

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.

Exodus 28:1 (NKJV) Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron *and* Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

Numbers 18:5-7 (NKJV) ⁵ And you shall attend to the duties of the sanctuary and the duties of the altar, that there *may* be no more wrath on the children of Israel. ⁶ Behold, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel; *they are* a gift to you, given by the Lord, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. ⁷ Therefore you and your sons with you shall attend to your priesthood for everything at the altar and behind the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood *to you* as a gift for service, but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death."

² He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

Hebrews 5:2 (ESV) He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.

Hebrews 5:2 (NIV) He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness.

³ Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.

Leviticus 16:11 (NIV) Aaron shall bring the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household, and he is to slaughter the bull for his own sin offering.

⁴ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as **Aaron** was.

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.*"

Psalms 2:7 (NKJV) I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You *are* My Son, Today I have begotten You.

Also see scriptures listed in box in Hebrews 1:5

⁶ As *He* also says in another place: "*You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek*";

Psalms 110:4 (NKJV) The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You *are* a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

Also see Hebrews 7:1-10 & Genesis 14:18-20

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,

AND BEING MADE PERFECT, -- Perfect for what? Was he not perfect before? The thought is that by his obedience and suffering, his ability to save man, to become his high priest, was perfected. While his life was perfect, he was not a perfect savior and priest until he, in his strict obedience, suffered, died and rose again. **Notes on Hebrews** by W.C. Moseley pg. 60

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.

"**dull of hearing**" ---- "slow, sluggish, indolent, dull, languid"& of one who apprehends with difficulty, Hebrews 5:11' (#3576) **Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament**

sluggish, i.e. (literal) *lazy*, or (figurative) *stupid* :- dull, slothful. **Strong's Talking Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.**

The Greek word for "dull" is translated "slothful" in 6:12. It signifies a state of heaviness or inertia. These Hebrews had become mentally and spiritually what loafers are in the natural world—too indolent to bestir themselves, too lazy to make any effort at improvement. They were spiritual sluggards; slothful. **A Exposition of Hebrews** by Arthur W. Pink pg.264

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.

Romans 1:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

¹⁷ **For in it the righteousness of God** is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "*The just shall live by faith.*"

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, **for instruction in righteousness**,

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.

Hebrews 5:14 (ESV) But solid food is for the **mature**, for those who have their **powers of discernment trained by constant practice** to distinguish good from evil.

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1. Who was appointed to the priesthood in the O.T.?

2. Which verse shows that in the O.T. the high priest also offered sacrifice for sin for himself?

3. Psalm 2:7 can be identified with which verse in this chapter?

4. Who is being addressed when the phrase, *"You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"* is used?
 - a. What do we know about Melchizedek?

5. How does W.C. Moseley explain the phrase *"and having been perfected"*?

6. What does it mean to be dull of hearing and why might this happen?

7. Who is able to discern both good and evil?
 - a. Why is it vital for the Christian to imitate this?

8. Eternal salvation will be available to whom?