

Pressing on to Perfection, Part 6 – Hebrews 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).
2. Spiritual immaturity breeds apostasy (6:4-8).
3. Perfection is based upon the promise of God (6:9-20).
 - a. The People of God’s Promise (9-12)
 - b. The Certainty of God’s Promise (13-20)
Four elements of God’s promise demonstrate its certainty:

(1) Its *form* is the language of an oath.

(2) Its *strength* is the character of God Himself.

(3) Its *assurance* is the ground of our hope.

(4) Its *consolation* instills Christ-like endurance.