SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 5:11-6:12 SERMON: <u>Press on to Maturity!</u> 26 January 2020

## **INTRODUCTION**

- A. JESUS SUPERIOR TO AARON (priesthood; c.5-10; see 1:1-3, c.1-4, angels, Moses, Joshua)
- **B. MATURITY IN THESE THINGS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN** (5:11f; see c.7-10)
- C. DANGER: INABILITY TO HEAR THESE DIFFICULT THINGS (5:11&6:12 (5:11-6:12); see 10:25f)
- D. DANGER: REFUSAL TO HEAR THESE DIFFICULT THINGS (10:19f,26f; see 6:4f)
- E. OBSERVATION: STATE OF CONTEMPORARY CHURCH

## **GROW UP OR DIE!** (5:11-6:12)

- **A. MUCH TO SAY ABOUT CHRIST'S MELCHIZEDEKIAN PRIESTHOOD** (5:11; see c.7-10; word of righteousness, 5:13; solid food, 5:14)
- **B. DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN IN ITSELF** (5:11; c.7-10; much of OT!; i.e., solid, hard food, 14)
- C. DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU IN YOUR CURRENT STATE (5:11 & 6:12)
- D. REGRESSED INTO INFANCY: COME TO NEED MILK, DAYCARE (5:11-13; see 2:1f; "nappies")
- E. REPENTANCE & FAITH; INITIATION & GOVERNANCE; RESURRECTION & JUDGMENT (5:12; 6:1-3; milk, elementary, foundation; i.e., beginning, middle, end; conversion, life, glory)
- **F. TIME & MEANS NOT LACKING** (5:12a; 6:4,5; see 2:1-4; see Acts 6:4; 1Cor.12:28f; Eph.4:11f; 1Tm.4:12f; 2Tm.3:14-4:6)
- **G. LACK SKILLS FOR APPLICATION ACQUIRED THROUGH BIBLE STUDY** (5:13,14; see 2Th.2:10; Rev.2:4; e.g., music, sports, arts)
- **H. SPIRITUAL SENSES TRAINED IN THE GYMNASIUM OF BIBLE STUDY** (5:14; see Ps.119:105; 2Tm.3:14-17f)
- I. LEAVE BASICS BEHIND & PRESS ON TO ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY (6:1,3; see 5:10,11&7:1f; c.7-10; see 1Cor.13:11)
- J. GERMINATION & NOURISHMENT W/OUT MATURITY IS DEATH (6:4-6; 7,8; see 10:26f /Mk.4:3f)
- **K. IMPOSSIBLE: NO ALTERNATIVES** (6(3a)-8; see 10:26f; 12:17; Acts 4:12)
- L. BETTER HOPE & EVIDENCE ENABLING MOVING ON TO ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY (6:9-12; c.7-10; see 10:32f)

## PRESS ON TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY THROUGH ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY SO THAT YOU DON'T REGRESS TO SPIRITUAL INFANCY AND THEN TO ETERNAL DEATH! (5:11-6:12: see 10:19-39)

Brethren, what shall WE DO? (see Acts 2:37f)