



Hebrews 5:11-14
Living Bible

"There is much more I would like to say along these lines, but you don't seem to listen, so it's hard to make you understand."¹²⁻¹³ You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others, but instead you have dropped back to the place where you need someone to teach you all over again the very first principles in God's Word. You are like babies who can drink only milk, not old enough for solid food. And when a person is still living on milk it shows he isn't very far along in the Christian life, and doesn't know much about the difference between right and wrong. He is still a baby Christian!¹⁴ You will never be able to eat solid spiritual food and understand the deeper things of God's Word until you become better Christians and learn right from wrong by practicing doing right.

In continuing the official judgments based on the theme passage of Hebrews 5:11-14 we continue our search of the Sacred Pronouncements of the word of God found in the Holy

Bible which is expressed as the first principles in God' s Word. What additional information can we find in the Bible that explains what the first principles of God' s word are? At

Romans 3:1-6

Easy-to-Read Version

3 So, do Jews have anything that others don't have? Do they get any benefit from being circumcised? ² Yes, the Jews have many benefits. The most important one is this: God trusted the Jews with his teachings. ³ It is true that some Jews were not faithful to God. But will that stop God from doing what he promised? ⁴ No, even if everyone else is a liar, God will always do what he says. As the Scriptures say about him,

*"You will be proved right in what you say,
and you will win when people accuse you."*

⁵ When we do wrong, that shows more clearly that God is right. So can we say that God does wrong when he punishes us? (That's the way some people think.) ⁶ Of course not. If God could not punish us, how could he judge the world?

The important information in this passage relays that: *God trusted the Jews with his teachings.* This is where you can find the sacred pronouncements of God with the Jews. This is the legal decree handed to the Hebrew prophet Moses during the Exodus. What passage in the Bible expresses this fact? At *Deuteronomy 4:3-8 (Living Bible)* ³ *You have seen what the Lord did to you at Baal peor, where he destroyed many people for worshiping idols. ⁴ But all of you who were faithful to the Lord your God are still alive today. ⁵ "These are the laws for you to obey when you arrive in the land where you will live. They are from the Lord our God. He has given them to me to pass on to you. ⁶ If you obey them, they will give you a reputation for wisdom and intelligence. When the surrounding*

*nations hear these laws, they will exclaim, 'What other nation is as wise and prudent as Israel!'*⁷ *For what other nation, great or small, has God among them, as the Lord our God is here among us whenever we call upon him?*⁸ *And what nation, no matter how great, has laws as fair as these I am giving you today?* The point in this passage explains that the law was given and only those that obey it were allowed to live. The passage expresses that a reputation can be built by following the laws being known for wisdom and intelligence is a byproduct of following the law faithfully. There is actually no change in this even though thousands of years have passed. We can just as easily be known as wise today as in former times. Another key in the passage expresses that God was among them and in fact within their midst by having the tabernacle in the middle of the camp. People on the outside looking into their world can see the tent of meeting within their living quarters, the miracles done by God for the people either against them or for them. All of this expresses that the divine laws given to the Hebrews were of key significance to them. The picture of the Bible verse above expresses that God's law was a means in which the people should live by and God laws will always be right and never wrong.

In continuing our examination of Hebrews 5:11-14 we now consider the words at verse 12: *You are like babies who can drink only milk, not old enough for solid food.* This is a shrewd observation at spirituality

and how accurate knowledge should look among people worshiping for some time. The passage states clearly that people that are not spiritually motivated in the correct way resemble babies because that is how they look when they cannot behave or define concepts of truth even after a number of years. This also indicates that a weak appearance continues among the believers because they are not strong enough. What passage in the Bible can help us see how God intends to deal with the situation that had developed on earth after thousands of years?

At 1 Corinthians 3:8-13 (Living Bible) ⁸ Apollos and I are working as a team, with the same aim, though each of us will be rewarded for his own hard work. ⁹ We are only God's coworkers. You are God's garden, not ours; you are God's building, not ours. ¹⁰ God, in his kindness, has taught me how to be an expert builder. I have laid the foundation and Apollos has built on it. But he who builds on the foundation must be very careful. ¹¹ And no one can ever lay any other real foundation than that one we already have—Jesus Christ. ¹² But there are various kinds of materials that can be used to build on that foundation. Some use gold and silver and jewels; and some build with sticks and hay or even straw! ¹³ There is going to come a time of testing at Christ's Judgment Day to see what kind of material each builder has used. Everyone's work will be put through the fire so that all can see whether or not it keeps its value, and what was really accomplished.

The point in this passage explains that God intends to use a test and this test will come during Judgment Day Revelation 20:11-15 and it will expose what people are doing and how they applying the word of God within their hearts, Revelation 3:10. This will test each family of believers deep down to the core or what was passed down in a family,

what was used as Christian beliefs in the Lord Jesus Christ, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12. How people viewed and applied the footsteps of Jesus Christ, and also how they trained their families to follow Christian beliefs. It will either expose whether people have loved the Lord or loved the world, Matthew 13:18-23.

What passage in the Bible can help us see clearly how each Christian should progress towards maturity religiously? At 1

Corinthians 13:11-13 (Living Bible) "It's like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things. ¹² In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see him in his completeness, face-to-face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now.

It is only nature that we are youthful but we do not always remain that way and the passage points clearly what this means. Our minds become changed in its ability to reason and take on emotions. This can also measure our spiritual growth because we can learn more advanced spiritual concepts that explain salvation. Our understanding of divine plans can help us preach and teach more accurately. The passage says that because of sin our view is like a hazy image in a mirror, only salvation can help us see clearly. We can only try our best and God does not expect us to give more than we actually can. So during the test of the Great Tribulation our hearts will be read

that expresses whether we gave all our best in learning Christian principles and following them. What additional information can we find in the Bible? At *Ephesians 4:11-16 (Living Bible)* “Some of us have been given special ability as apostles; to others he has given the gift of being able to preach well; some have special ability in winning people to Christ, helping them to trust him as their Savior; still others have a gift for caring for God’s people as a shepherd does his sheep, leading and teaching them in the ways of God. ¹² Why is it that he gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God’s people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; ¹³ until finally we all believe alike about our salvation and about our Savior, God’s Son, and all become full-grown in the Lord—yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ. ¹⁴ Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly—and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

