

“Exalted & Appointed”

Portrait of Our Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 5:5-10
part 17

INTRODUCTION

- our unfamiliarity with the role of a priest
- 5 necessary prerequisites of a high priest
 - #1: must be a man (5:1a)
 - #2: must be appointed by God (5:1b)
 - #3: must be sympathetic with man (5:2)
 - #4: must be faithful performing his duties (5:3)
 - #5: must be humble before God (5:4)

1. Jesus honored by the Father

a. the **fact** of Jesus' exaltation (5:5)

- “begotten”
- why Jesus came to earth

b. the **extent** of Jesus' exaltation (5:6)

- “a priest forever”

c. the **reason** for Jesus' exaltation (5:7)

- “heard because of His piety”

2. Jesus identified with mankind

- 2 dangers in Christology:
 - denying Jesus' deity (e.g., Arianism)
 - denying Jesus' humanity (e.g., gnosticism)
- in what sense did Jesus “learn obedience”?

Heb. 4:15

3. Jesus appointed by the Father as High Priest

- in what sense was Jesus “made perfect”?

“These words [in this word group] emphasize wholeness and completeness. In the biological sense they mean ‘mature,’ or ‘full grown’: the person, animal, or plant achieved the potential inherent in its nature. The perfect is the thing or person that is complete, in which nothing that belongs to its essence has been left out. It is perfect because every potential it possesses has been realized.”

– Larry Richards

CONCLUSION