

Sermon # 654

Heb 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.

- The old play ground proverb “it takes one to know one”
- Only the High priest could offer the sacrifices and gifts before God others tried and died.

2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

- **Le 4:1-3 ¶** Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a person **sins unintentionally** against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them, 3 **'if the anointed priest sins**, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering.
- **1Pe 5:6,7** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 **casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.**

3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.

- Because of what? Because the earthly High Priests weaknesses and sin.
- The High priest during the Day of Atonement had to first offer sacrifices for his own sin before he could offer the sacrifices to God for the nation.
- Jesus being our High Priest offered Himself as the sacrifice for sin. He had no sin or weaknesses.
- **Joh 1:29 ¶** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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

- God indeed called Aaron, and the sons that come forth throughout their generations to be High Priest to offer the sacrifices of man to God. And the elaborate garments and stones on the ephod to represent the 12 tribes that the High Priest bears them upon his heart and upon his shoulders cf. Ex 28

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."

- This day have I begotten thee. “By thy resurrection thou art declared to be the Son of God, by miraculous power, being raised from the dead. Thus by thy wondrous and supernatural nativity, most extraordinary death, and miraculous

resurrection, thou art declared to be the Son of God. And as in that Son dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, all the sufferings and the death of that human nature were stamped with an infinitely meritorious efficacy. We have St. Paul's authority for applying to the resurrection of our Lord these words, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee;" (Adam Clarke)

- **Ac 13:32-34** "And we declare to you glad tidings--that promise which was made to the fathers. 33 "God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' 34 "And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'

6 As He also says in another place: "**You are a priest forever** According to the order of Melchizedek"; Ps 110:4

- **Ge 14:18** Then Melchizedek **king of Salem** brought out bread and wine; he was the **priest of God** Most High.
- Aaron and his sons were life limited, Jesus Christ is forever

7 who, in the days of His flesh, 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,

- **Lu 22:41-44** And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, 42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**" 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

8 though He was a Son, yet He learned **obedience by the things which He suffered.**

- **Ro 5:19** For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also **by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.**
- **Ro 6:16** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin (*disobedience*) leading to death, or **of obedience leading to righteousness?**

9 And having been perfected, **He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,**

- Are we in obedience to Him?
- **Joh 15:14** "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

10 ¶ called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become **dull of hearing**.

- The writer of Hebrews will go into great depth on this issue of, the order of Melchizedek, in chapter 7 but for now he cannot because they have become “dull of hearing”

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.

- Though the time has come you should be able to digest some meat by now," but there was an arrested spiritual development.
- Oh, watch out for that. That is one of the most common diseases within the church, arrested spiritual development. A person comes to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and then they hit a plateau and they just hang there. They never go on. If you talk to them, they're still talking about the same things they were talking about twenty-five years ago; arrested spiritual development. They're no further along in spiritual maturity than they were twenty-five years ago. You see them and they're still drinking bottles. "Entertain us, do a dance, do a jig, sing a song, play a harp, do something to entertain me." They can't take the strong meat. But you know what? You folks are spoiled, because once you've developed a taste for strong meat, you'll never be satisfied with bottle again. And some of the people that go back out to get some of the excitement of the bottle experiences that they used to have as a babe they find out that it doesn't satisfy anymore. Once you get a taste of the strong meat of the Word, I'll tell you, it spoils you for anything else, so you're spoiled. You just can't go back to that old routine anymore. You've been spoiled. You try and go back and you say, "Wow! Did I use to engage in that?" (Chuck Smith)

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.

- **1Co 3:1-3 ¶** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; 3 for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?