

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 23, 2014

Pressing on to Maturity
Hebrews 5:11-14

Christ's priesthood is superior to all other priesthoods (Hebrews 4:14-10:18).

The author of Hebrews in Hebrews 4:14-16 focused his readers on Christ's heavenly high priestly ministry.

After having focused his reader's attention on Christ's heavenly high priestly ministry, the author then addressed Christ's appointment as high priest according to the order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5:1-10; 7:1-28).

The author in Hebrews 5:1-10 began with a simple introduction.

The author after having introduced the Son's divine appointment to the order of Melchizedek then took a strategic detour in order to warn his readers in Hebrews 5:11-6:20.

The author began this warning section with an exhortation (Hebrews 5:11-6:3).

The author in preparing the way for his exhortation in Hebrews 6:1 began with a negative assessment of his reader's spiritual maturity.

The author began his negative assessment of his reader's spiritual maturity by stating their problem in Hebrews 5:11-12.

The word "dull" (NOTHROI) can also be translated "sluggish, negligent or lazy."

The author after having indicted his readers in Hebrews 5:11 as "dull of hearing" he then went on to deepen that indictment by telling them that, though they should now be teachers, they instead needed to be taught again (Hebrews 5:12).

After the author stated the problem for his readers, he then graphically illustrated the problem for his readers (Hebrews 5:12-13).

The "word of righteousness" refers to God's revelation about what constitutes righteousness as it relates to life.

After the author stated and illustrated the problem for his readers, he then provided them the cure (Hebrews 5:14).

When we listen to God's word may our ears not be lazy of hearing, but rather may they be eager of hearing, so that we in being accustomed to the word of righteousness might grow to full maturity.

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