesthood versus the Aaronic priesthood

III. Questions from Chapter Five

- A. What two offerings does a high priest make to God on behalf of the congregation of people?
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____

- B. Why is a high priest able to be gentle and lenient toward people? _____

- C. Because the high priest has the same problems as everyone else, what must he do?

- D. Under the old covenant, who was permitted to be a priest? _____

- E. With what personage of the Old Testament does God associate the priesthood of Christ?
_____.
- F. By what means did Christ, although God's Son, learn obedience to the Father?
_____.
- G. For whom is Christ the Author of eternal salvation? _____
- H. What is the mark of full spiritual age?
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____