



TITLE:

Who is Jesus Christ (Part 7)?

TEXT:

Hebrews 5:1-10

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: [2] Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. [3] And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. [4] And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. [5] So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. [6] As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. [7] Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; [8] Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; [9] And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; [10] Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Levitical High Priest

- The high priest is taken from among men. v.1
 - He must be a man, one of ourselves.
- The high priest is ordained for men in things pertaining to God. v.1
 - He comes between God and man.
 - To offer gifts (free-will offerings) and sacrifices (offerings made of slain beasts) for sins.
- The high priest must have compassion on the ignorant (those that are guilty of sins of ignorance) and on them that are out of the way. v.2
 - Because the high priest also is compassed with infirmity (weaknesses).
 - This is the reason why the high priest is taken from among men. They are of like passions with others.
 - Similar to the priesthood of Jesus Christ, He became one of us that He might have compassion on us (Heb. 2:17).
- The high priest needs also to offer gifts and sacrifices not only for the people but also for himself. v.3
 - Unlike Jesus Christ, because He is sinless (Heb. 4:15), He doesn't need to have an offering for Himself.
- No man takes the office of the high priest by himself but he must be called by God. v.4
 - Neither Aaron nor Jesus called themselves to the ministry.
 - Jesus Christ glorified not Himself to be an High Priest but He was appointed by God (Heb. 1:2,5)
- Paul quoted from Psalm 2:7.
 - *Psalm 2:7 I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*

Jesus Christ: The Better High Priest

- The high priest in the Levitical dispensation was a mere man, but our Great High Priest is the only begotten Son of God. v.5
 - The declaration that Jesus is the begotten Son of God was made at His resurrection.
 - Acts 13:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.
- Jesus Christ learned obedience (submission) by His incarnation through suffering. v.7-8
 - He suffered in the garden of Gethsemane.
 - Isaiah called Him “a man of sorrows” (Isa. 53:2).
 - God the Father was able to save him from death. He could have prevented his dying, but he would not;
 - The Jews reproached Jesus Christ on the cross:
 - Matthew 27:43 He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God.
 - Luke 22:41-44 And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, [42] Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. [43] And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. [44] And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
- Jesus Christ is perfect. v.9
 - Unlike the levitical high priest, He is a perfect high priest.
 - Hebrews 7:26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
- Jesus Christ became the author of eternal salvation. v.9
 - God the Father didn't prevent the death of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ wholly submitted to the Father. This is all for the salvation of the loss sinners.
- Obedience (“obey” means to harken to a command) is an evidence of salvation. v.9
 - John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- Jesus Christ is called of God after the order of Melchisedec. v.10