

## Your Perfect High Priest 2020-12-06

### Hebrews 5:7-10

*In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.*

Context of Hebrews...Jews understood God's holiness: If new covenant/Christianity better old covenant and Judaism, where is your High Priest, mediator that takes man to God?

- After Adam and Eve's fall, approach God only through way He chose...High Priest. Hebrews 5:1-5, 10
  - God-ordained mediator from tribe of Levi who interceded/made sacrifices/offerings for repentant sinners to open way back to God.
- Everyone sins so need High Priest...Jesus is perfect/only High Priest you desperately need.

Jesus is perfect/only High Priest you need because He secured your eternal salvation.

### Hebrews 5:7-9

- "being made perfect" not His nature/person but completely qualified to be perfect/final High Priest/Messiah/Savior thru obedient life and atoning death.

In 1 act (perfect sacrifice of Himself) accomplished what thousands priests and millions of sacrifices never did: permanently, eternally open way to God.

- Resurrection was Father's proclamation that Jesus Christ is truly last, best, only High Priest for humanity.

Jesus is source (cause) of ETERNAL (not temporary) salvation to all who obey him.

- obey Him= obedience of faith (believe/saved) All other obedience fruit of that.
  - Jesus is the perfect/only High Priest you desperately need. Gospel

Incarnation enabled our perfect High Priest to relate to struggle with tempt/sin.

### Hebrews 5:1, 4:15, 2:18

- We learn much through others experience. youtube, mentor.
  - Learn more if experienced one there to help you. John/exhaust
    - Their past struggles produce compassion/help for you.

Just because Jesus was without sin does not mean He can't relate to your struggle.

### Hebrews 2:18

- Jesus' earthly life constant battle against temptation/sin...He always won.
  - So Jesus knows/understands how to fight/overcome temptation
- He who conquered power of tempt/sin is WITHIN you and if cling to Him, He will give you victory over sin/tempt He has already won for you!

Something that helped Jesus overcome/endure temptation/trials will also help us....

- Love/desire/delight in Father's will above our own....especially when obedience not pleasant/easy. Hebrews 5:7, Luke 22:41-44
  - ...actual implementation of eternal salvation plan not easy.
    - Whatever anguish you're in, Jesus understands what going through.

1 of great challenges of Christian life: keep believing, trusting, submitting to Lord's will even when not easy, or not like/understand what God doing.

- Life/world doesn't make sense, hate/anger, selfish desires rule, cost to obey high (\$, relationally),
  - We need Jesus' compassion when we fail, His power to overcome temptation and His enabling to trust/have faith Him at all times! 1 John 5:3-4
    - Come to God by faith; live with God by faith; go to glory by faith.

Jesus Christ is the perfect and only High Priest you desperately need.

- He secured your eternal salvation and is with you in battle against temptation
  - He will give you victory over tempt if cling to Him.