

Summit Woods Baptist Church

Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 5:11-14

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 5:11-14.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 11a Concerning him we have much to say, (main statement)
11b and it is hard to explain, (main statement)
11c since you have become dull of hearing. (causal 11b)
12a [...] though by this time you ought to be teachers, (concession 12b)
12b [For] you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the
oracles of God, (causal 11c)
12c and you have come to need milk and not solid food. (connective 12b [co-causal 11c])
13a For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of
righteousness, (causal 12d)
13b for he is an infant. (causal 13a)
14a But solid food is for the mature, (contrast 13a)
14b [...] because of practice (causal 14c)
14c [who] have their senses trained to discern good and evil. (relative clause 14a)

1. Who is the “him” of v. 11?
2. Why does the author say, “it is hard to explain”? Is it because of the complexity of the matter or something else?

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3. What does the author mean by “dull of hearing”?
4. Why does the author say they are “dull of hearing”?
5. How might you become dull of hearing? What would you to keep from becoming dull of hearing?
6. What might the author be referring to when he says, “the elementary principles of the oracles of God”? How does 6:1-3 inform your answer?

❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 5:11-14 again.

7. What is the milk the author refers to in v. 12? What is the solid food?
8. What reason does the author give for why they need milk and not solid food?

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9. What does the author mean by “accustomed to the word of righteousness”?
10. What reason does the author give for why those who partake only of milk are not accustomed to the word of righteousness?
11. Who is solid food for according to v. 14?
12. How are the mature described in v. 14?
13. What does the word “trained” convey?
14. What does the author mean by saying they, “have their senses trained to discern good and evil”?
15. How have they trained their senses?

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❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 5:11-14 again.

16. How can you “practice” in order to train your senses to discern good and evil?

17. How does this section fit in the context?

18. What is the main thing the author of Hebrews would want us to take away from this passage?

19. How can this passage help you as you seek to disciple people?

20. What personal application needs to result in your life as a result of this passage?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would be warned against becoming dull of hearing. That we would press on toward maturity together.