

Hebrews

Chapter Five

FAITH COMES BY HEARING: Read Chapter Five

SUMMARY: Verses 1-14

1. The High Priest in the Jewish religious system had to go through rigors to be selected. First, he had to be selected among men and from the right family line. Second, he had to be called by God. (Read Exodus 28-29)
2. The High Priest represented man to God. He 'stood in the gap' for the sins of the people, so to speak.
3. Jesus did not take it upon Himself to be our priest, representing us before God. He was chosen by God. He was called by God, "SON".
4. Jesus would not just serve as a priest for an earthly period of time. He would be a priest forever.
5. Jesus would be the High Priest that would handle our sins and 'stand in the gap' for us before the Father.
6. Though Jesus was the Son of God it was necessary for Him to learn obedience. Jesus was never forced to obey His Father. He chose the route of obedience.
7. Obedience was not easy. It was a suffering. It was painful. But His obedience and His willingness to submit to the Father's will brought Him to the place of being our source of eternal salvation.
8. Because God the Father designated Jesus as the Son, the High Priest, and He thus fulfilled God's will to suffer for our own sins Jesus is thus the ONLY source for eternal salvation.
9. What Adam and Eve failed to accomplish because of disobedience, Jesus was able to accomplish through His willing obedience.
10. We cannot just continue to ignore growing in deeper truths about God and our faith.
11. Through constant study and searching Scriptures we can grow into mature believers and grow in the deeper truths of the righteousness in Jesus. We cannot become sluggish in our Christian growth.
12. One true sign of spiritual maturity is to distinguish between good and evil.

REFLECTION

1. What verse stuck out most to you?
2. In Jesus' day the high priest role was in the hands of those who bought control of it. What is the difference between those who 'buy control' vs. those who are 'called by God'?
3. What connection can you make from Jesus' commitment to obedience vs. your own commitment to obedience?
4. Why is obedience often viewed as 'suffering'?
5. What do you think is meant by the phrase, "He LEARNED OBEDIENCE through what He suffered". (vs. 8)
6. Why do most connect suffering to problems, sickness, and the like vs. connecting suffering to obedience?
7. Why do you think Jesus is labeled as being 'the source of eternal salvation'?
8. Why is the ability to distinguish between good and evil considered a mark of true maturity?
9. What effects will staying complacent and lazy have on your faith?

APPLICATION

1. What will you do to maintain a consistency of obedience?
2. When you feel pressured to no longer remain obedient what will you do about it?
3. Stop keeping a journal of your faith walk so you can determine how well you are maturing.
4. What areas of your life do you need to work on the better 'learn obedience'?
5. Are you casual about your faith or do you seek to dig out the deeper truths of the bible?

