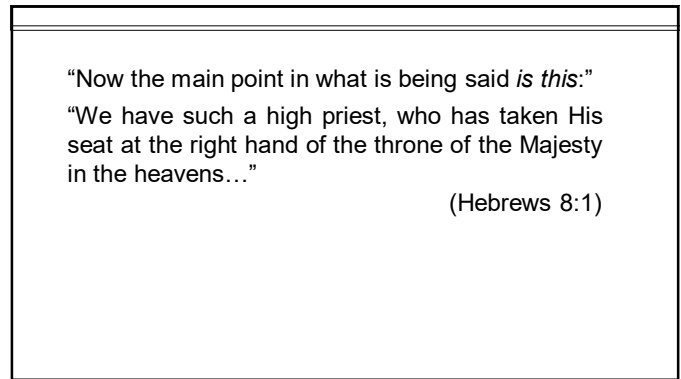




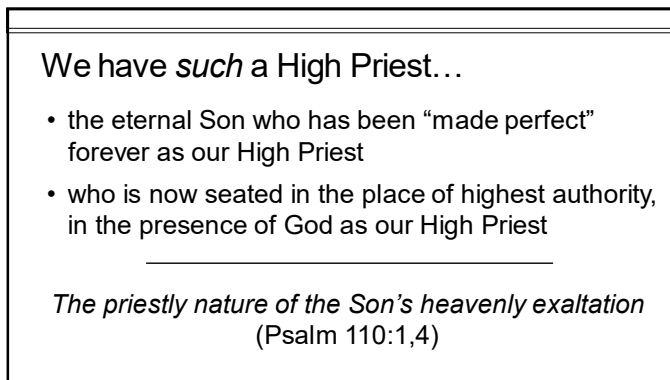
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“Now the main point in what is being said *is this*:”
 “We have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens...”

(Hebrews 8:1)

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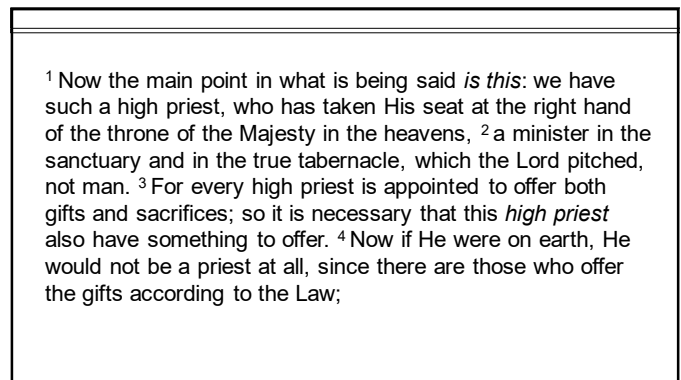


We have *such* a High Priest...

- the eternal Son who has been “made perfect” forever as our High Priest
- who is now seated in the place of highest authority, in the presence of God as our High Priest

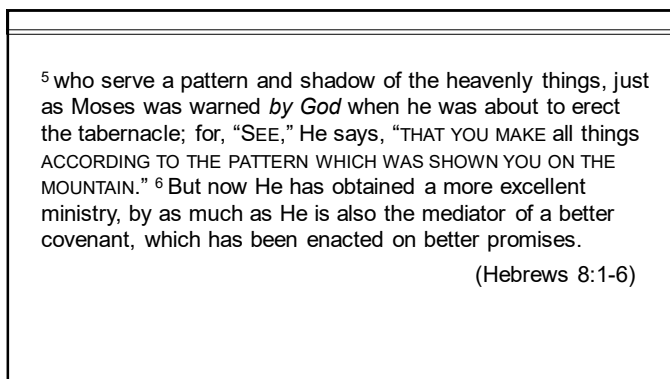
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The priestly nature of the Son’s heavenly exaltation
 (Psalm 110:1,4)

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¹ Now the main point in what is being said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, ² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer. ⁴ Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

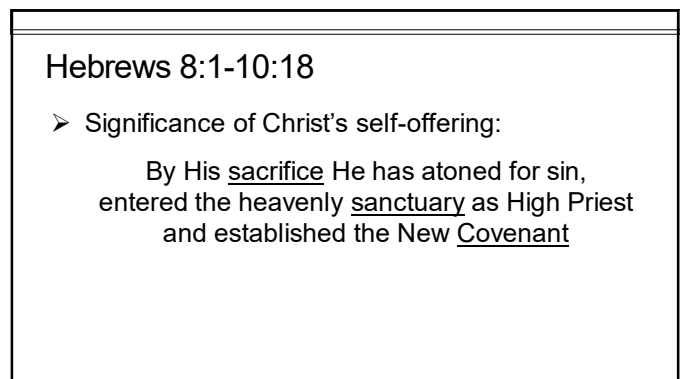
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⁵ who serve a pattern and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, “SEE,” He says, “THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN.” ⁶ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

(Hebrews 8:1-6)

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Hebrews 8:1-10:18

➤ Significance of Christ’s self-offering:

By His sacrifice He has atoned for sin,
 entered the heavenly sanctuary as High Priest
 and established the New Covenant

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A Superior Ministry

1. A Minister in the True Tent

- Christ's ministry as High Priest is in the presence of God, the heavenly "sanctuary"
- the OT sanctuary was merely a copy that pointed to and provided a pattern for the future, heavenly reality in Christ (Ex. 24:40)

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A Superior Ministry

2. A Mediator of a Better Covenant

- Christ provides and ensures the benefits of the New Covenant – the better promises of the forgiveness of sins and eternal inheritance

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⁵ For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, *the* man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself as a ransom for all,

(1 Timothy 2:5-6)

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