

### **Background Information**

A high priest must represent his people to God therefore, he must be able to identify with their human nature. He also represents God to the people therefore must be called by God. God called and prepared Jesus to be our High Priest, our Mediator. He experienced suffering on this earth and learned obedience through it. He overcame each temptation, leaving us a sinless example. He alone can offer the grace we need to follow in His footsteps.

The readers did not necessarily lack the knowledge of righteousness, but they lacked practice of what they knew. Those who make a "habit" of obeying the message of righteousness, mature in the faith and are able to distinguish truth from error. Instead of growing into maturity, the church has become dull (sluggish) of hearing because they have not been diligent in their study of God's Word and practicing what they know. The author seeks to encourage the reader to grow-up into maturity.

## LOOKING FOR GOLD - WHAT DOES IT SAY?



The first step in mining for gold is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

**Setting the scene:** *You may want to begin your reading with Zech. 6:12-13, 1 Pet. 2:2, Eph 4:14-24*

### Hebrews 5:1-4

1 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 honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.



### Digging Deeper

Dig deeper using other resources such as a dictionary, concordance, maps & cross-references. Notate where you found it to share with the group. Look for commands to obey or questions to be answered. What does God want you to know about Himself?

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## 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.



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**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.



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## BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations?

State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Hebrews 5:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 5:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 5:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_

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## REFINED AS GOLD - HOW CAN I APPLY IT?

How should it change me? Ask yourself, "What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?" (aim for 10 words or less)

Hebrews 5:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 5:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

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Hebrews 5:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_

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**CHALLENGE:** Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

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### STORING UP YOUR TREASURE . . .

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

What do you understand about Melchizedek? (We will learn more in chapter 7)

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What makes us dull of hearing?

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What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

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**CHECKING FOR CLARITY:** See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

Hebrews 5:1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 5:5-11 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 5:12-14 \_\_\_\_\_

**BARS OF GOLD:** State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

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**FLEX YOUR MUSCLES:** Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?

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## HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. Heb 5:8-9

### Radiating His Truth . . .

Jesus had to prepare for His priestly ministry by experiencing the trials His people experienced as they walk by faith. - Warren Wiersbe

