



THE EDUCATION OF THE SON OF GOD FOR THE OFFICE OF HIGH PRIEST

HEBREWS 5:7-10

TODAY!

We will look at two very important aspects of our Lord “education” for the Office of The High Priest

1. His education by learning obedience as a man in His suffering through the offering of prayers for deliverance from death (vv. 7-8)

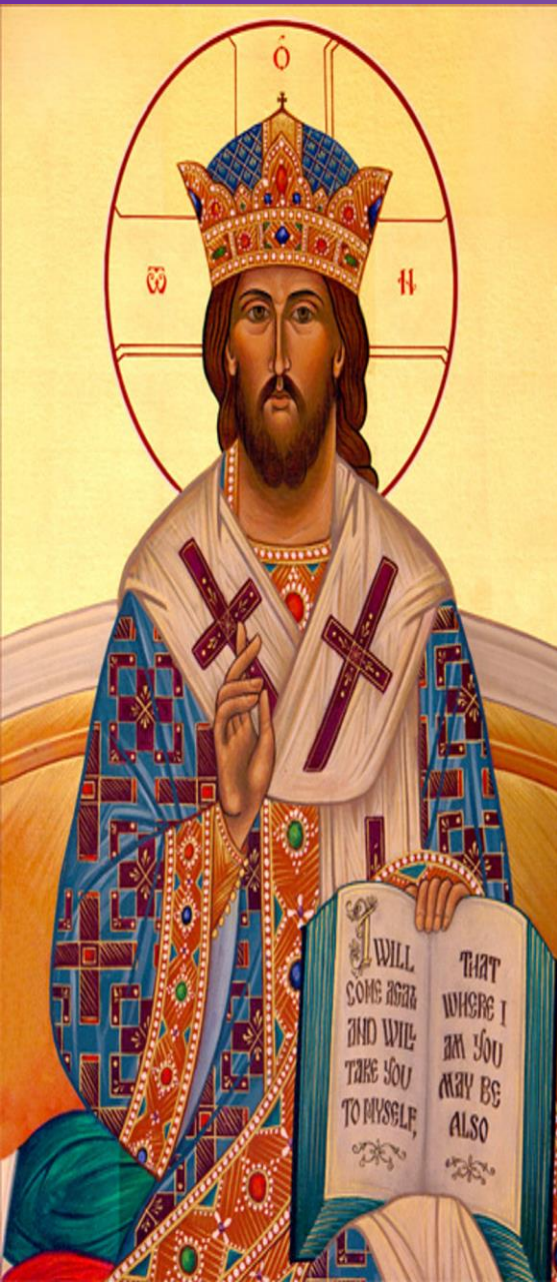


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2. His education in order to become the source of eternal salvation through God's designation of Jesus as The High Priest in the Order of Melchizedek

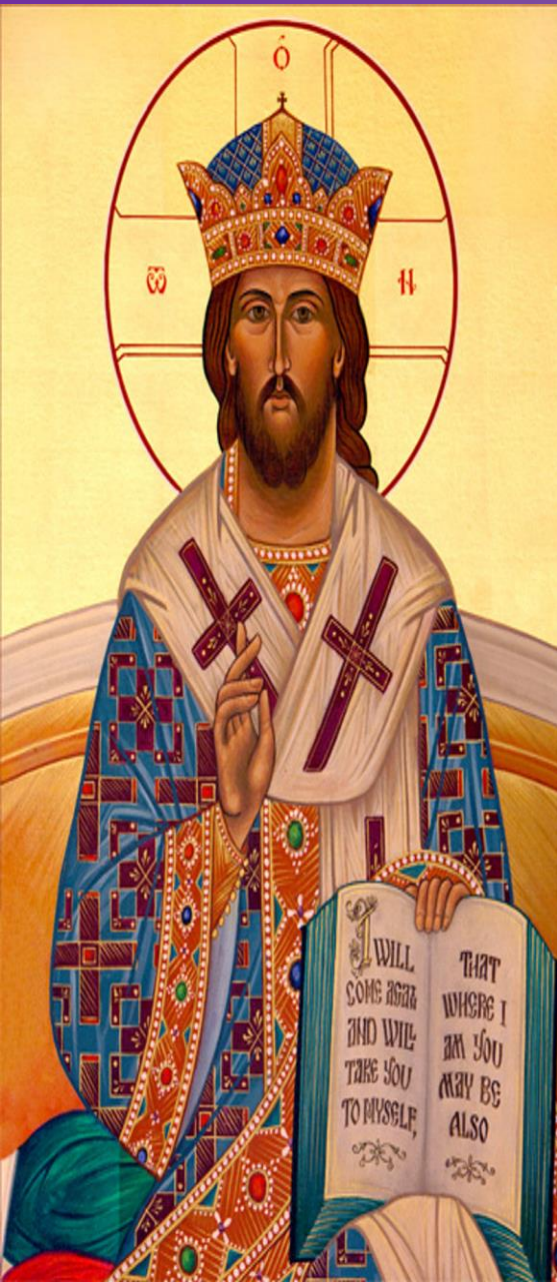


OVERVIEW



We see in verses 7-10 Jesus' humanity. He suffered. He wept. He died! He prayed for deliverance from the cross. As High Priest, He came not as a superhuman or someone other-worldly who couldn't feel pain or understand human emotions. We know, from verses 2-3, that a high priest was one of the people. Jesus could truly represent humanity before God because He is truly human and experienced the whole depth of human emotions and suffering.

