



<sup>42</sup> "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "*The son of David.*" <sup>43</sup> He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

<sup>44</sup> 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

"SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET"?

<sup>45</sup> If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?"

<sup>46</sup> No one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question.

(Matthew 22:42-46)

## THE ALL-SUFFICIENT HIGH PRIEST

Hebrews 4:14-10:18

<sup>1</sup> For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; <sup>2</sup> he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; <sup>3</sup> and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,

"YOU ARE MY SON,

TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";

<sup>6</sup> just as He says also in another *passage*,

"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK."

<sup>7</sup> In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety.

<sup>8</sup> Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. <sup>9</sup> And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

(Hebrews 5:1-10)

## The New High Priest (and the Old)

1. OT high priesthood – general description and qualifications (5:1-4)
2. Christ's high priesthood – similar yet much superior (5:5-10)

## Our Superior High Priest

1. His Divine Designation
  - the one whom God addresses as "Son" He also addresses as "priest forever" (Ps. 2:7; Ps. 110:4)
  - God designated Him high priest at His exaltation when He entered into the full exercise of this office

## Our Superior High Priest

- v. 7-10: describes the Son who has been set apart for a fully effective priesthood through complete obedience

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2. His Offering
  - a depiction of the incarnate Son's complete and utter dependence upon God that climaxes in the garden and the cross
  - the Son offered Himself in complete submission to God unto death as His priestly consecration (cf. Heb. 5:5-10)

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2. His Offering
  - because of His complete obedience unto death, God heard and accepted the Son's offering – "sit at My right hand" (Ps. 110:1)

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- Application:
  1. See the intensity and difficulty of Jesus' complete submission to the Father's will – worship Him!
  2. Imitate His example of trust and obedience in the face of suffering and temptation – we have a sympathetic High Priest!

<sup>1</sup> ...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup> For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. <sup>4</sup> You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

(Hebrews 12:1-4)