

Hebrews 5:1 – 4; 6:1-3 NIV Connection

In the beginning...What truth did the Holy Spirit stir in you through the sermon Sunday?

Memory Verse: ‘ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:14 NKJV

Let’s dig into the Bible for Truth:

Hebrews 5:1 – 4 (also Leviticus 16:6, 7; 21 – 24):

1. What are the functions of the High Priest shared in these verses?
 - a. “_____ the people in matters related to God”
 - b. “to offer _____ and _____ for sins”
2. Reading Hebrews 4:15 & 5:2, 3 again, how is Jesus similar to an Old Testament priest and how is He different?

Hebrews 5:5 – 10 (also Psalm 110:1 – 4; Hebrews 7:1, 2):

1. Who is Melchizedek and what does his name mean?
2. How is Jesus like Melchizedek?

Hebrews 4:11 – 14

1. What are three signs of a spiritual baby”?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
2. What identifies a spiritually mature person?

Hebrews 6:1 – 3 What are the six “elementary truths” (5:12) or “elementary principles” we need to grow IN and BEYOND to move to maturity?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

“But be DOERS of the Word and not hearers only...” James 1:22

What Now? Application time:

1. Since Jesus our High Priest who is like “Melchizedek – King of Peace” in what areas will we trust Him to receive His peace?
2. Where are we in the spiritual growth process (i. e. brand new Christian [baby indeed]; babe in Christ because we haven’t grown [protracted babyhood]; spiritual adolescence [young but growing]; well on our way to spiritual maturity?)
3. What are our personal growth strategies – what will we do NOW to move forward in the growth process?

Summary: Priesthood is not a position someone chooses for himself but rather is a role God chooses. Jesus has been chosen by God to be our High Priest to represent us before God. Jesus Christ, who is like the priest Melchizedek, has no genealogy as it pertains to His Deity, but has both father and mother in his humanity. He is the source of righteousness – right standing with God – to bring us into peace with God, others and ourselves. To walk in the fullness of this peace we need to seek understanding of this righteousness and put what we learn about our right standing with God into continual use. Habitual practice of the life of righteousness leads to spiritual maturity. Spiritual mature Christians can grow IN and BEYOND wrestling with the elemental truths (like repentance, faith, judgment, etc....). Not that we ever forsake these truths but we are not constantly focused on “striving...working...making every effort” to keep them.