

# HEBREWS



Valley Life Community Church  
October 2025

# Prayer



**Are you ready to be  
challenged today?**



**Are you ready to be  
convicted today?**





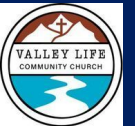
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## Chapter 5



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<sup>1</sup>For every high priest taken from among men is appointed in matters pertaining to God for the people, to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he is also clothed with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this, he must make an offering for his own sins as well as for the people.



<sup>4</sup>No one takes this honor on himself; instead, a person is called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>In the same way, Christ did not exalt himself to become a high priest, but God who said to him,

You are my Son; today I have become your Father,

<sup>6</sup>also says in another place,

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



<sup>7</sup>During his earthly life, he offered prayers and appeals with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered.





<sup>9</sup>After he was perfected, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>and he was declared by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

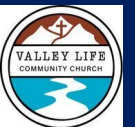


## The Problem of Immaturity

<sup>11</sup>We have a great deal to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, since you have become too lazy to understand. <sup>12</sup>Although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the basic principles of God's revelation again. You need milk, not solid food.



13Now everyone who lives on milk is inexperienced with the message about righteousness, because he is an infant. 14But solid food is for the mature—for those whose senses have been trained to distinguish between good and evil.

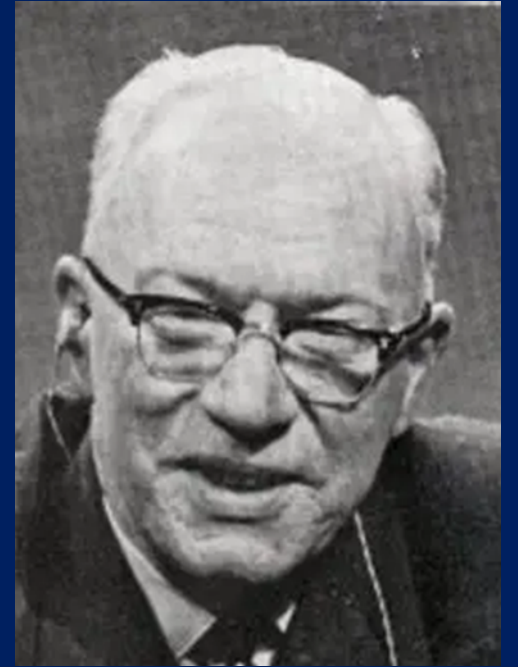




**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
START  
DIGGING!**



It often happens that we dodge teaching something because it is difficult; we defend ourselves by saying that our hearers would never grasp it. It is one of the tragedies of the Church that there is so little attempt to teach new knowledge and new thought. It is true that such teaching is difficult. It is true that often it means meeting the lethargy of the lazy mind and the embattled prejudice of the shut mind. But the task remains.



**Do you deal gently with  
those who are ignorant  
and are going astray?**



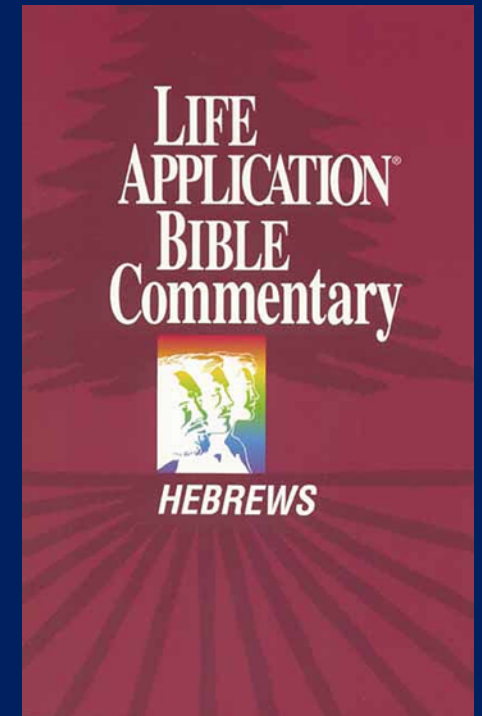
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In addition to the sacrifices on the Day of Atonement, God designated 5 different kinds of “gifts and sacrifices” (also called offerings) that the people could bring to the priests:

