

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Chapter Five

Verse:

1. *For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:*
2. *Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.*
3. *And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.*
4. *And no man takes this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.*
5. *So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.*
6. *As he said also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.*
7. *Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;*
8. *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*
9. *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*
10. *Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.*
11. *Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing you are dull of hearing.*
12. *For when for the time you ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*
13. *For every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe*
14. *But strong meat belongs to them that are full age even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

This is a powerful passage of scripture that Paul writes for us.

Vs 1 The first word is not 'For' it should be 'because' it is the Greek word 'gar'. 'Because all high priest (the word 'every' here is 'pas' which is all). All high priest taken from (or literally from out of) it is the Greek word 'ek' from among men. The word men is the Greek word anthropos, which is humanity. So every or all high priest taken from out of humanity is ordained. The King James uses the word ordained here but in the language it says 'place permanently'. Now that says something. If God sets someone how long are they set for? The churches have it

set so they can hire and fire and choose who they want when they want. This verse doesn't say that does it? The language says that they are set permanently. They are placed permanently in the place that He puts them. If God wants them moved do you know who will be doing the moving? God is going to do it. But they are placed permanently (and the word 'for' is) for the sake of humanity. They are placed permanently for the sake of humanity. Now what does that say to you? There is something that humanity does not have that they are looking for. Can you tell me what it is? How about stability? How about a foundation? Is Christ not the foundation? Is He not the word? All of humanity is looking for stability in this life because this life is not stable. Could you agree to that? People are looking for stability. The church has not given us stability. Now don't blame the church. Blame yourself for being gullible enough to listen to what they are saying. You see if you are pointing the finger outwardly you have missed it. I have to look within myself. I have to be accountable for what my life is. If God doesn't speak to you that is fine go ahead and enjoy what you have, but if God is speaking to you guess what? We have to start looking within for the problem. That doesn't excuse someone that does something bad does it. It doesn't excuse them but I have to look and ask what's it in my life for. You see I have to start looking within. Everyone is looking for stability and humanity cannot find it especially in humanity. So God says this in Ephesians 4:11 *'I chose to give gifts unto men.'* What were they? Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints for the raising up into the fullness of the stature of Christ. We are a gift here. We are not here to take advantage of you. We're here to be a gift to help you understand what God wants you to understand. That is what the gift is all about. The whole world is looking for it but they see the church taking advantage of everyone. "For \$19.95 I'll tell you what God said". God never told people to make money off of the church did He? This is not a profitable organization even the world calls it a 'non-profit' organization. Did He tell you to play bingo? Did He tell you to raise money or to sell cookies to do something for God? If God wants it He will provide the finances. I don't have to go out and hustle for Him. All I have to do is do what He tells me to do. If God is in it He will take care of it. If He's not in it you will know right away because the funds will be cut off and you can forget about it. Just forget it because it is not God. Let's get back into this verse. *'In things pertaining to God'* you see that is what He set us for. *In things pertaining to God* He set ministry to help you not to take advantage of you. *'In order that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:'* 'gifts' is literally 'offerings'. The priests are here not to condemn you. Most preachers point fingers and tell you how bad you are. Does someone have to tell you that you are bad? Do you know if you do something wrong? Tell me why. Because the Holy Spirit is resident in your life. That is why he went to the cross and died.

Why do we need someone set as a spiritual Gestapo to tell you that you are bad? If you want to believe that stuff go ahead and believe it. My God is love. What is your God? You have got to make the choice. If you want to live there go ahead and live there. I can't live under the law. The law that God has in my heart and in His Son's heart is the law of love which is much more restrictive than any law of do's and don'ts. If you love someone you are more restricted than anything else. It is not because someone is making you do it, if that's what is in your heart you can't do anything else. If your heart is the heart of God you can't do anything but love. How can you hurt someone if you love them? I hear some married people say that they beat their wife. How can you say that you love your wife and beat her? Did Jesus ever beat his church? Where is the example? How can you love someone and take everything that they have and then cast them out? I can't do that. Why? Because it is not in my nature. You have got to find out what your nature is. Is my nature the nature of God or is it the nature of the son of man (or the man Adam)? If I want to believe this fallen identity and believe what my mind tells me then I'm going to have a right to do all these things to everyone. But if I know that I am a Son of God I know who I am. I was created in Him before the foundation. That is what the book teaches us. We were in Him before the foundation of this world, or the conception of the world. So if I know that I know that my beginning face (my genesis face) was not in Adam it was in Christ then I don't have to worry about hurting people. I can't because it is not even my nature. I used to believe that I was that other person. I don't believe that any longer.

