



Lesson 26 (update)

**Theme:** Christ is Superior to Aaron (Part 4)

**Scripture:** Hebrews 5:10-14

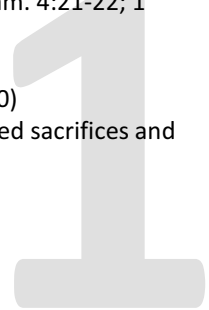
## Pressing Forward into 2022

**For whatever things were written before were written for our learning,  
that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have  
hope.**

(Romans 15:4)

### Teachers VS Babies (Hebrews 5:12)

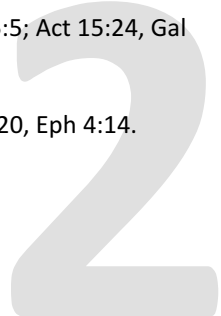
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  - 1) They were entrusted with the "oracles" or Word of God. (Romans 3:2)
  - 2) Adoption (Romans 9:3-4; Exodus 4:22; Deut. 14:1; Hosea 11:1)
  - 3) The "glory" (Romans 9:4; Numbers 7:89; 1 Sam. 4:21-22; 1 Kings 8:11)
  - 4) The covenants (Romans 9:4)
  - 5) The giving of the Law (Romans 9:4; Exodus 20)
  - 6) The Tabernacle and the Temple and associated sacrifices and worship ("service to God"). (Romans 9:4)
  - 7) The Promises (Romans 9:4)



- ALL OF THESE POINTED TO CHRIST. THEY WERE "PICTURES" OF WHAT (WHO) WAS TO COME. These are the MILK and NOW it was time to go on to SOLID FOOD.
- The "JEWS" had failed to see CHRIST in the OLD TESTAMENT. (See again Luke 24:25-27).
- These "JEWS" should have been TEACHERS but NOW were only BABIES and needed to be RE-TAUGHT their "ABCs"!!!!(Colossians 3:16, Ezra 7:10, Psalms 119:99, 1 Corinthians 14:19-20, Matthew 17:17, Mark 9:19)
- "Teachers" (2Tim 2:2, Titus 2:3-4, 1 Jn 2:27)
- "Teach You Again" (Isa 28:9-10; Act 8:30-31; Eph 4:14; 2Tim 2:15; 1Cor 3:2; 1Peter 2:2)
- "The first". (John 3:12, 1Cor 15:34, Heb 6:1)
- "Principles"-something orderly in arrangement, that is, a fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behaviour or for a chain of reasoning. (Gal 4:3; Gal 4:9, Col 2:8)
- "the oracles" (Acts 7:38, Rom 3:2, 2Tim 2:15, 1Peter\_4:11)
- "have need" (1Cor 3:1-3, 1Peter 2:2).
- "solid food" (John 4:34; Mat 3:4).

### **Babies ARE UNSKILLED** (Hebrews 5:13-14)

- The "JEWS were STILL BABIES (see Galatians 4:1-6).
- A "baby" is WEAK, IGNORANT, and HELPLESS.
- A "baby" is fascinated with THINGS and NOT CONCEPTS and TRUTH.
- A "baby" will put ANYTHING into its mouth without any concerns for consequences.
- A "baby will touch ANYTHING - crawl ANYWHERE without any concern of dangers.
- A "baby" is easily distracted.
- A "baby" has no discernment between what is evil and what is good.
- "milk" 1Cor 3:2.
- "is unskilful" - hath no experience (Act 15:1; Act 15:5; Act 15:24, Gal 1:6-9)
- "righteousness" (Rom 8:4)
- "a babe". Rom2:20, 1Cor 3:1; 1Cor 13:11; 1Cor 14:20, Eph 4:14.



**"Discern both good and evil"** (Hebrews 5:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; Job 1:1)

- "full age" - maturity - the ability to apply wisdom. The ability to know what is good and what is evil and to do what is good. (Heb 6:1, Matt 19:21, 1Cor 2:6; Eph 4:13, Php 3:15, Col 1:28; Col 4:12)
- "full age" comes from USING what we learn. It comes from vigorously exercising; (Heb 12:11, 1Tim 4:7-8)
- "our senses (minds)" (1Sa 16:7, Psa 119:103, Matt 6:22; Matt 6:23);
- "in discerning" (telling the difference between) good and evil. (Heb 13:9, Gen 3:5, 1Ki 3:9; 1Ki 3:11, 1Cor 2:14, Eph 5:17, 1Th 5:21).

### **Why is so little discernment today?**

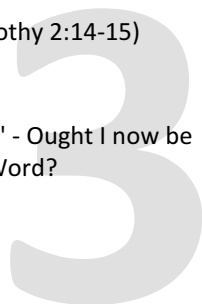
- ① Weak Doctrine - what the BIBLE says.
- ② Relativistic Thinking. Nothing is BLACK and WHITE. Everything is GRAY.  
- TRUTH is RELATIVE. "What is truth to you may not be truth to me!!!"
- ③ Worldly Methodology. Doing church the way the world does business!
- ④ Inaccurate interpretations. "I think this verse means . . ."
- ⑤ Lack of discipline. TOLERANCE IS ALREADY IN THE CHURCH!!  
- True saints must be valiant for the truth! (Jer. 9:3; Mark 8:38)
- ⑥ Spiritual immaturity. No exercising of our minds and applying (using) truth.

### **How to Become a Discerning Person**

- ① Desire: born from humility. (Matthew 5:6; Proverbs 2:3)
- ② Pray. (1 Kings 3:9; James 1:5)
- ③ Learn from the gifted. (1 Cor. 12:10; 1 John 4:1)
- ④ Follow the pattern of the mature. (Eph. 4:14; 1 Peter 2:2)
- ⑤ Depend on the Holy Spirit (it is His job). (John 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:16; 1 John 2:26, 27)
- ⑥ DILIGENTLY study the Scriptures. (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:14-15)

### **Warnings for US - Christians**

- ① We have to ask, "How long have I been a Christian?" - Ought I now be a TEACHER - teaching others the truths of God's Word?
- ② Am I dull in hearing? Do I believe I know ENOUGH?



- ③ Do I HUNGER and THIRST after RIGHTEOUSNESS (found in the Word of Righteousness)? (Matthew 5:6)
- ④ Am I moving FORWARD and SLIPPING BACKWARDS? (Heb 2:1-2)
- ⑤ Am I more concerned with the THINGS of this world or for the truths of God's WORD?
- ⑥ Am I USING the words I hear in sermons, Bible studies, and books I read? (James 1:21-22)
- ⑦ Paul exhorts us, "do not be children in understanding" (1 Corinthians 14:20) and to "be men" (1 Corinthians 16:30).
- ⑧ Am I a BABY in that I am "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14) or do I STUDY to determine the TRUTH?
- ⑨ Am I LAZY or DILIGENT in my studies of God's Word?

