“You Have Need”

Intro: As the _______ Spirit has the penman of Hebrews revealing such high and holy truths concerning the absolute Supremacy of Christ, He intersperses exhortations meant to lovingly ______ the reader of the grave dangers of failing to receive these truths.

A. This morning we come to the onset of the third warning where we are told of our great need for _______________ ___________, which will then be followed by an explanation of the disastrous effect of refusing to grow in Christ Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of all who believe.

I. While the Author so desired to ______________ some truth regarding Christ being a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, there stood in the way a serious ___________.

A. It is hard to explain because the ___________ have become ______ of hearing.

1. The Author of Hebrews finds the readers to have little to __________ to learn the high and holy truths __ ___________. They are defectively motivated, having no thrust within them to push higher. They are slow and slothful – dull minded.

   a. The Hebrews Author here says (in my words), “Wake up and smell the coffee! ______ it some vigorous ___________! Hear and pay attention! Learn of Priesthood of Jesus and apply the good news of Jesus Christ to your life! This is for your salvation! Your soul hangs in the balance! __________ ________ for your soul!”

B. Because of their dullness of hearing they had ________ again for someone to teach them the elementary principles of the oracles of God. These who should have been advanced enough to teach the subject needed themselves to be __________

1. The Author pointed out that he struggled in teaching the people about the greater truth of Christ being High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek because they __________ to be re-instructed in the beginning _______________ things of the Christ, things they should have already known.

   a. They once again needed the milk of the Word of Christ so they could mature and receive the meat of the Word of Christ, and this was to their shame.
b. Without directly calling them ____________, the Author let them know that if they were of the faith, they were in the infancy of their faith. There were bigger and greater truths to be learned if they would __________ __________!

II. The ____________ are greatly benefitted for in taking in the solid food of Christ (the Word of Righteousness), and by consistently ordering their life according to it (without digression), they ____________ to discern what is good and evil. And when the mature hear a teaching ____________ they discern whether to say the “amen!” or not, whether it is good or evil.

A. Really, the question becomes: Are you ____________? Reader, are you saved? Will you receive the word of righteousness concerning Christ or will you retreat to the familiar non-saving ground of O.T. types, foreshadows, ceremonies and Law? ____________ drink milk when before you is Christ, the solid substance and reality of all the Old foreshadowed, the Great High Priest? Will you ____________ an immature infant or ____________ mature ____________?

Closing: Beloved, ____________ are in ____________ to go higher, where ____________ is seated at the right hand of the Father. Let it not be said of us that we were lukewarm. Let it not be said of us that at one time we were progressing in Christ but have since digressed. Oh, how shameful it would be if having begun to mature taking in the solid truths of Christ we have since again come to need milk.

Eph 4:11-16 says, “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a ____________ man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness ____________. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,”

Christ must give the increase, yes! But we must also give it our full vigorous participation. We are exhorted to be intensely involved, to give it our all. Let us ___________ this very day to grow in Christ and by going in Him so will we as mature people live rightly, being able to discern good from evil. We have need, let us ___________ __ __ ___________.