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Expositional Study – “The Book of Hebrews -# 06

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Text: Hebrews 5:1-14

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THE FIRST AND THE LAST

INTRODUCTION: The Writer of Hebrews continues on about the calling and place of the priesthood of Israel’s worship and faith, and will do so for a number of future chapters. Clearly he is speaking to the many Jewish people gathered in the House Churches around him. After giving two serious warnings about what it means to believe in Jesus Christ, the writer comes to a third warning. This one is that if one is born-again, they will grow in that faith and in love and service to God the Son. Let’s look further into God’s formation of the Priesthood, and where Jesus Christ fits in. Thus, we can see and learn about ...

I. THE FOUNDATION OF THE PRIESTHOOD- (5:1-10)

A) The Sacred Requirements

B) The Savior’s Ratification

II. THE FAILURE OF THE PEOPLE - (5:11-14)

A) Their Spiritual State – “Slow to Learn”

B) Their Simple Sustenance – “An Infant Diet”

CONCLUSION: It is here we must be careful in any application of these warnings. Especially, when it applies to one’s salvation and the possible loss of it, or departing from professing it. The writer is specifically speaking to the many Jewish “professors” of Christ, who had a panoply of beliefs that were only part of the whole. The Spirit of God, through the write, wanted to bring them all into a right and perfect relationship to God through His Son Jesus Christ. True believers, those who are actual “possessors” of Christ, will undoubtedly grow up in their faith and willingly, with joy, serve their great God and King Jesus Christ. Can this be said of you? Or are you still like a babe, but never growing, never working, and still in the state of actually needing a new birth in Christ experience.

BIBLE TEXT FOR MESSAGE

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Hebrews 5:1-14 (NIV)

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was. 5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." 6 And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him 10 and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.