



# Let us move toward Maturity

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KEY VERSE 6:1A “THEREFORE LET US MOVE BEYOND THE ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS ABOUT CHRIST AND BE TAKEN FORWARD TO MATURITY”



I. Jesus, the source of eternal  
salvation (5:1-10)

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- ▶ 1 Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

# The High Priest's Garments

Exodus 28:4-43



Golden Crown

Mitre

Onyx Shoulder Pieces


Ephod and its Girdle

Breastplate

Blue Robe

White Inner Robe

Bells and Pomegranates

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- ▶ 2 He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. 3 This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.



► 5 In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father.”

6 And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
in the order of Melchizedek.”

Psalm 2:7, “You are my son; today I have become your father.”

- ▶ 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.




- ▶ 8 “Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered.”






- ▶ 9. “and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.”





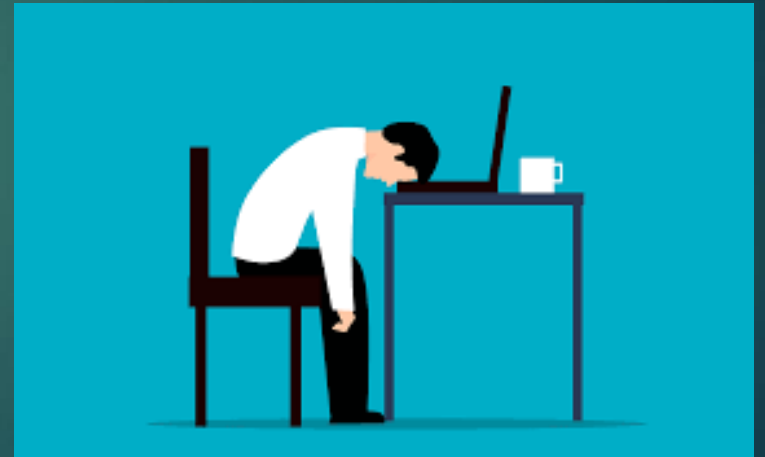
II. Move forward to Maturity (5:11-  
6:12)


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▶ “too lazy to understand (CSB)”

▶ “dull of hearing (ESV).”



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- ▶ 12, “In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!”

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- ▶ 6:4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age 6 and who have fallen[e] away, to be brought back to repentance. To their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

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- ▶ 7 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. 8 But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

- ▶ 6:1 a, “Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity.”

# MATURITY







**WHOEVER  
WANTS TO BE  
MY DISCIPLE  
MUST DENY  
THEMSELVES  
AND TAKE UP  
THEIR CROSS  
AND FOLLOW ME**

**Matthew 16:24**





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- ▶ 14: "But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."
  - ▶ 1 Tim. 4:7,8, "Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

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- ▶ 9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. 10 God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. 12 We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.




### III. The Certainty of God's Promise (6:13-6:20)

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- ▶ 13 When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, 14 saying, “I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.” [f] 15 And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.


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- ▶ 16 People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. 17 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. 18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.

- ▶ 19a. “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”



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- ▶ 19b It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.
  - ▶ Psalms 110:4, “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”





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