



Theme: Christ is Superior to Aaron (Part 1)

Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-4

Pressing Forward into 2022

- Our Discipleship Catechism Questions
 - ① What is the chief end of man?
 - ② What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify Him?
 - ③ What do the Scriptures principally teach?
 - ④ What is God?
 - ⑤ Are there more gods than One?
 - ⑥ How many persons are there in the Godhead?
 - ⑦ What is the decree of God?
- Our memory work:
 - 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - Psalm 73:25-26
 - Isaiah 46:9-10
 - John 1:12-13
 - Proverbs 19:21

But first a review on what we have learnt so far;

The Epistle is an Exhortation to STEADFASTNESS.

There are numerous warnings against apostasy!

Five specific warnings:

- DANGER of drifting away. (Hebrews 2:1-3)
- DANGER of unbelief. (Hebrews 3:1-4:13)



- DANGER of not maturing. (Hebrews 5:11-6:20)
- DANGER of not persevering. (Hebrews 10:26-39)
- DANGER of refusing God. (Hebrews 12:25-30)

Author:

- No identification of the human writer. Not like Peter and Paul's letters where they identify themselves in verse 1. (2 Timothy 3:16-17) ALL Scripture is GOD BREATHED.
- **MEDITATE** on this as we make our way through this book.

Theme of Hebrews: Christ's Superiority:

- Christ is referred to by more than 20 different titles!
- His superiority over the prophets: 1:1-3
- His superiority over angels: 1:4-2:18
- His superiority over Moses: 3:1-19
- His superiority over Joshua: 4:1-13
- His superiority over Aaron: 5:14-7:18

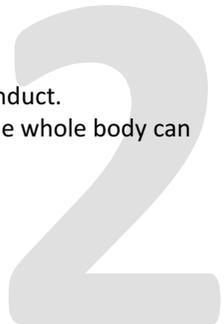
- His superiority over the whole ritual of Judaism: 7:19-10:39
- His superiority over all the saints of the Old Testament: 11:1-12:3

Book of Hebrews not for lazy "disciples". By definition, Disciples are not lazy-must be students of God's word. We must apply the 5Ds of Discipleship

1. Desire
2. Determination
3. Discipline
4. Diligence
5. Do it/Doer

Our Goals for 2022

1. To grow in a deeper relationship with God.
2. To glorify God is everything we do.
3. Piety - pursue holiness and be holy in all our conduct.
4. BE Church to each other. Do our part so that the whole body can grow.
5. Understand the GLORIOUS Gospel of God



- We ask God to enable us to one another, "Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ."
- These believers were not young in their faith (Hebrews 5:12).
- These believers were not young in their faith (5:12). It was written to warn them not to go back to the old system. Jewish believers contemplating leaving the FAITH to go back to e.g., Judaism, Prophets, Moses, Aaron.
- It was important that the author communicate this. Christ is superior to all others and thus Let us hold fast to this new confession (Hebrews 4:14). Aaron was a picture of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 5

Superior to Aaron (Part 1)

Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-4

Words have meaning. The opening word is "For" used as a conjunction (connecting two clauses) linking words. Thus, we must go back and review what the Holy spirit has taught us previously.

That God has provided His people with a High Priest is the fulfillment of His own promise. On the demonstrated failure of the Aaronical priesthood in the days of Eli and his sons (1 Samuel 1:14, 2; 12-17, 22), the Lord declared,

"Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever." (1 Samuel 2:35).

Sections

1. Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-4 The High Priesthood of Christ
2. Scripture: Hebrews 5:5-7 God's Purpose for the PRIESTHOOD
3. Scripture: Hebrews 5:8-9 Though He was a Son
4. Scripture: Hebrews 5:10-14 High Priest, After the Order of Melchizedek

The High Priesthood of Christ

- Hebrews 5:1 through 10:39 is probably the most important section of all of the Book of Hebrews.



- Christ's priesthood is unfolded for us. An accurate understanding of Christ's priesthood is vitally important to our understanding of our salvation.
- We have had three references to Christ's priesthood so far:
 - 2:17 - "to make propitiation for the sins of the people."
 - 3:1 - We were told to seriously consider (think about) "the Apostle and High Priest of our profession."
 - 4:14 - "We have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens (the three heavens)."
- ★ WE HAVE A HIGH PRIEST! We need NO OTHER! "Pontifex maximus" - "the greatest priest" - a title that the Roman Catholic Church gives to the Pope and one which the Pope accepts.

