

Hebrews 5:11-14 (Sept 14, 2025)

In this passage, the author begins to introduce the concept, and the nature and priesthood of Melchizedek, a topic that will be addressed more fully in chapter 7. Understanding this will deepen your understanding of Christ as the great high priest.

1. In Hebrews 5:11-12, why does the author rebuke the recipients of this letter? What teaching was too difficult to explain to them? What does this section reveal about a problem that existed among some of the hearers?
2. How do the author's comments about the readers fit in with the commands and warnings from previous chapters of Hebrews? What serious concerns did he have?
3. What does it mean in verse 12 that the Hebrews needed milk and not solid food when it came to receiving the oracles (or words) of God? See 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 also. What would that look like practically in today's Christian environment?
4. According to verse 12, what should the Hebrews have been able to do with what they heard? What can you do to continue learning about the Lord and grow spiritually, sharing what you are learning with others?
5. As Hebrews 5 concludes, review and identify the warnings in Hebrews 2:1; 3:7-12, and 5:11-14.
6. If someone hears the truth of the gospel for a long time without a change taking place in how they live, what does that indicate about their heart? See also James 1:19-25
7. From verse 13, what is true of those who can only intake spiritual milk and not solid food?

8. The word “mature” in verse 14 refers to those who have heard and believed the good news preached to them and have come all the way to faith in Christ. What positive result comes from their practice of taking in solid teaching and receiving it by faith?

For personal reflection...

Have you come all the way to faith in Christ? If so, are there areas in your life where you have become dull of hearing? How are you personally submitting yourself to having your mind and heart trained by God’s Word? How can you continue to excel still more?