Now it says this person (in verse two) that is set by God permanently is one "*who can* (or who is able to) *have compassion*". This word 'compassion' is a rich word. It's not just 'compassion'. We have all kinds of ideas what compassion is. It is not lust or any of that stuff, or 'I like someone'. Let me tell you what the Greek says this one little word contains. It is a moderation in passion, anger, and grief, not unduly disturbed by errors and faults or sin in other people. That is all in that word 'compassion'. Why should I be upset if you've done something wrong? I didn't do it. Why should you be upset? You see people get upset because something happens. Why? But we have to realize if our nature, if our head or thoughts tells us, that that is just the way we are then we are going to do that. You don't have to tell a dog how to bark do you? They just naturally bark because it is a dog. Birds fly. Fish swim. So you shouldn't have to tell a Son that he has compassion should you. I've been told all my life that I have no compassion and do you know what? I don't believe a word of it. Other people say I have no compassion. Since my emotions do not fluctuate high and low does that mean I don't have feelings or compassion? No it means my emotions or my soul realm is not controlling me, I'll control the emotions. I can go up and down so what, but it will not be seen. I have

emotions inside. You will never see me loose control. In all of the things that I have gone through I do not loose control because God is in my heart and He said 'You are to be a stability to someone else'. So my feelings do not count do they? My emotions will have to take a back seat. So these people are ones who can have this moderation and passion, anger, grief not unduly disturbed by error or fault or sins of others. And it says that this type of person is there so they can deal with the ones that are ignorant. Everyone thinks that ignorant is a bad word. Ignorant is not a bad word. Ignorant literally means that you don't have the knowledge to make the right decision yet. Now what is bad about that? Except that you do not have the knowledge yet. Stupid, now that means you have the knowledge and won't make the decision. There is a difference, but when you are ignorant it means that you have the lack of the knowledge you need to make the correct decision. So he said for these people that are ignorant we have to have compassion. Don't you think Jesus had to have compassion on everyone? Because who was not ignorant. In Romans Paul said he concluded all of us in unbelief. How many? All. If all is in unbelief He has mercy upon All. You should be glad that he concluded you in unbelief. *"And on them that are out of the way because he himself (Who is 'he'? The high priest starting with Christ) also is compassed about with infirmity"*. In the language the word 'infirmity' is a feebleness of mind or body. There are all kinds of people who say you should never be sick. How could you never be sick? People say that Jesus never felt pain or anything such as that. Give me a break. How could He learn things through sufferings if He didn't have feelings and pain? Some say, 'well He might have felt pain, but He was never sick'. I don't believe that. Have you ever been sick? The book says that He was tempted in every way that you are. When you feel bad how do you react better or worse? There are attitudes and we do all kinds of things when we feel bad. Now tell me He didn't walk through that and yet I have to? Somebody lied to us. In His flesh He had to have the same things that we do. He had to have fevers when He was baby. It is unconceivable for a little baby born today without fever with all the medicine we have and make it. What do you think it was back then? The mortality rate was unbelievable. We have got to get into reality and quit believing everything that someone has told us that don't make sense. So this high priest that has been chosen by God permanently is someone who can be compassed about with infirmities (sickness or diseases). But yet he or himself is not shook up about it. You will deal with it and go on. You will not make a big issue out of it. I know that when I had back surgery in 1993 the Pastor that I was sitting under at that time came to my house with me laying flat on my back in my bed unable to walk and he asked me this question: "What kind of sin are you in"? My response to him was not to get mad I just simply said this. "You don't know my God". I felt sorry for him because he still had that religious thinking that the only reason that there is an

infirmity in your life is because you did some kind of sin. Well then why did He go to the tree and get nailed to the tree if I have to pay for the sin again? Something just doesn't fit there. The price has been paid hasn't it? Has the price been paid? So why get punished again for something He already took the blame for. I know that doesn't go along with religious teachings, but God's book teaches that He paid the price for all. That doesn't give us a license to do what we want it just means He paid the price.

