



THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

(WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MOSAIC REFERENCES)

HEBREWS 5:1-14

“1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;

2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness;

3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.

4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, “YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU”;

6 just as He says also in another passage, “YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK.”

THE PRIESTHOOD OF CHRIST IS BETTER...

- What is the purpose of a priest?
- What advantage is there to having a human priest?
- What is the disadvantage of having a human priest?
- What does it mean that no one takes the honor to himself?
- Examples?
- What does it mean that Christ did not take the honor to Himself?
- Who said, “You are my Son, today I have begotten You”?
- Where was this said?
- Who said, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”?
- Where was this said?

7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

- What does it mean “in the days of His flesh”?
- What do you think the writer is referring to when he mentions “loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death”?
- What does it mean that He was heard? (Didn’t God say no?)
- What can we learn?

8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

- What did Jesus learn from suffering?
- Lesson for us?

9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,

- What does it mean that He was “made perfect”; wasn’t He already perfect?

10 being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

- How could Jesus be designated a high priest, since He wasn’t from Levi?

11 Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

I WISH YOU WERE NOT DULL OF HEARING

- What does “dull of hearing” mean?

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

- How does that make things hard to explain?
- What had happened to these people?
- What are some examples of elementary principles of the oracles of God?

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

- What would you say is the “milk of the word”?

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil."

- What would solid food be?
- What does it mean to "through practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil"?