

HEBREWS 5 vs 1

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¹ For every high priest chosen from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins / he made offerings and oblations for our failures:

² who can have compassion on the ignorant and on those who are out of the way / who can have empathy; for those who are straying and falling; stumbling and getting lost;

for he himself is also encircled with infirmity / the high priest from the old times... he also is surrounded with the same weakness... and the same disease. The writer of the book of Hebrews has always been a mystery. But could it have been Theophilus, the high priest at the time of Stephen's martyr whom Luke led to faith? Theophilus would have known and certainly would write...

³ and because of it, he should offer sacrifices for the sins of the people; also for himself.

⁴ And no one takes this honor to himself, but he who is chosen by God as was Aaron.

Why is the writer saying this? Read on...

⁵ So also Christ did **not brag about Himself in order to become a High priest** / He wasn't boasting about Himself. He didn't need a resume; He didn't have to embellish His abilities;

but He who said to Him, You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

⁶ As He / the Lord God, also said in another place, You are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec / Melchi = the king + sedec = righteousness;

after the order of The King of Righteousness.

Perhaps, the King of Salem was a great grandson of Shem; the Bible is silent as to who he was. And this One, begotten of God... this One who is God's Son...

⁷ who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One who was able to save Him from death, He was heard in that He feared / when He walked among us; in the time of His desperate need; making requests for protection and help... because of the overwhelming calamity approaching; John Knox said, In that He feared God. Knox's friend, John Calvin said, That He feared the exposure to evil, and thereby, the approaching judgment of God.



Isaiah said, Make the Lord God our dread and our fear...and He will be our sanctuary; and ALL of it is right. And it's good to know there are reasons and times to fear.

⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by what He suffered;

⁹ and being perfected He became the Author of eternal salvation, to all who obey Him / through suffering. Huh?! Jesus wasn't perfect; He needed to suffer? Perhaps, we perfectionists... pointing out other's imperfections; don't understand that word; maybe we need to change our thinking; through suffering; He became the Author; the greatest Pioneer opening the way, preparing others to follow. He with His blood wrote the way we follow Him to eternal life;

¹⁰ designated by God, a high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

¹¹ of whom we have many things to say, difficult to explain seeing you are slow of hearing / since you are sluggish to hear and comprehend.

¹² For when at this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the elementary principles / and any educator knows that students in school, when they are teaching others... they remember better themselves. And here, to be teachers does not mean you need a certificate from your government's Department of Education... or from some theological seminary. We all know lots of people with papers on their wall... who should have... tried other professions.

the rudiments of the oracles of God; and you have need of milk, and not of strong meat / being sluggish of hearing; you can't take solid food.

¹³ For everyone who only uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness for that one is a baby / God's word of righteousness; is not for those who are just clumsy babies... whiny; thumb-suckin'; diaper-poopin' babies; or they might be cows. One thing we do know about milk... cows drink it!

¹⁴ But strong meat belongs to the mature, who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil / and probably a good bottle of cabernet... belongs to mature men and women, too!

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