Vs 3 *'And by reason (or because of this) he ought (or is under obligation is what the language says) as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins'*. Whatever I do and offer for the people is also for myself. Why? Because I am under the same thing that they are. As a high priest you are no different than anyone else. If you offer it for the people it is also being offered for you because you are standing in the same place with them. The church has set preachers on high pedestals. That is not what it is all about. It is not getting above the people and looking down at them. I have a pedestal, but it is to lay my books on and it is on the same level as the people.

Vs 4 *"And no man takes this honor unto himself, except he that is called by God, as was Aaron.* No one does this willingly. James said it in another way, *"be not many teachers brethren knowing that we receive the greater judgment or condemnation"*. Literally, 'don't be quick to be a teacher'. Don't jump out there and say, 'Oh I can preach cause I've been in church for fifteen years now'. That doesn't mean anything I know people that have been in church for thirty and forty years or fifty years and they don't know what end is up. I know preachers that have been preaching fifty years and they don't know at which end of the bible to start. They are just doing their religious thing that they were taught in seminary and they think that that is all there is to it. Why did God give us a mind? To think with. Why don't people use it? Usually in churches there is a foyer and it usually has a trashcan in it and usually the brain is dropped into it when you go in because the church doesn't want you to use it. I want you to use it. God gave it to you. Jesus in his pattern as he taught had people come to him and say, 'teacher, what about this'? How did He answer them? "Well what about that"? He answered you with a question. What was He trying to tell you to do? THINK, THINK. Use that mind that God has given you it is a gift so use it. In this verse Aaron means 'light bearer' and he was called by God and was again a pattern of the Holy Spirit.

Vs 5 *'So also Christ glorified not himself to be made the high priest'*. Did He choose it himself? He was selected by the Father. So what is the pattern? How do you become a son? The Father selects you before the foundation. It is already a

divine selection and it was made eons ago before there ever was a man that stepped foot on this planet. *“But he that said unto him, thou are my son, today have I begotten you”*. Literally ‘begotten’ means I have fathered you. I have decided to make you my son. That is His choice.

Vs 6 *‘As he says also in another place, you are a priest for ever’*. Literally it says you are a priest into the ages. ‘Eis aion’ is the word for ‘for ever’ – into the ages. *‘After the order of Melchisedec’*. Melchisedec was a priest after the most high God in Genesis 14. What does Melchisedec mean? King of Righteousness, King of Salem that is interpreted, King of Peace. In Hebrews 7 it tells you this interpretation right in the scriptures or language. Now in this verse he says *‘in another place’* where is this other place? Psalm 10:4 That is where this is quoted from, Paul is quoting this. Most of the things that Paul said are controversial in this scripture and in all of his writings he is so controversial and all he is doing is quoting Old Testament scripture. Paul didn’t write new scripture. He quoted the Old Testament so all religious folk who thought that they knew something didn’t even know the letters that he was quoting. All they were doing was quoting the letter of the word, which was death, and Paul came along and said God blew life into them and said ‘look here’. He is just reiterating what God had already put in the word. He is bringing the letter to the Spirit that is all he is doing. And you know Paul was pretty condemned wasn’t he. Most of the priest did not like him too well did they? That is kind of a pattern too isn’t it?

Vs 7 *“Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications”*. Do you know what the language says in this? It says an *olive branch with white wool*. What does an olive branch speak of? It speaks of the anointing, of humanity; because there is a little wood there it is not just a leaf. It is a peace offering with the white wool of righteousness. What did the dove bring back from the flood? The olive branch, life, a symbol that there is life going on. *He offered up this olive branch in the midst of white wool in the midst of “strong out crying and tears unto him that was able to save (it’s deliver – not save) him from death and was heard because in that he feared;* Now ‘feared’ is the wrong word in this. It is trying to tell you that Jesus, when He was on the cross was crying out because He was scared. It literally says *he was heard because of His mercy and His dutiful conduct*. It sounds like he was doing someone else’s will besides His own doesn’t it. *The language says he was heard because of his mercy and His dutiful conduct to his Father.* That means He obeyed what Father wanted. You see that is why he heard Him because He was obeying Him. It was not because He was scared. That pattern fits for the church because most are scared to go to hell. They are scared of going to hell instead of having their eyes on Christ.

