

Pressing on to Perfection, Part 2 – Heb. 5:11-6:20

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Again the author of Hebrews diverges from his main topic in order to exhort his readers. As Jesus was “perfected” because He “learned obedience” (5:7-10), so must we also hear and obey if we would “go on to perfection” (6:1). Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity and immaturity breeds apostasy; but our perfection rests in the promise of God through Christ, our High Priest.

1. Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity (5:11-6:3).
 - a. Maturity is measured by knowledge (5:11-13; 6:1-2).

A mature knowledge of God’s Word passes two tests:

 - (1) You are able to teach the basics to others.

First principles or ABCs of the Word (5:12)

 - (2) You know the deeper things for yourself.

 - b. Maturity is measured by discernment (5:14).
2. Spiritual immaturity breeds apostasy (6:4-8).
3. Perfection is based upon the promise of God (6:9-20).