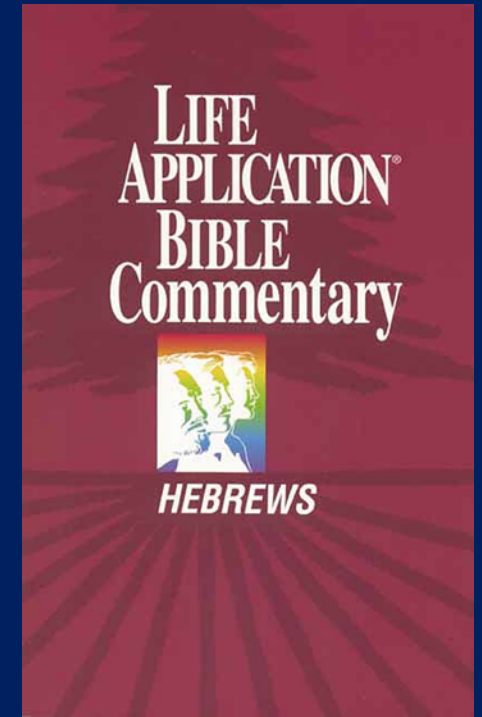
- 1) A burnt offering was a voluntary offering by someone who wanted to demonstrate commitment to God
- 2) A grain offering was a voluntary offering that accompanied other sacrifices
- 3) A fellowship offering was a voluntary offering demonstrating a person's thankful for fellowship with God



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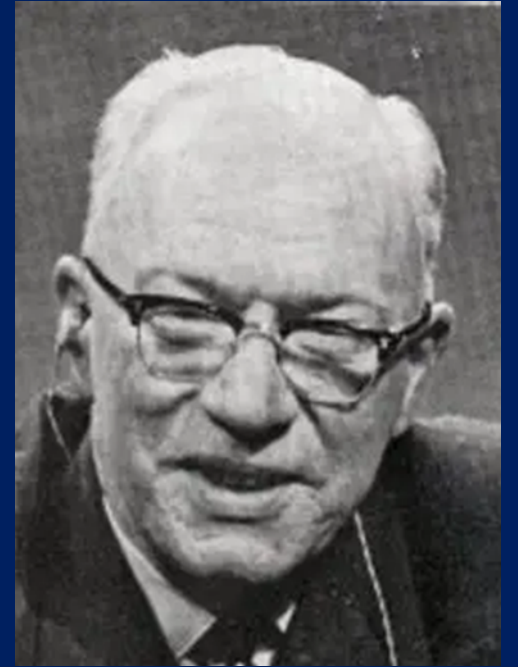
- 4) A sin offering was a mandatory offering that paid for unintentional sins or help cleanse and unclean person
- 5) A guilt offering was made to atone for unintentional sins against another person



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No man appoints himself to the priesthood; his appointment is of God. The priesthood is not an office which a man takes; it is a privilege and a glory to which he is called. The ministry of God among men is neither job nor a career but a calling. A man ought to be able to look back and say, not, "I chose this work," but rather, "God chose me and gave me this work to do."



“a person is called by God”

