



<sup>51</sup> And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

(Luke 2:51-52)

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. (John 4:34)

<sup>30</sup> "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (John 5:30)

...I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me. <sup>29</sup> And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him." (John 8:28-29)

## 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

### ➤ Qualifications:

1. His Divine Designation – *“you are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”*
2. His Offering – His submissive life unto death as His priestly consecration

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### 3. His Learned Obedience

*Q: in what sense did Jesus learn obedience?*

- He came to know what obedience is like as he practiced it in the crucible of suffering
- His suffering occasioned His humility, patience and trust in His Father

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of disciples,  
That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.  
He awakens *Me* morning by morning,  
He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened My ear;  
And I was not disobedient  
Nor did I turn back.

<sup>6</sup>I gave My back to those who strike *Me*,  
And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard;  
I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting.

(Isaiah 50:4-6)

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### 4. His Perfection

- through His obedient life unto suffering and death He has become fully qualified as our High Priest
- includes His resurrection – no longer subject to human weakness and mortality (cf. 7:16)

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➤ Outcome:

- He is the source of “eternal salvation” – an unending enjoyment of life in the unhindered presence of God
- available and certain for all who follow Christ in faith and obedience