

Hebrews 5:11-14

LESSON 11

Milk and Strong Meat

1. Hebrews 5:11-14 - Milk and Meat

- a. *"dull of hearing"* - 3x in Bible, all referencing Israel: Matt 13:15, Heb 5:11, Ac 28:37
- b. Its not the first time Hebrews were slow to understand prophecy - Luke 24:25-27
- c. *"for the time"* - which is for Israel "last days" Heb 1:2. (Zealous men learn fast.)
- d. *"oracles of God"* - Rom 2:17-21, 3:2; they should be teachers - John 3:9-12
- e. *"desire the sincere milk of the word"* - 1 Pet 2:2-6 a crossref to Isa 28:9-14
- f. Acts 21:20 - There were many zealous of the law, but could they eat meat?
- g. Milk and meat is doctrine - see Heb 6:1
- h. Milk is necessary for babies, but after a while it is a sign of incompetence
- i. How to get weaned → Heb 5:14 growth requires repeated use and discernment

2. The Throne of Grace (Heb 4:16)

- a. Are we missing out on this prayer promise?
- b. The king sits on a throne of judgment - Prov 20:8-9
- c. This matches the mercy seat in the temple - Exo 25:17-22, Lev 16:13-15, Heb 9:5
- d. Hebrews are trying to obtain mercy - Matt 5:7, Jam 2:13, Jude 21
- e. They find grace through a high priest sitting on a throne - Heb 8:1, John 15:7, 16:23
- f. When in the believer's life today, do we need more grace? - 2Cor 12:9 (vs. Jam 4:6)

3. Yet Without Sin (Heb 4:15)

- a. Did he sin, and could he sin are two different questions. Heb 4:15 is neither
- b. *"yet without sin"* - speaks of his deity attribute of impeccability - Col 2:9
- c. *"feeling of our infirmities"* - Jesus was truly man and felt weakness - Heb 2:14
- d. *"tempted like as we are"* - in the likeness of men - Heb 2:18, Luke 22:48, Rom 8:3
- e. He was not a sinner. He was tempted without sin - Jam 1:13-15, Rom 7:23
- f. He went to the wilderness to be weak in the flesh - Matt 26:41, and was justified in the Spirit as God manifest in the flesh, the Son of God without sin - 1 Tim 3:16
- g. Man is not impeccable, but Jesus was not a mere man, he was the Son of God

4. Learned He Obedience (Heb 5:8)

- a. Did Jesus need to learn things? Did he lay aside the use of his deity? No.
- b. *"strong crying and tears"* - He was a man with all our limitations
- c. Did he learn as a man? Yes. Did he need to learn as God? No. Lk 2:47, John 16:30
- d. How did he learn? By the things he suffered. (Not talking about school here)
- e. What did he learn? Obedience: submission to authority - Gal 4:4, Mt 27:11, Phil 2:8
- f. God never obeys anyone; only as man could he obey through suffering unto death
- g. When Jesus said, "it is finished" he was talking about his humiliation - John 19:30