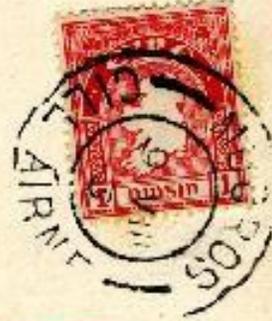




*The Letter to the*  
**Hebrews**

**Chapter Five**



**Wednesday Series**

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# The Book of Hebrews: Introduction

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- Contents are deep & challenging ...  
Readers are:
  - **Reminded** of how blessed they are to have trusted in Christ
  - **Impressed** with the superiority of Christ
  - **Warned** of the dangers of apostasy



# The Book of Hebrews: Outline

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## ▪ Contrasts made in the epistle:

- The Son / Angels **1:4 – 2:4**
- The Son / Moses **3:1-6**
- Canaan rest / God's rest **3:12 – 4:13**
- Christ / Aaron **4:14 – 5:10**
- Spiritual infancy / maturity **5:11-14**
- Apostasy / Faithfulness **5:11 – 6:20**
- Old Law / New Law **8:1-13**
- Offerings of old law / Christ **9:1 – 10:18**
- Faith / sight **11:1-40**
- Mt. Sinai / Mt. Zion **12:18-29**

## Jesus the Great High Priest (4:14-16)

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14 Since then **we have a great high priest** who has **passed through the heavens** **Jesus, the Son of God,** let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been **tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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# **Jesus is Better than Earthly High Priest**

**[5: 1-4]**

**1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.**

**2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.**

**3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.**

**4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.**

# Jesus is Better than Earthly High Priest

[5: 1-4]

- **Consider the Aaronic High Priest**
  - **Chosen / not self-made / “appointed”**
  - **“act on behalf of men in relation to God”**
    - **“offer gifts and sacrifices for sin”**
  - **Sympathetic because of similarity / empathy / compassion born of common experience**
  - **So, obligated to offer sacrifice for self**
- **4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.**

# **Jesus Was Made a High Priest**

**[5:5-6]**

**5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,**

**"You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you";**

**6 as he says also in another place,**

**"You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek."**

# Jesus Was Made a High Priest

[5:5-6]

- Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, He was appointed by God
- The same God that declared Him a Son
  - *“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”* (Ps. 2:7)
- In another place... declared Him a High Priest
  - *“You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”* (Ps. 110:4)
- Melchizedek - *“Priest of God Most High”* (Gen. 14:17-20)
  - Developed more fully in Chapter 7

# **Jesus Was Made a High Priest**

**[5:7-10]**

**7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.**

**8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.**

**9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,**

**10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.**

# Jesus Was Made a High Priest

[5:7-10]

- He did what priests do... offered up prayers to God
  - In “*reverence*” He asked, “*Your will be done*” (Mt. 26:42)
  - And was “*heard*”
- Jesus “*learned obedience*” through suffering
  - *learned* – “attained through experience”
- Perfected through suffering to serve as High Priest
  - Made “complete for the task” (sympathetic & exalted)
  - Appointed as *cause / author / source* of our salvation
- Designated by God a High Priest
  - Not like Aaron, but like Melchizedek...

# Jesus is Better

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**WARNING**

# Warning Against Dullness

[5:11-14]

& [6:1-20]

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

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

# Warning About Dullness

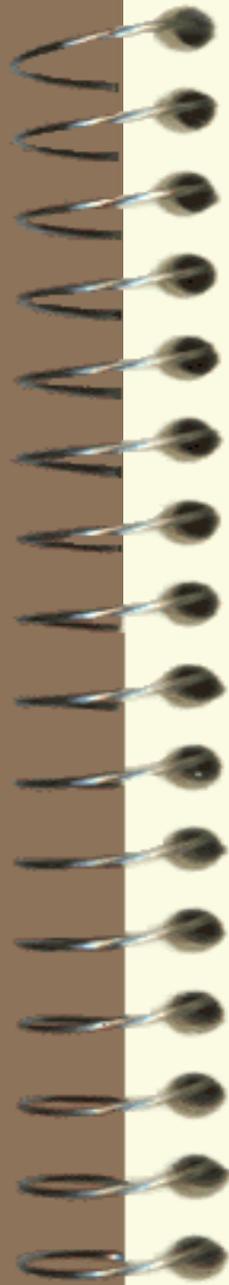
[5:11-14]

- ***“Dull of hearing”*** = Lazy listeners
- **There comes a time when...**
  - ***“you ought to be teachers”***
- **But you are spiritually immature**
  - ***“you need milk, not solid food”***
  - **You need to re-learn the “basics”**
  - **You are unskilled in the “*word of righteousness*”, immature // childish?**
- **The fix is “*training*” and “*constant practice*”**
- **The goal is “*to distinguish good from evil*”**

# Jesus is Better (6: 1-20)

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So we better ...  
Go on to **Maturity!!**



# **The Book of Hebrews**

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**Next Week:  
Chapter 6**