Priest

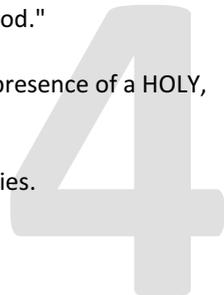
- One who represents God's people before God.

Consider the GREATEST of OUR HIGH PRIEST:

1. He is "the Son of God". (4:14)
2. He is and was "without sin." (4:15)
3. He is of the order of Melchizedek. (5:6)
4. He was ordained "with an oath." (7:20, 21)
5. He offered a PERFECT sacrifice, "Himself, without spot." (9:14)
6. His administration was PERFECT compared to the Aaronical priesthood. (7:11-25)
7. His priesthood is ETERNAL and non-transferrable. (7:24)

Qualification for the Aaronical High Priesthood (V 1-4)

1. "taken from among men" - no angel could be a priest!
 - Christ became man to be our priest - to represent us before God.
 - If Christ had never become man He could never offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins.
 - Christ's INCARNATION was a NECESSITY for our salvation.
2. He was "ordained for men pertaining things to God."
 - The High Priest "stood in place" of others.
 - Sinful men could not come directly into the presence of a HOLY, HOLY, HOLY GOD.
 - Mount Sinai is an example. (Exodus 19:12)
 - The Tabernacle and the Temple's Holy of Holies.
 - Sin separates us from God. (Isaiah 59:2)



- We are alienated from God. (Eph 4:18)
 - (Exodus 28) The High Priest would be the people's representative bearing their names on his shoulders and breast. (See Exodus 28: 9, 12, 15, 17, 21, 29)
 - Christ, our High Priest, was ordained for HIS PEOPLE! (See Matt. 1:21 -
 - The High Priest did not represent Canaanites, Ammonites, Moabites, etc.!
 - "pertaining things to God" or meeting the requirements of God.
 - PRIEST had GOD as their OBJECT.
 - As PROPHET, Christ revealed God to us.
 - As KING, Christ rules over us and defends us.
 - As PRIEST, Christ came to meet God's holy requirements.
3. "that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sin"
- To offer was the chief function of the priest.
 - A priest without a sacrifice is no peace-maker between God and man."
 - Without a sacrifice sins are NOT atoned for and the wrath of God is NOT satisfied!
 - Christ death on the Cross was a priestly act.
 - Christ death on the Cross was NOT something that HAPPENED to Christ but what Christ DID!!
 - Christ offered Himself to God!
 - He gave Himself for the church. (Ephesians 5:25)
 - He laid down His life for His sheep. (John 10:11, 18)
 - He poured out His life unto death. (Isaiah 53:12)
 - He "dismissed His spirit." (John 19:30)

★ CHRIST WAS NOT PASSIVE IN HIS DEATH - HE WAS VERY ACTIVE!

4. (v. 2) He must have compassion for those whom he represented!
- Christ met this requirement - see Hebrews 2:18; 4:15.
 - As priests (1 Peter 2:9), we must have compassion (or bear with) others.
 - "the ignorant and them that are out of the way"
 - The wicked (unbelievers) are in darkness - they do not KNOW! (See Proverbs 4:19)
 - "There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God" (Romans 3:11)
 - WE were once FOOLISH! (Titus 3:3)

- WE were GIVEN understanding. (1 John 5:20)
 - All of us at one time were OUT OF THE WAY - going ASTRAY. (Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:12)
 - (v. 2) He (the Levitical priest) had to have compassion because he, himself, was beset with weakness!
 - (v. 3) The Levitical priest (HIGH PRIEST) had to offer sacrifices for himself
 - BUT our High Priest did not have to!
5. (v. 4) NO man takes the HONOUR on Himself - he must be called of God.
- The office of High Priest was an HONOUR in that he was allowed to approach the MOST HIGH GOD, he was allowed to have personal dealing with GOD, he acts on the behalf of others and obtaining favor for them.
 - NO man can approach GOD unless he or she is CALLED - by name.
 - GOD determines who can approach Him and how that person may approach Him.
 - Expediency, custom, traditions, or convenience are all RULED OUT! God will ONLY accept those that HE has CALLED and COME to Him His way.
 - A tragic example of IGNORING Gwiod's ordained ways - see the story of Uzzah in 2 Chronicles 26:16-21.
 - Christ was ORDAINED BY GOD to be our HIGH PRIEST!

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