What am I concerned about a place that Jesus only mentioned and he said this: *I created hell for the devil and his angels*. Now where is the place that a human is going to in there? You can't show it to me in scripture. Jesus said I created it for the devil and his angels and it is not a literal devil with horns and a pitchfork. So if it was for the devil and his angels then why should we be afraid of something that is not for us anyway? My destiny according to the book and so is everyone else's is to return to our Father. So why should we be afraid of anything? *'Perfect love casts out all fear'*. Well if you have the heart of your Father then guess what? You will not be afraid of anything. Does that mean that someone can't hurt you? No it just means that you won't care. And when I say that you won't care that means that it isn't a priority whether someone hurts me or not. If they do hurt me it means they are just putting a seal on me.

Vs 8 It doesn't say *'though he were a Son'* it should say, *'Indeed he is the Son yet learned he obedience* (literally submission). The first mission you all should have is one mission and it is SUB-MISSION. That is your mission in life to submit not unto a church, not unto a preacher, not unto an organization, but into your Father that is where you submit. And when you realize that you have submitted to God you will have no problem being in submission to anyone. You will have a problem with no one. And when the submission is within, when my woman within submits to my Christ within why would I have a problem with anyone. If we become one with God (internal) one can't fight. You can put one person out on the floor all day and they can't fight because they just don't have the stamina to stay with it. How long do you want to beat yourself in the face? That is as simple as it can get just come into submission in yourself to God and there is no more conflict it is just peace. If you are at peace why would you want to punch someone? You wouldn't you would just love them. You couldn't fight because it wouldn't be your nature. *"But he learned his submission by the things which he suffered"*. It depends on how hard headed you are, how you will suffer to learn. If you are not hard headed it will be a short trip. That mission will be real short. You will say, 'okay I'm here, I'm not fighting anymore'. I had to come to a place in my life where I said, 'okay God I'm not wrestling anymore, man you beat me every time'. He will. I mean this isn't even fair anymore. I thought I had a chance in winning something, but now I know that I can't win. How hard headed are we that we think that we are going to beat God. Jacob only wrestled with God during the night (which represents ignorance), but as soon as the Daystar arose he said, "I'm not wrestling no more, I'm going to embrace you now and I'm not going to let you go until you bless me'. There is a difference. It is not fighting, now it is an embracing. That is what we have to come to in our heart. I have to realize that I can't win anyway. It's a setup. You can't win. You've heard of running a ringer in on you. You've

got a ringer. He's got you beat. Every time that YOU get in the ring He's going to beat YOU until you come into submission. He learned by the things, which he suffered. You see pain is a good thing. I came to that knowledge a long time ago in my life when I got busted up in my back and hips and legs. Pain is good. Pain tells you when to stop and see when you are wrestling with God and when enough pain comes you are going to say, 'wow, I quit'. You're going to say, 'I QUIT'. Why do it because you can't win. Why go back and fight Him today and then you get all beat up and then tomorrow you say, "I think I can take Him". In essence that is what we are doing. We get healed up and then we say, 'I think I can take Him today'. YOU are not going to win.

Vs 9 "*And being made perfect,*" (or literally complete). Now how did He become complete? Through the things He suffered. Now through the things He suffered taught Him His first mission – submission. So when I learn to submit to the Christ in me I will not have any problems submitting to anyone else. The war is over. Now we are one and I'm on His team. Now see if you can beat me. You can't beat me now. Why? Because I'm on His team. And if I'm one with Him that means if you touch me, what does Psalms says '*touch not my anointed, do my prophets no harm*'. Touch me; go ahead, I dare you. It is the same with you. You have got to do the same thing. '*Being made complete he became the author of eternal salvation*' literally aionias, it is age abiding. The word eternal sounds religious to me that's why I don't like it, but the language literally says aionias or everlasting. '*To all them that obey him*' Imagine that. Someone has to obey to get this. Now you can't obey on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings and think that that is it. This has got to be a nature change and if my heart is changed and my heart is submitted unto God then I will never wrestle that my opinion counts anymore. It is not about what I think. I is an ego. Jesus doesn't have an "I" in it does it. Does God have an "I" in it? We have to obey Him. Now the word '*obey*' what do you think that it really means? The language literally says this, 'to hear and conform to the command or authority that gave it'. Hear it's a verb. It is not just a noun. It is to **hear and to conform to the command or authority that gave it**. And who is giving the command? Father through His spirit who dwells in you. IN YOU. That is why He says in the New Covenant, '*You'll have no need for every man to say to his brother know the Lord for every man shall know the Lord from the greatest unto the least*'. Guess what He is dwelling in you. You don't have need for me to tell you. Listen to the one inside you.

