Jesus Brings A Better Priesthood

Hebrews 5

Hebrews 5:1-4

- ² 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.
- ² He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.
- ³ Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.
- ⁴ And no man takes this honour to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

Requirement 1: The High Priest must be human; he is taken from among men (v1).

Requirement 2: The High Priest as a man may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

Requirement 3:
The High Priest must have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray (v2).

Requirement 4: No man could take the honour of being the priest unto himself but had to be called by God.

Hebrews 5:5-11

- 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."
- ⁶ As *He* also says in another *place:* "You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";
- 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,
- ⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
- ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,
- 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.

Jesus was divinely appointed by God;

as in *v5* he quotes from:

Psalm 2:7 You are My Son, today I have begotten You.

Point 1 (4 on the first list)



In *v7* we see that Jesus is human.

For only then can Jesus represent man before God.

Point 2 (1 on the first list)

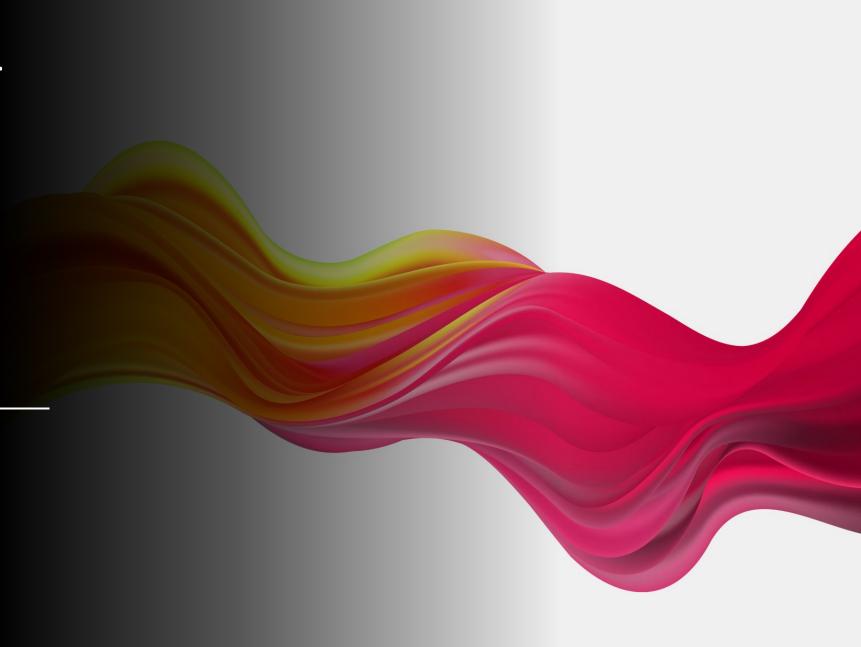


Jesus was compassionate.

Because He suffered, He learned obedience to the Father

and through that He had godly compassion for humankind. (v8)

Point 3 (3 on the first list)



Jesus offered a gift and sacrifice of Himself (v8-9)

Point 4 (2 on the first list)



Hebrews 5:12-14

- 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.
- 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."

Don't be dull of hearing!

Grow up in the Lord and enjoy the meat of His word.

Jesus is better - than anything else!