

## Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews **What Price Perfection?, Lesson 13**

- Hebrews 6:1: “Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.”
  - Teleioō – to bring to an end by completing or perfecting
  - Hebrews 1:3: “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”
  - Hebrews 5:7-10: “In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.”
  - Hebrews 5:11: “Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.”
  - Hebrews 5:12-14: “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”
  - Hebrews 6:1-3: “Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. And this we will do, if God permits.”
- To qualify as a priest, you must be:
  1. Appointed by God
  2. Able to sympathize with men
    - a. Hebrews 5:8: “Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.”
    - b. Obedience and Suffering = Perfection
    - c. Hebrews 5:9: “And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation.”
- Obedience involves suffering
  - Isaiah 50:4-5: “The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens Me morning by morning, he awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. The Lord God has opened My ear; and I was not disobedient nor did I turn back.”
  - Obedience is synonymous with faith

- Isaiah 50:6: “ I gave My back to those who strike Me, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.”
- Isaiah 50:8-10: “He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me. Behold, the Lord God helps Me; Who is he who condemns Me? Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them. Who is among you that fears the Lord, That obeys the voice of His servant, That walks in darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.”
- Philippians 2:5-8: “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
- Philippians 2:9-11: “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
- I Peter 4:1: “Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.”
- Whose will are you living for?
- I Peter 4:2: “so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”
- Hebrews 5:11, Other things had captured their interests; the intellect is not ready to entertain an idea that the heart finds unpalatable.
  - Nothros – Hebrews 6:11-12: “And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”
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- I Peter 2:2: “like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation.”
- I Corinthians 3:1-2: “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able.”