



Lesson 25

Theme: Christ is Superior to Aaron (Part 3) **Our Great High Priest**

Scripture: Hebrews 5:8-9

Pressing Forward into 2022

- Our Discipleship Catechism Questions
 - ① What is the chief end of man?
 - ② What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify Him?
 - ③ What do the Scriptures principally teach?
 - ④ What is God?
 - ⑤ Are there more gods than One?
 - ⑥ How many persons are there in the Godhead?
 - ⑦ What is the decree of God?
 - ⑧ How does God execute His decree?
 - ⑨ What are God's works of providence?
- Our memory work:
 - 1 Corinthians 6:20
 - 1 Corinthians 10:31
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
 - Psalm 73:25-26
 - Isaiah 46:9-10
 - John 1:12-13
 - Proverbs 19:21
 - Daniel 4:35
 - Psalm 115:1-3

**For whatever things were written before were written for our learning,
that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have
hope.**

(Romans 15:4)



"Though He was a Son" (v. 8)

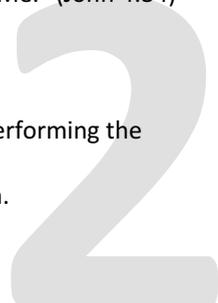
- "Son" takes us back to verse 5 where the writer is quoting Psalm 2:7.
- Chapter 1 told us that the "SON" was GOD. (1:8, 9, 10)
- "Son" informs us of the dignity and the excellence of Christ.
- "**Though**" He was GOD, "**yet**" He suffered humiliation to purchase our salvation!
- This verse and the following show us, yet again, how far Christ came, stooped, humbled Himself to accomplish God's will for us - our eternal life.
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Surety, must not only have authority and dignity, but ALSO be ABLE to sympathize with those whom He came to save.
- By stepping OUT of Heaven, off of His throne, taking upon Himself flesh and blood and entered into the world of human experience. And through these experiences He would "learn" to be a merciful and compassionate High Priest.
 - "in all things He had to be make like His brethren" (2:17)
 - "He Himself suffered . . ." (2:18)
 - "in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (4:15)

"Yet He Learned Obedience" (v. 8)

- He was "the Son" - 100% Deity (God), but He was also 100% Human (Man).
(See Luke 2:52)
- Christ was "made under the Law" and place Himself under it voluntarily.
(Galatians 4:4)
- He had NO NEED for obedience to be exercised, nor was it forced upon Him.
- Christ came and DELIGHTED in doing the will of the Father. (Psalm 40:8)
- "My meat (food) is to do the will of Him who sent Me." (John 4:34)

WHAT IS OBEDIENCE?

- It is submitting to the will of another.
- It is acknowledging the authority of another-It is performing the pleasure of another.
- This was a completely NEW experience for the Son.



- Before He became Man (His incarnation) He sat on the throne of the universe with SUPREME AUTHORITY - THERE WAS NO OTHER ABOVE HIM.
- From His throne He COMMANDED and enforced obedience.
- He NOW assumed the ROLE of a SERVANT. (Philip 2:7; Matt. 20:26-28)
- In this NEW ROLE, He submitted Himself to Another.
- He was "made under the Law" and to it He would perfectly submit.
- He came to be a SURETY for His people and therefore He would discharge this duty.
- He came to MAGNIFY the Law-voluntarily, perfectly, joyfully! (Isaiah 42:21)
- The SON entered into experience of what it was to obey!!! He denied Himself and lived to please God in all that He did. (See Romans 15:3; John 8:29)

"By the things which He suffered" (v. 8)

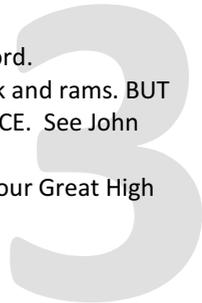
- This is the means by which He learned (or experienced) obedience.
- As His suffering increased His obedience grew. (Isaiah 50:6-7)

Lessons for Us

- ❶ He who was ABOVE obedience STOOPE LOW to enter the place of obedience - FOR US!
- ❷ Christ, our Great High Priest, gave us an EXAMPLE to follow-complete and unquestioning subjection to God. This is what is required of us.
- ❸ Christ taught us to what extent we should submit - He was "obedient unto death." (Philippians 2:8)
- ❹ Christ taught us that OBEDIENCE to GOD COSTS. (2 Timothy 3:12)
- ❺ Suffering teaches us. Christ "learned" by the things He suffered! (Hebrews 12:10-11)
- ❻ God's love for us does not exempt us from suffering. God did not spare His Son. We have been appointed to suffer. (Philip 1:29)

"And having been perfected" (v. 9)

- See Hebrews 2:10 for the first occurrence of this word.
- Priests were "perfected" by the sacrifice of a bullock and rams. BUT Christ would become the PRIEST and the SACRIFICE. See John 17:19
- His suffering "fully qualified" Him for the service of our Great High Priest.



"He Became the Author of Eternal Salvation" (v. 9)

- Through HIS PERFECT SUBMISSION and SACRIFICE Christ became the AUTHOR of eternal salvation for ALL HIS BRETHREN.
- This ETERNAL salvation is in CONTRAST to that which was obtained by Aaron and his descendants - theirs was good for only one year.

"To All Who OBEY Him" (v. 9)

- It is CLEAR and PLAIN from this phrase that Christ's salvation is NOT for all men universally!
- It is for those who BOW before Him acknowledging that He is Saviour and LORD.
- ALL who hear the Gospel are COMMANDED to believe. (1 John 3:23)
- A Christian, contrasted with an UNBELIEVER, is one who OBEYS. See John 14:23
- AS THE "HEAD" OBEYED, SO TOO, DOES THE BODY!

Christ: Superior to Aaron

AARON	CHRIST
Just a MAN	The Son of GOD, GOD & MAN
Offered "sacrifices"	Offered ONE perfect sacrifice ONCE-never to be repeated.
"Compassion with infirmity"	Christ was the "mighty" One (Psalm 89:19)
Needed to offer for his own sins.	Was SINLESS.
Offered calves and goats that could not blot out sin.	Offered Himself and by His blood we are cleansed from ALL sin.
Effected a temporary "salvation".	Effected an ETERNAL salvation.
For Israel ONLY.	For "all them that obey Him"