Hebrews 5

King James Version (KJV)

- **5** For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: (The priest's duty is to do God's work. The problem is that men are not perfect. Since the New Testament, our high priest is Jesus Christ. HE is perfect, without sin)
- ²Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. (The priest has his own sins and shortcomings to deal with, as well as those of his ministry. He needs to teach God's Word patiently to others)
- ³ And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. (Even when the high priest went into the Holy of holies on Passover, he had to account for his own sins as well as for the sins of the people)
- ⁴And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. (Only God can appoint a priest. Unfortunately, many today are self appointed and are in it for the money)

(God appointed Aaron. God chose the Levis who were Aaron's descendants. In the days of Jesus and the Apostles, the high priest was appointed by the Roman governor; not by God's will)

⁵So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. Psamls-2:7 (Only God can be a perfect High Priest. He did so as Jesus – the begotten of God. Jesus <God with us – Immanuel> came into the world through Mary's womb. HE lived a perfect life in the flesh and bought our salvation through the crucifixion) see Isaiah-7:14, Genesis-1:26-28

NOTES: (Jesus is God, in the flesh. Jesus said – If you've seen me, you've seen the Father. Jesus called Himself, the Son of man, because He was God, in the flesh. Men called Jesus the Son of God, and in a way, He was, as His begotten)

(There is one God. He has many offices – The Father <the Creator>, Jesus <the Savior>, the Holy Spirit <the Comforter>, Melchisedec <King of the Zadok – the just, the Elect>, the Angel of the Lord <God in angelic form>, etc)

⁶ As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Psalms-110:4 (Melchisedec is God in one of His offices. HE met with Abraham, and Abraham recognized Him as God. He tithed to Him. Melchisedec accepted Abraham's offering & it was instantly consumed by fire, as God always did)

⁷Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; (Paul was a Bible teacher; not a prophet. He apparently believed that Jesus was asking to be spared from death on the cross. Not so. Jesus was teaching the people, even on the cross, that the prophecy of Psalms-22 was being fulfilled; right before their eyes)

(Jesus is God, in the flesh. Was He asking Himself? NO. He was not asking to be spared the crucifixion. If that had been the case, Jesus could have summoned an army of angels to carry Him away)

Isaiah-7:14 (The prophets understood that Jesus was God) Also see John-1:1

NOTE: (Some preachers also believe that Jesus feared death on the cross. Not so. Jesus asked that the cup of God's wrath be not poured out upon those who will be misled by antichrist in the end days. But it will be poured out because they will have earned God's wrath. That's what Jesus was referring to when He said – but thy will be done)

*Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; (Jesus had a very hard life, and a painful death – at the hands of the Kenites. Although He is God, He wasn't spared the hardships of this world)

(God wouldn't ask us to do something that He wouldn't do Himself. The only difference is that God <as Jesus> did it perfectly, without sin. We can't do that. We all sin sometimes)

⁹And being made <u>perfect</u>, he became the author of eternal salvation <u>unto all them that obey him</u>; (perfect = mature)

(God's salvation is open to those who believe in Him, study His Word and obey its instructions. That's the condition that many people overlook)

¹⁰ Called of God an high priest after the order of <u>Melchisedec</u>. (Melchisedec = King of the Elect, or the just, or the upright)

(In the end days, the Elect will be called upon to witness for God in the synagogue of antichrist. The Holy Spirit will speak through them to destroy Satan's one world system. That will wake people up to the truth) see Mark-13, Matthew-24

- ¹¹ Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are <u>dull</u> of hearing. (dull also means lazy) (It takes effort, on our part, to study God's Word and to live by it)
- ¹² For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and <u>are become such as have need of milk</u>, and not of strong meat.

(Milk <the salvation message> is for babies – immature Christians. Meat <the deeper teachings> is for mature, adult Christians. Many Christians never progress past the salvation message. They never get any deeper into the Word of God. God wants us to mature in His Word and learn the deeper teachings)

Amos-8:11 (The famine of the end times is not for bread but for hearing the Word of God. Most preachers today read one verse of God's Word and then dive into an hour long sermon written by the preacher. That's not hearing the Word of God)

¹³ For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (Milk is for babes; meat is for adults. God wants us to learn past the milk of salvation, and into the meat of His deeper teachings)

(Such as: who are the Kenites? Where did they come from? What is the controversy between them and the Christians? Do people know that Antichrist will arrive at the 6th Trump and deceive the whole world? Jesus won't return until the 7th Trump)

¹⁴ But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (This is what God wants from us; to learn the deeper teachings as mature Christians. That's how we can become useful in His church)