

Hebrews 5:4-6:20 Expanded Chiasm



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5:4-11 HIGH PRIESTS are called by God, so also with Christ the Son,
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK;

1B) 5:12-6:3 THOSE SKILLFUL IN THE WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS to discern good and evil;

1a) 5:12a For when by this time you ought to be teachers, instead you have need that **someone teach you again;**

1b) 5:12b What are the **first principles of the oracles of God;**

central axis) 5:12c-14 And have become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food; **13** For every one who uses milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness; for he is a baby; **14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age; even those who by reason of experience have their senses honed to discern both good and evil;

2b) 6:1a Therefore leaving the **first principles of the doctrine of Christ,** let us go on to perfection;

2a) 6:1b-3 **Not laying again the foundation** of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, **2** of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **3** And this we will do, if God permits;

1C) 6:4-8 THOSE WHO WERE PARTAKERS OF GOD;

1a.1) 6:4-5 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have **tasted of the heavenly gift,** and were made **partakers of the Holy Spirit,** **5** and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come;

1a.2) 6:6a **If they shall fall away,** to renew them again to repentance;
central axis) 6:6b Seeing they crucify for themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame;

2a.1) 6:7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and brings forth plants useful for them by whom it is cultivated, **receives blessing from God;**

2a.2) 6:8 But **that which bears thorns and briers** is rejected, and is near to cursing; whose end is to be burned;

CENTRAL AXIS) 6:9 **BUT, BELOVED, WE ARE PERSUADED OF BETTER THINGS FOR YOU, AND THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION, THOUGH WE SPEAK IN THIS WAY;**

2C) 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and are still ministering [*i.e.*, **THOSE WHO LABORED AMONG THE SAINTS**];

2B) 6:11-19A THOSE FAITHFUL TO THE HOPE SET BEFORE THEM;

1a) 6:11 And we desire that every one of you shows the same diligence to the full assurance of **hope** to the end;

1b) 6:12 That you are not lazy, but followers of those who through faith and patience **inherit the promises**;

1c.1) 6:13a For when **God made a promise to Abraham**;

1c.2) 6:13b Because He could **swear by no one greater**, He swore by Himself; **central axis) 6:14** Saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you;”

2c.1) 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, **he obtained the promise**;

2c.2) 6:16a For men truly **swear by the greater**;

2b) 6:16b-17 And an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. **17** Thus God, wanting to show more abundantly to the **heirs of promise** the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath;

2a) 6:18-19a That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the **hope** set before us, **19** which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast,

2A) 6:19B-20 And which enters into the Presence behind the veil; **20** where the Forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, made a **HIGH PRIEST** for ever **AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK**.