

The Promise: Jesus, The Great High Priest Called by God
Hebrews 5:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

I. The Nature of His Priesthood (vv.1-4)

- A. Appointed by God
 - 1. "Appointed" is a permanent placement
 - 2. From among men
 - 3. To act for men
- B. Mediator for the People
 - 1. Offering gifts & sacrifices for sins
 - a) Gifts can be sacrifices
 - b) The tie in of gift & sacrifice was present in OT
 - 2. Dealing gently with men
 - a) Full of compassion
 - b) Ignorant
 - c) Wayward
 - 3. Personal Purity
 - a) **Hebrews 4:15**
 - b) **Hebrews 7:27-28**
 - 4. In the line of Aaron

II. The Perfection of His Priesthood (vv.5-10)

- A. Appointed as a Son (vv.5-6)
 - 1. The first section helps us see the connection with OT priests. This

section begins to show Christ's superiority in every way.

- 2. **Philippians 2:5-8**
- 3. **Psalm 2:7 (already quoted in chp.1)**
- 4. **Psalm 110:1-4**
- B. Mediated through Prayer (v.7)
 - 1. **Luke 22:39**
 - 2. **Luke 22:40-46**
 - 3. Able to save from death...the answer was the strength to do the will of the Father
 - a) His will was to save His own, those who obey
 - b) **John 10:14-15**
- C. Perfected through Suffering (vv.8-9a)
 - 1. Learned obedience
 - a) In light of sonship (why is this important?)
 - b) The both / and of divinity & humanity were essential for the salvation of men
 - 2. How is perfect made perfect?
 - a) Expounding on full humanity of Christ
 - b) Fulfillment
 - c) **Hebrews 2:10-11**
- D. Able to Save (vv.9-10)
 - 1. Source (exclusivity)
 - a) Because of who He is
 - b) Because of what He's done

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| 2. | Eternal | d) | Maturity carries full assurance and imitation in hope |
| 3. | For those who obey | | |
| 4. | By God | (1) | You have to know who Christ is and what He's done for you to mature in Him |
| a) | Designated | | |
| b) | After order of Melchizedek | (2) | If you have no desire to learn more about Him, just content with some knowledge you got as a kid, what does that say about your relationship? |

III. Our Response

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| A. | Acknowledge our need for a Priest | | |
| 1. | Things are NOT okay between God and men | (3) | The use of Melchizedek shows the use of OT images, shadows, and types are useful in our maturing as followers of Christ. |
| 2. | No mere example...a substitute | | |
| B. | Trust in Christ's Perfection ALONE | | |
| 1. | His righteous life | (4) | So, at the core of our knowledge of Him is a right understanding of His atoning work on the cross in our place. |
| 2. | His substitutionary atoning death | | |
| 3. | His resurrection | | |
| 4. | His intercession | | |
| C. | Obedience | | |
| 1. | To the call of Christ (repentance) | | |
| 2. | To the life of Christ (just a few samples in this text) | | |
| a) | Prayer | | |
| b) | Worship | | |
| c) | Learning | | |
| (1) | For the purpose of obedience | | |
| (2) | Often through suffering | | |
| 3. | To the Words of Christ | | |
| a) | What's the purpose in all this? | | |
| b) | To know the gospel in maturity | | |
| c) | Hebrews 5:11-6:12 | | |