HEBREWS: CHRIST IN ALL OF SCRIPTURE AMEN BIBLE STUDY 2017-2018

From Religion to Redemption Hebrews 5:1-10 November 16, 2017

:1-3 I. The true mediator must <u>identify</u> with our <u>humanity</u>.

5 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.

cf. Leviticus 16:1-34

:4-5a II. The true mediator was appointed by God.

⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him...

cf. John 7:16-18, 12:44-50

:5b-6 III. The true mediator is both king and priest.

...who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶ as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

cf. Psalm 2, 110; Genesis 14:17-24

:7-8 **IV. The true mediator is <u>perfected</u> in <u>obedience</u>.**

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

cf. Mark 14:32-42; Philippians 2:6-11; Psalm 22:24

:9-10 V. The true mediator is the source of eternal salvation.

⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

cf. Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 12:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the reasons given for the priest needing to identify with the people? Why would this have been important for this ministry?
- 2. Why would it have been so important that the priest was called and appointed by God?

- 3. What do we learn about Christ through Psalm 2?
- 4. What do we learn about Christ through Psalm 110?
- 5. How do the sufferings of Christ help us in our suffering?
- 6. What fears does an eternal salvation alleviate?

Going Deeper

- 1. Knowing that in Christ we are all priests, how has your suffering made you more compassionate and gentle with others?
- 2. Describe a time when the realization that Christ identifies with our weaknesses and sufferings brought comfort to you. How did that happen? Is there something in your life right now where you need to apply that truth?