HEBREWS 5; November 30; Babes or Teachers of Truth

ANALYSIS:

1. Why were the high priests under the OT able to have compassion on the ignorant and them out of the way?

2. What honor can no man take unto himself? _____

3. Why did the Father hear the prayers and supplications of Jesus Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane? _____

4. Unto whom was Jesus made the author of eternal salvation?

5. After whose order was Jesus Christ called of God an high priest?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The Apostle Paul rightfully criticizes the Hebrew Christians to whom he is writing because even after they had heard the truth of the gospel many times, they still needed to be taught the same things again and again. The Apostle makes an important contrast between those who are "unskillful in the word of righteousness" and those who "by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." The first group are likened to babes in Christ who can only use milk. The latter group are likened to those who are of full age and who can eat meat. In Paul's analogy, the babes are not able to use the Scriptures effectively in explaining or defending the truth of the gospel. On the other hand, those who are of full age are able to readily use the word of God to teach and explain God's truth to others.

Dear reader, are you able to use the word of God to effectively explain God's truth to others? Or are you one of those who needs the word of God explained to you again? Are you a babe in Christ, or are you a Christian of full age? If you are still a babe when you should be able to teach others, then you need to put in the time and effort to develop a fuller understanding of God's word. If you are of full age, then you need to be looking for those opportunities when you can use your knowledge in the word of God to teach others.

HELP:

1. Because they also possessed infirmities and weaknesses in the flesh (v 2).

2. The honor of being an high priest, as was Aaron who was called of God (v 4).

- 3. Because Jesus feared God his Father (v 7).
- 4. "unto all them that obey him" (v 9).
- 5. After the order of Melchizedec (v 10).