

Questions on Hebrews chapter 5

1. Were the Mosaic high priests ordained or appointed for men or God? Was his work secular or religious? Verse 1.

2. What was the work or duty of the high priest? Verse 1.

3. On whom was the high priest to have compassion or “bear gently”? Verse 2.

4. What enabled the high priest to have compassion or bear gently with the infirmities of others? Verse 2.

5. What was the high priest required to do for the people and for himself? Verse 3.

6. Which sacrifice came first, the one for himself or the one for the people? Did Jesus need to make sacrifice for himself? Verse 3. (See Hebrews 9:7, 12, and 25)

7. How did a priest secure his position? Could he usurp the position? Verse 4.

8. Did Christ seek the office of high priest? Was he tempted to glorify himself? Verse 5.

9. Who said to Christ, "Thou art my Son," and where is it recorded? When was Christ "begotten"? Verse 5.

10. Was Melchizedek only a priest? In what way is Christ a priest after the order of Melchizedek or like unto him? Verse 5.

11. Where is this passage found in the Old Testament? How is Melchizedek's priesthood different (and above) Aaron's priesthood? Verse 6.

12. To whom does "who" refer? When were "the days of his flesh"? Verse 7.

13. Can you name two occasions when he “offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears”? If God heard his prayers, why weren’t they answered? Verse 7.

14. If God’s Son had to be obedient, are we allowed to be disobedient or may we expect special favors? Verse 8.

15. How did God’s Son “learn” obedience? Verse 8.

16. Does “being made perfect” refer to moral perfection or to his humiliation on the cross? Verse 9. (See Luke 13:32)

17. To whom did Jesus become the “author” or cause of salvation through his obedience unto death? Verse 9.

18. Why was Christ not called of God after the order of the Aaronic Priesthood? Verse 10.

19. Who is meant by the expression “of whom”? Can we say “many things” about Melchizedek? What was at fault for the teaching being “hard to be uttered” or “hard of interpretation - the teaching, the hearing, or the subject matter? Verse 11.

20. How long should it take to become teachers? What did they need to hear again? Verse 12.

21. What would be “the first principles of the oracles of God”? Are most members of the church able to tell people (from the Scriptures) what to do to be saved? Verse 12.

22. What are some of the characteristics of “a babe”? Verse 13.

23. What would you consider “strong meat” or “solid food” to be? Verse 14.

24. What enables Christians to discern “both good and evil”? Will those who do not exercise their senses see harm in the pleasures of the world? Verse 14.