

Hebrews 5:1-10 It's Always Jesus

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The whole point of the priesthood was never the priest—it was always Jesus.

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. (Hebrews 5:1 NKJV)

Jesus doesn't represent you from a distance—He represents you from inside your weakness.
He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. (Hebrews 5:2 NKJV)

Our weakness doesn't repel Jesus—it's the very place His priestly compassion meets us.
Religious pride always produces contempt. Gospel humility always produces compassion.
Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer [sacrifices] for sins. (Hebrews 5:3 NKJV)

Jesus offers no sacrifice for Himself, because He has no sin to atone for.

For such a High Priest was fitting for us, [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. (Hebrews 7:26-27 NKJV)

The old priest could point you to mercy; Jesus is the mercy.

And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron [was]. (Hebrews 5:4 NKJV)

If priesthood is a calling, and priesthood is tied to Aaron's lineage—How can Jesus be priest?
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." (Hebrews 5:5 NKJV)

Our author quotes:

"I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You [are] My Son, Today I have begotten You. (Psalm 2:7 NKJV)

Your High Priest is not a hired religious professional—He's the Father's beloved Son.
As [He] also says in another [place]: "You [are] a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek"; (Hebrews 5:6 NKJV)

This is quoted from Psalm 110:4.

A Psalm of David. The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ... The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You [are] a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:1, 4 NKJV)

The old priests changed because they died; Jesus never changes because He never dies.
who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, (Hebrews 5:7 NKJV)

Now the author moves to the suffering obedience of Jesus.

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You [will]." (Matthew 26:39 NKJV)

Jesus doesn't just command obedience—He has endured obedience.
though He was a Son, [yet] He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. (Hebrews 5:8 NKJV)

Let Scripture interpret your expectations, not your expectations interpret Scripture.

Suffering is not always God's punishment—but it is often God's classroom.

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[There is] therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:1 NKJV)

The cross absorbed wrath. Discipline is love.

And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, (Hebrews 5:9 NKJV)

It's about the obedience of faith—responding to the gospel with surrender.

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent." (John 6:29 NKJV)

Faith that saves is faith that surrenders.

called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek," (Hebrews 5:10 NKJV)

The section ends where it began: We Don't Need an Earthly Mediator to Reach God.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:16 NKJV)

Hebrews is calling you to lift your eyes off yourself and fix them on Jesus.

Your hope is not your ability to hold on to God.

Your hope is that Jesus is holding on to you—as your Priest