

5:1-4

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining to God*, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. **3** Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins. **4** And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

5:5-6

So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, *but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”* **6** As *He* also says in another place: “*You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek*”; So here he quotes from Psalm 2 and Psalm 110 (before quoting it again in verse 10 and Hebrews 7) before referencing Psalm 22.

5:7-10

who, in the days of His flesh, when He had ^hoffered up prayers and supplications, so was this done in Gethsemane or on the cross? Probably both. **with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death**, Perhaps much of this prayer is recorded in Psalm 22 (verses 19-20 specifically). After all, Psalm 22:22 is quoted in Hebrews 2 so it is quite realistic that this Psalm was very much on the writer’s mind. **and was heard** says Psalm 22:24.

Hebrews 2:9 says this **death** was tasted for every man.

Were these prayers for “salvation **from death**” from physical death?

No, unless salvation includes being **saved** “out of” **death** versus **saved** “from experiencing” **death**.

Or, “yes”—if this were prayed on the way to the cross in fear that He would die before the cross—the cross which was needed for our salvation (Galatians 3:13).

But if this salvation occurred “out of” death, then we have a prooftext for the resurrection of Jesus being an answer to His prayers to His Father. If Christ does not get up, we die unforgiven as we have no avenue of forgiveness (Hebrews 7:25), and we are damned forever. We are, therefore, an answer to Jesus’ prayers.

because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned ^lobedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And ^mhaving been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10 called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”

^h Matt. 26:39, 42, 44; Mark 14:36, 39; Luke 22:41, 44

^l Phil. 2:8

^m Heb. 2:10