

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: SPIRITUAL SHOCK THERAPY

Main Text: Heb 5:8-6:3

Sermon Description: By way of illustration, consider two samples at a water treatment facility.

1st) The Holding Pond: Accepts all streams – available in large quantities – easily accessible – The longer it sits, the more stagnant, corrupted, and polluted it becomes – though it may look inviting and attractive on the surface.

2nd) Bottled Water: Smaller quantities – pressurized system – forced through fine, narrow and discriminating filters – multiple stage process – heat and intensity are necessary – costly and time consuming – carefully regulated – requires engineering and supervision – diligently and rigorously tested against high quality standards – produces valuable, healthy, and clear results – the final aim is purity.

.....Which is a better description of Christianity? Which is an easier idea of Christianity?

Test Question: Can you explain the high-priesthood of Jesus according to the order of Melchizedek?

Heading: THIS EXHORTATIONAL ASIDE LAYS OUT SEVERAL INTERRELATED IDEAS...

1. THE RELATIONSHIP OF OBEDIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING (Heb 5:11-14)

- a. Judicial hardening (Mat 13:10-17)
- b. Apprenticeship model (Jms 1:22-25)
- c. Education (11 Tim 2:2)

2. THE RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTARY DOCTRINES (Heb 6:1-3)

- a. Individual initiation (6:1)
- b. Corporate participation (6:2)
- c. Worldview presuppositions (6:2)

3. THE RELATIONSHIP OF MILK AND SOLID FOOD (Heb 5:8-14)

- a. Foundation & milk (I Cor 3:2,10)
- b. Maturity in context (Mt 5:48)
- c. Shock therapy results (5:8-10)

Close: Communion incorporates the foundational elements of the gospel by remembrance – even as we trust this means to grow us in Christ. Let us pray for grace to obey enabled by the spirits indwelling payed for on the cross of Calvary.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme: Hardening	Theme: Hearing & doing	Theme: Goal of learning	Theme: Elementary principles	Theme: Foundation/ milk	Theme: Maturity
Verses: Mt 13:10-17	Verses: Jms 1:22-25	Verses: Heb 5:11-14	Verses: Heb 6:1-3	Verses: I Cor 3:2-10	Verses: Heb 5:11-14

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Further Study' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 52