Vs 10 '*Called of God an high priest*', now it is speaking about this priest. This whole chapter is speaking about the priest. Now this priest is not one person but it is a many membered corporate body that He is speaking of. *And he's called or*

named publicly by God as the high priest after the order of Melchisedec, which means Peace, righteousness. That is what it is. That whole priesthood is called this. Called into righteousness and peace. We can't have our own individuality and have our own ideas about what God is. God is love, peace, joy, longsuffering all the fruit of the Spirit. Those are what God is. I can't be anything else outside of that and say that I am a Son of God. If I am then somebody is making a mistake here. I can't have anything other than the fruit of the Spirit because the manifestation of the flesh should not be in me should they. I can't react in those things. So I have to see something in this, there are nine fruit of the Spirit and eighteen manifestation of the flesh so let me see hmmm doubled. I don't need them. Let's make it simple. Lets get the few because I can't keep up with too many. It is hard enough to keep a few so why try to keep twenty-seven (and most people do) instead of the nine. Verse ten is also a quote out of Psalm 110:4.

Vs 11 *“Of (or concerning) whom we have many things to say*, now here is Paul going to rip someone. He is just getting ready to read someone the riot act. Again he says, ‘of whom we have many things to say’ he is speaking of this High Priest, the Christ. *“And it is hard to be uttered (or difficult to explain) because you have become dull of hearing”*. Now it didn't say you just couldn't hear, he said you have **become**. That means at one time you had the ability to do what? **Hear**. You had the ability to hear, but now you have become, you've went from being able to hear to hard headed. He is speaking about people that he came to, Hebrews of his own nation that he dealt with and showed them the ways of God and a year later if you check time in the historical view and find that this was a year later that Paul came back to talk to them. In one year he came back and they are all messed up again. Something tells me that they did not seek after God but they started seeking after religion. They tried to mix their religion along with it and they tried to take all their traditions and put that all together.

Vs 12 *‘Because even by the time you should be teachers you have need that one teach you again which be the first (or the base fundamental) principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat*. So what is he saying here? *“You didn't grow, something is wrong”*. If you had followed after God, he said, one year. Boy that smacks most of us in the face doesn't it? We should be growing. I can show you in Paul's life that it was at least seventeen years before he ministered. So it is not condemnation. He is saying once you know the truth (I'm not speaking about all the Passover and Pentecostal things). Paul didn't say, ‘hey come here and I'm going to teach you about Passover and then I'm going to teach you about Pentecost when you grow up. He just came in and told them the truth. It is up to the Holy Spirit in your life to reveal

to you what you need to know. I've had people tell me, 'why don't you just talk about easy things when we have new people come into our fellowship there are things that they might not understand about what you are saying'. But I have to say it and I have to trust the Holy Spirit to teach them. I've also had people tell me that when new people come in I shouldn't say things that are offensive. I can't do that I've got to say what Father puts in my heart and then He'll deal with it. If anyone can't hear what I am saying I want everyone to know that I will talk with him or her at any time I have no problem with that. So he is saying because you didn't grow you have need that someone to teach you again. So what does that tell me? If I don't grow then I have to go back and start over again. If you don't start feeding this spirit, this baby in you the baby is going to abort. When a baby is first conceived in mamma's womb it has eight days to be hooked into the blood supply and if it is not it naturally aborts. There are several other things in this process if it is not getting the proper things it will automatically abort. Do you think that that is a coincidence? We have to hook in and get the flow of the blood and the flow of the blood is from Calvary. If we don't get that flow of blood we are not going to stay alive and then we have to find something besides milk to get our teeth into. If you take a baby and feed them milk all of their lives they will be a very deformed child by the time they are twenty-five to thirty years of age. If they stay on that bottle their teeth will be deformed and so will everything else. And he says, *'because they have to be taught again he said they are ones that have need of milk and not strong meet'*. Until you grow up you don't have the ability to masticate or to chew your food and make it palatable for your stomach to digest. So guess what? Do you think he is really speaking about you growing teeth? He is speaking about you growing spiritually to where your mind can process the things that are being spoken to you and you can reason with your intellect and with the Spirit of God in you and process it into your heart. He is not talking about growing real teeth. Paul teaches in parables just like God has all through the book.

