

The Book of HEBREWS

Chapter 5

“Jesus, The Author of Eternal Salvation”

II) THE ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIEST (v1-5)

- His **Purpose** - v1- “appointed for men in things pertaining to God”
- His **Practice** - v1- “to offer gifts & sacrifices for sins”
- His **Person** - v2- “compassionate & understanding”
- His **Promise** - v4- “called by God”

(v5) Christ the fulfillment; Jesus the Son of God; Immanuel the sinless sacrifice!

The Levitical Sacrifices Offered By The Priests

Sacrifice

Burnt Offering
(Hebrew *olah*)

Purpose

Total surrender to God, substitutionary atonement for offerer.

Christ Fulfillment

Christ’s total surrender to God on behalf of the believer, emptying Himself to become sin for the sinner.

Grain Offering
(Hebrew *minchah*)

Made w/burnt offering as sacrifices of thanksgiving & devotion to God.

Christ’s sinless humanity is denoted by absence of leaven, Oil signifies Christ born of & baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Peace Offering
(Hebrew *shelem*)

Right relationship & friendship with God. Rendered as thanksgiving for divine help & blessing.

Believers enjoy peace with God through Jesus Christ, their eternal peace offering.

Sin Offering
(Hebrew *chattath*)

The sin offering was required for unintentional sin.

In His death Christ bore the believer’s sin in His own Body in place of the sinner.

Trespass Offering
(Hebrew *asham*)

Required for unintentional sin against the Lord, against holy things, & against neighbors.

Christ is the only remaining sacrifice for all sin & trespasses.

- *The Aaronic priesthood was often interrupted by the death of the high priest.*

III) THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK (v6-11)

* The **Melchizedek** (means- “*my king is righteous*”) priesthood (Genesis 14:18-20) was eternal, uninterrupted, as Christ is eternal by resurrection.

Melchizedek - King & Priest; Righteousness & Peace (King of Salem); Offering: Bread & Wine; No beginning—No end. **Jesus** is the great King, the Prince of Peace, the Sacrament of Bread & Wine; the Eternal Son of God.

(v8) “*learned obedience in suffering*”

- Obedient in **Temptation** - Matthew ch. 4:1- (Temptation)
- Obedient in His **Sacrifice** - John 12:28 (Christ to be glorified, John 12:23-43)
- Obedient in **Prayer** - Matthew 26:42 (“*Thy will be done*”)

(v9) “*author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him*”

III) THE ORDER OF A CHRISTIAN (v12-14)

Step #1- To know the first principles of the oracles of God:

(You must be **born** again!—Repentance—Faith toward God—Deity of Christ—Trinity—Atonement)

Step #2- Skilled in the word of **righteousness**- 1Peter 2:1-3; 1Corinthians 6:9-11

Step #3- Our senses exercised to discern both good & **evil** - 2Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1; Psalm 19