

THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK HEBREWS 5

Paul ended the last chapter talking about our great High Priest, Jesus Christ. It sounded like this from CH 4...

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through (**IE, gone to**) the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **Continuing that thought...**

Hebrews 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.

- This was the job of the High Priest to first – sacrifice for HIS own sins, and then to offer sacrifices to obtain forgiveness for the sins of the people as described in V2...

HUMAN HIGH PRIEST

2 He can have compassion (**gentleness & empathy**) on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. 3 Because of this (**His own weaknesses**) he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.

- Oh, brothers and sisters in Christ...We too need to be gentle and empathetic with the lost... We need to take our cues from our Gentle Savior and try to avoid the hot-tempered bad examples in the bible, RIGHT?
 - We won't mention too many names... **CAIN**... **Levi & Simeon** killed a whole town full of people... **Saul** threw spears at the Shepherd / guitarist, David... **Jonah** pouted and ran from God... **Moses** lied to

the people about God being angry at them... **JTB** asked Jesus to please get busy... **King Manasseh** didn't like one of Isaiah's sermons, so he had him sawn in two. **Peter** was known to try and correct Jesus...

- To be a blessing the High Priests had to be compassionate and.... Called...

COURSON - be it as a Bible study teacher, deacon, children's worker, pastor, or missionary—we're not the doctors. There's only one great Physician, only one Healer—Jesus Christ. As a pastor, then, who am I? I'm just a guy who has been in the hospital for a lot of years. And because I know where the bathroom is, where the cafeteria is, where the gift shop is, who the orderlies are, I can help others find their way around the hospital.

CALLED BY GOD

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

- This calling of being the High Priest was a solemn and high calling, exclusive to only the descendants of Aaron... **(NOT Peter)**

HONORED BY GOD

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." **PSALM 2:7**

6 As *He* also says in another place: "YOU ARE A PRIEST **FOREVER** ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK"; **PSALM 110:4**

- The human High Priests were after the order of Aaron...
 - But Jesus IS High Priest after the eternal order of Melchizedek!
- We will spend a whole Sunday talking about this order of Melchizedek when we get to CH 7... Would you like a free sample?
 - **Hebrews 7:1** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," 3 without father, without

mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. 4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

- **Oh... We WILL consider Him alright!**

WE WERE SPEAKING OF JESUS...

7 who, in the days of His flesh, **(Jesus)** when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

- So, it sounds as if Jesus is being put forth here as an example of prayer... and obedience... When was it that Jesus prayed for deliverance?
- It is in **Matthew 26:36** - Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." 40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. 45 Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

SO... JESUS...

9 And having been perfected, (**Complete – through suffering**) He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10 called by God as High Priest "ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK,"

- **COURSON** - Always perfect in Person, Jesus became perfectly suited and prepared through the things He suffered to be called our Friend and our faithful High Priest.

WARNING AGAINST APOSTASY

11 of whom (**Melchizedek**) we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. **OUCH!** 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

- We have had people come and join Calvary Chapel and after a couple of years they will tell us that they have learned more about their bible in two years than they did in 20 years at their last cult / church.
 - FYI – That happens at all Calvary Chapels.
 - It is good, and VERY important that we simply teach the Word of God, simply.
 - In doing so, we pray that you are maturing in the Lord.
 - HOW? Will we know... HOW will YOU know if you are maturing in the Lord? The same way you know if your kids or grandkids or nieces and nephews are maturing in their education – TESTS! Suffering!
 - Listen to Peter talk about growing through suffering...
 - **1 Peter 4:12** Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is

glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

SPIRITUAL MATURITY

13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 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.

GUZIK - The ability to **discern** is a critical measure of spiritual maturity. Babies will put *anything* in their mouth. Spiritual babes are weak in discernment, and will accept any kind of spiritual food.

It can be said that all five human senses have their spiritual counterparts.

- i. We have a **spiritual sense of taste**: *If indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious (1Pe 2:3). Taste and see that the LORD is good! (Psa 34:8)*
- ii. We have a **spiritual sense of hearing**: *Hear and your soul shall live (Isa 55:3). He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (Rev 2:7).*
- iii. We have a **spiritual sense of sight**: *Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law (Psa 119:18). The eyes of your understanding (heart) being enlightened (Eph 1:18).*
- iv. We have a **spiritual sense of smell**: *He shall be of quick scent in the fear of the LORD (Isa 11:3, RV margin). I am full, having received from... you, a sweet-smelling aroma (Php 4:18).*
- v. We have a **spiritual sense of touch** or feeling: *Because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the LORD (2Ki 22:19). The hardening of their heart; who being past feeling, have given themselves over to extravagance (Eph 4:18-19).*