

## Hebrews Lesson 23

### Chapter 5

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Verse 1 summarizes the priestly system (discussed previously).

- Ordained for men in things pertaining to God (vs 1).
- Offers gifts and sacrifices for sins. (Note that gifts were not for sins, but for thanksgiving)
- The priest can have compassion on the ignorant (vs 2).
  - Leviticus 4-5 speaks of sins committed in ignorance (lack of information)
    - See Lev 4:2, 13, 27, 5:15
    - You are still guilty of sin even if you didn't know it was sin.
- Needed to offer a sacrificial payment for his own sins and for the people's sins (vs 3).
- The priest is called of God (not selected by men) (vs 4).
  - Korah tried to violate this order (Numbers 16) and was destroyed.
- Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest was not self-appointed or appointed by men. He was appointed by God (vs 5).
  - The word "*begotten*" means to designate or give a place of honor.
- Jesus Christ's priesthood differs from the human priesthood in that it will last forever (vs 6).
  - Aaron's priesthood and every succeeding priesthood was temporary and ended with the death of the priest.
- Jesus Christ **offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears...** (vs 7)
  - Prayers: communing with the Father.
  - Supplication: asking God for something.
  - Intercession: praying for somebody else.
  - Thanksgiving: stating your appreciation for what you received.
- Jesus Prayed, "**Father...let this cup pass from me**" (Matt 26:39).
  - Our sin was placed upon Him (2 Cor 5:21, Gal 3:13) causing Him to have to suffer the wrath of God on our behalf so that we could be made righteous (Rom 5:19).
- "**He was heard**" by the Father because His prayer was proper. He didn't want sin on Him.
  - God will not hear those who are rebellious (Isa 59:2; Jer 7:6, 11:14; 14:12; Micah 3:4).
- He "**learned...obedience by the things which he suffered.**" (vs 8).
  - He prayed for the cup to pass, but He obeyed the Father's will, learning obedience.
- "**...being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation...**" (vs. 9)
  - He was made perfect (our perfect Savior) by His obedience (vs 8). We get eternal salvation by our obedience (vs 9).

- What did Christ learn (vs 8)?
  - What it is like to die.
  - What it is like to suffer under God's wrath, guilty of sins.
- **Vss 10-14** The writer of Hebrews could not tell the Hebrews everything because they would be unable to process the teaching. Why? Because they were "**unskillful in the word of righteousness.**" They were **babes**, unable to handle "**strong meat**" or "**discern both good and evil.**"
  - Many bible teachers have taught that the milk speaks of the fundamentals and the meat refers to deeper teachings such as the millennial kingdom, the Second Advent, prophetic teachings, etc.
  - In the context:
    - Milk is having a knowledge of the scriptures but not applying any of them. It is knowing what the bible instructs the believer to do, but you only use it to judge others, and you don't obey it yourself.
    - Meat is being skilled in the word of righteousness, able to discern both good and evil. It is doing right based on what you learn in the bible.
    - Carnal Christians can't handle meat (1 Cor 3:1-3). They don't practice righteousness.
  - The Hebrews were frustrating the Holy Spirit of God because they should have been teaching others by now, but instead, they needed to start all over from the beginning principles (vs 12).
    - Fellowship regularly with other believers.
    - Read your bible because you love it.
    - Talk to the Lord in prayer.
    - Witness; tell others about Jesus.
  - The Hebrews were unskillful in the word of righteousness (vs 13).
    - This doesn't mean they didn't know the scriptures.
    - It means they were not applying the scriptures they knew.
      - Living right
      - Teaching others
      - Being an example
    - It means they are able to discern both good and evil (vs 14).
      - Some people know what is good, but they're blind to what is evil.
      - Some people always point out evil (in others), but they can't get along with anybody else, including their spouse.