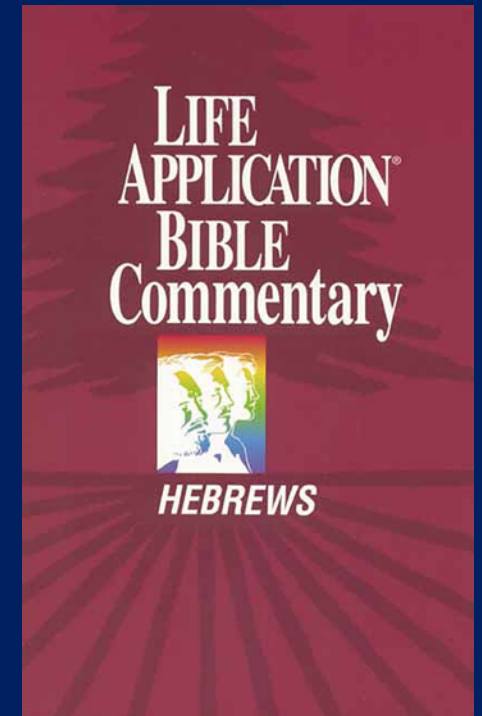
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What is God calling you to do?



Jesus is our model for true submission to God. To resist or to submit is a choice made hundreds of times each week. Through practice we build resistance to advertising messages, and through moral training we learn to resist overt sin.

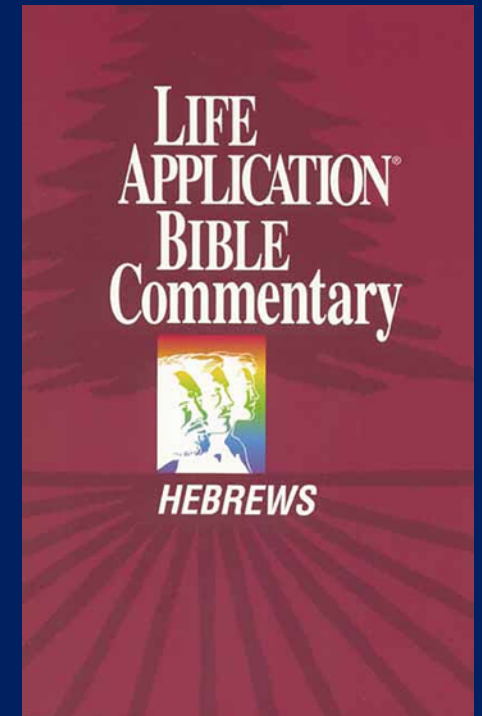
In response to God, resistance is always wrong and submission is always right. Our problem is to determine when the word of God is clear and when a human voice has subverted it.



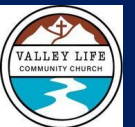
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A guilt trip needs resistance when it is boned by a frail human psyche or need to control others. We must follow Christ's example and submit to God. We must learn to hear only the word of God when there are so many other messages to distract us.



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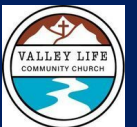
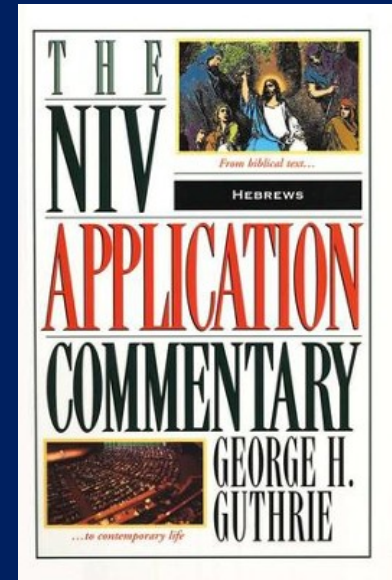




# What can we learn from verses 7 & 8?



It's an appropriate application of Hebrews 5: 1-10, therefore, we might begin by reflecting on our current motivations for engaging in Christ-following. Why are you doing what you are doing? Why am I? Is the fact that God has appointed Jesus in a position of honor in which we are called to “obey” him significant for us as a motivation for continuing in our commitment? Or are we more moved (as is evident by our actions and decisions) by the call of our world's system of values “even in our pursuit of Christianity”? Danger lies in embracing the world's value system, for she is a mother who often eats her young.



# The problem with immaturity

*vs11-14*



**Being honest, are you  
too lazy to learn about  
God, Jesus, the bible  
and what's God calling  
for you?**



Do you want “spiritual”  
solid food?





*"That's all Folks!"*