Vs 13 Now he explains something to us about it. The first word is "*Because* it is 'gar' not 'for', *all that drink milk is unskillful*'. This word *'unskillful'* is inexperienced or ignorant by the scripture. The language says that they are inexperienced or ignorant of the word **'the logos of God, the spiritual word of God'**. *Logos* is the spiritual word; *rhema* is the letter of the word. So this should read. *'Because all that drink milk is inexperienced or ignorant in the logos or the spiritual word of righteousness because he is a simple minded immature Christian.* The word 'babe' is a simple-minded immature Christian. Look it up that is what the language says. (That is if I can't eat anything but milk.) The church is full of milk babies. Where is someone that has teeth that is going to take hold of this? We can't fulfill the purpose of God in milk. It is a starting place. There is nothing

wrong with babies taking milk, but somewhere they have got to have a little of something else. You've got to give them something. So don't be afraid to tell someone what you know. Don't be afraid to say 'hey I don't believe that stuff'. The word will never get to them and they will never have anything to chew on if you just keep giving them milk. You've got to give the babies something to chew on. You see even in a natural child it doesn't take them very long when they are eating baby food this soft processed stuff and you are sitting at the table eating and they smell the food that you've prepared and it isn't very long that they throw their bottle away and they are wanting this and they want that. You've got to give them something to show them the truth, and if you are eating meat and not milk guess what. You are going to be an aroma to someone. A gentleman told me yesterday when I was in a certain place he said 'you don't belong in this place'. I said you are right I am just here to keep from offending people and if I would open my mouth I would offend a bunch of them so I'll just sit here and be quiet. Someone should be able to see that in your life. If you are eating meat you're going to be different from everyone else. I'm not speaking about being a weirdo. Some people think that in the word when it speaks of being a peculiar people that it means being a weirdo. No it means special, a special people, and that means a people that act just like Him. That is what he is trying to tell us. So we've got to get away from being simple minded and immature don't we.

Vs 14 In this verse he tells us, '*But the strong meat* or this solid food the one that will be the strength to you *belongs to them that are of full age* (the language literally says complete and that is mature) *and they have their senses exercised* (it literally says that they have a habit or practice of exercising their minds) *to discern both good and evil*'. It should say that they have their organ of perception exercised to discern both good and evil. Now what is this organ of perception? It is the mind. Is it to perceive the tree of knowledge of good and evil or the tree of life? It is the tree of life that we're seeking after we're not looking after this thing any longer. I hope you understand what I am saying here. We have got to grow up. Paul came back and tried to tell his people, his countrymen. This is for your benefit that I am doing this. Paul already knew it. Paul said, "I've come to a dire place in my life I could go on and be with God but it wouldn't be good for you". God has a better thing for my life that I should stay here for you. Don't you think it would be great to step out of this aching, cracked, old bald headed and fat body that I'm walking in? It would be great to step into that and go on, but God has something greater for me to stay here for and it is okay with me I'll go through it because that is part of it. It is part of the test and I'm going to smile right on through it I don't care what they do to me. I'm going on and I'm going to stay here and do what God tells me to do no matter what as long as He is telling me.

That is what Paul is trying to tell us. He is trying to encourage us. He never once put condemnation on anyone when he told us this, but there is a time that we have to grow up. There is a time when you have to call a spade a spade, an apple an apple, and an orange an orange you can't change it and be a politician any longer that is called compromise and I've never found the word compromise attached to Christ anywhere in the book. Compromise is duality and a double minded man is very unstable in all his ways. So we've got to come to a place where there is no longer compromise in our life. Is that an easy place to walk? **It is by His Spirit.**

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