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HEBREWS

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# Hebrews 5:1-10

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# Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.



# Structure of this passage

Old covenant priesthood (vv. 1-3)

a Appointment (1)

b Weakness (2)

c Continual Sacrifices (3)

Christ's better priesthood (vv. 4-10)

a' Appointment (4-6)

b' Weakness (7-8)

c' Eternal Salvation (9-10)



# Outline

1. The Savior's Vocation
2. The Savior's Compassion
3. The Savior's Perfection





# 1. The Savior's Vocation

Verses 1, 4-6



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PURITAN  
*Treasures*  
FOR TODAY

*Comfort and  
Holiness  
from Christ's  
Priestly Work*

WILLIAM  
BRIDGE

Christ's office as priest is the great storehouse and supply of all the grace and comfort that we have on this side of heaven. Through Christ's priesthood we are reconciled to God the Father and are relieved against all temptations. This is the great truth held forth in these words. That's why the apostle, finding the Hebrews laboring under great temptations, doubts, fears, and unbelief, expounds the priestly office of Christ throughout this letter.

—William Bridge



# 1. The Savior's Vocation

Application: Learn to draw grace and comfort from  
Christ's priestly work:



# Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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## 2. The Savior's Compassion

Verses 2-3, 7-8



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# Hebrews 2:12, 17

<sup>12</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things... <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.



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## 2. The Savior's Compassion

### Application:

Learn to trust in the Savior's gentleness and compassion for you

- When ignorant
- When wayward



The background of the left side of the image is a detailed landscape painting. It depicts a wide valley with a river winding through it, surrounded by rolling hills and mountains in the distance. In the foreground, a flock of sheep is gathered on a rocky, grassy outcrop. The overall tone is soft and atmospheric, with a hazy sky.

*Dane Ortlund*

# GENTLE *and* LOWLY

*The Heart of Christ for  
Sinners and Sufferers*

When we sin, we are encouraged to bring our mess to Jesus because he will know just how to receive us. He doesn't handle us roughly. He doesn't scowl and scold. He doesn't lash out, the way many of our parents did. And all this restraint on his part is not because he has a diluted view of our sinfulness. He knows our sinfulness far more deeply than we do. Indeed, we are aware of just the tip of the iceberg of our depravity, even in our most searching moments of self-knowledge.



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His restraint simply flows from his tender heart for his people. Hebrews is not just telling us that instead of scolding us, Jesus loves us. It's telling us the kind of love he has: rather than dispensing grace to us from on high, he gets down with us, he puts his arm around us, he deals with us in the way that is just what we need. He deals gently with us.

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# 3. The Savior's Perfection

Verses 3, 9-10



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Verse 3 (contrast)	Verses 9-10
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# Hebrews 2:9-10

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.



# Hebrews 7:26-28

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.



# 3. The Savior's Perfection

## Application:

Learn to rest in the finished work of Jesus Christ

- The law can never make you perfect
- You are perfected through his perfection



# Hebrews 10:1, 14

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.... For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.



Hark! The voice of love and mercy  
Sounds aloud from Calvary;  
See! It rends the rocks asunder  
Shakes the earth and veils the sky!  
"It is finished!" Hear the dying Savior cry.

It is finished! O what pleasure  
Do these precious words afford!  
Heavenly pleasures, without measure  
Flow to us from Christ the Lord:  
"It is finished!" Saints, the dying words record.



Finished, all the types and shadows  
Of the ceremonial law;  
Finished, all that God has promised  
Death and hell no more shall awe:  
"It is finished!" Saints, from hence your comforts draw.

Happy souls, approach the table  
Taste the soul-reviving food?  
Nothing's half so sweet and pleasant  
As the Savior's flesh and blood  
"It is finished!" Christ has borne the heavy load.



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