

<sup>26</sup> For such a high priest would be precisely fitting for us holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens; <sup>27</sup> who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. <sup>28</sup> For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son, made perfect forever.

(Hebrews 7:26-28)

High Priest in the Old Testament

"For such a high priest would be precisely fitting for us..."

A grand description of the ways this High Priest is precisely appropriate for our needs

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## A Perfect High Priest

- 1. A Sinless Obedience
  - as the incarnate Son, He was completely faithful to His Father a necessary requirement
  - as the obedient Son, He has joined God (the Father) in the place of highest exaltation

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- 2. A Sufficient Offering
  - "once for all" His one sacrifice definitively and finally dealt with sin (never repeated)
  - the offering of Himself was all-sufficient for all-time and forever

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## A Perfect High Priest

- 3. A Son Perfected
  - this High Priest is the one and only Son of God appointed by God's oath
  - "made perfect by His obedient suffering and His resurrection He is fully qualified as High Priest forever

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<sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:14-16)

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