

## Hebrews IV

### Chapter 5

High Priest chosen from among men. Appointed to offer sacrifices. Has compassion because he knows that he has the same weaknesses.

So...he has to atone for his sins then those of the people.

Has to be chosen, does not take it on himself. Only Aaron's descendants could be high priests. Has to be from among men; can't be another creature lower or higher. Represents men. Called by God even though they were weak sinners.

Melchizedek was a *king-priest*.

Jesus fits the requirement. Chosen by the Father. From among men; has a human nature; a real human. Submitted to the Father in both natures. Submitted in human suffering.

Different from Aaron and his successors. No sacrifice for Him. Can't have successors. Stands between man and God. When sacrifice is completed, He becomes the **Author of Salvation**.

Milk and solid food. Spiritual maturity.

### Chapter 6

Foundations of faith cannot be laid again. Faith and not dead works.

V4-6: apostasy. Rejection of Christ. Did they have faith in the first place; or reject a real faith that they had. Saw power and gifts and still rejected. Turning away from Christ puts them in same position as those that rejected Him and put Him to death.

Analogy from nature: bearing fruit brings blessing; not bearing fruit causes land to be burned. Similar to warnings from Jesus in the gospels.

Love toward God and good treatment of fellow believers are signs of salvation.

God can swear by no one greater than Himself. Can not go against His promises. Promises to Abraham. Abraham had nothing but God's promise. Was patient and endured .

All promises will be fulfilled; including salvation.

So we can flee for refuge in that hope. We know that He will not change.

Hope of Salvation.

Anchor: anchored in Heaven's Holy of Holies. Jesus. Went before us into Holy of Holies (Heaven) and carries out His priestly function. High Priest forever. The Presence behind the veil: Ark; Throne.

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