OVERVIEW



Even so, Jesus did not sin; although, He is like us in every way! Yet, again, He is sinless! As we saw in chapter 4, this enabled Jesus to sympathize with us, to fully experience the human condition; to experience all that you experience in your exile on this earth!

PREPARATION

“Who,...in the days of His flesh.” This verse begins with a very important relative pronoun: “Ος (*Who*). Many translations, mistranslate, and, by doing so, miss a very important marker. It’s a transitional word that signifies a shift from God’s appointment of Jesus as The High Priest to the Son’s preparation for that Office! Therefore, verses 7 & 8 concentrate on the training or “education” of Jesus for His Priesthood.

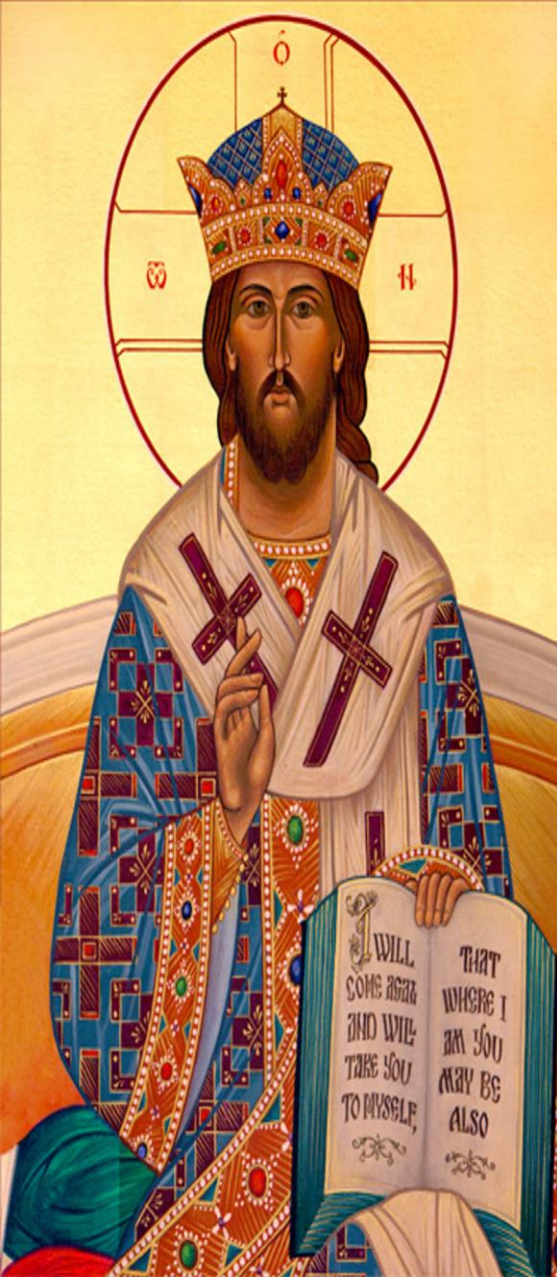


PREPARATION



Why must He be trained or educated? Though Jesus is God's Eternal Son, He still had to experience the full extent of human weakness in order to become a truly sympathetic High Priest (cf. 4:15). As with the Israelite priests, Jesus experienced weakness and suffering to prepare Him to present offerings to God on behalf of the people.

PREPARATION



So what we see is a picture of the Son of God, in His humanity, as a student, an apprentice and His Father is His teacher; His wise Mentor! What was the period of His human training for the High Priesthood? “[T]he days of His *flesh...*” or as we briefly discussed last week, His State of Humiliation.

PREPARATION

Jesus is the wise student of Proverbs, who gained wisdom by listening to His teacher and obediently following His instruction in the “school of human life.” His piety was marked by “*reverence*” for God! The use of reverence proves the great skill of the preacher in the Greek language, since the use of reverence speaks more respectfully of the Son of God; than if the word “*fear*” were used.



PREPARATION

In verse 8, we are seeing the use of His obedient piety in two different ways! There is a passive use and an active use. The passive side of our Lord's obedience was in His suffering. We know this well; from various forms of abuses and temptations, which culminated in illegal trials and then His cruel crucifixion. Jesus suffered the full penalty of sin for all sinners! Let's review Heb. 2:14-15.



PREPARATION



The “death” that He endured is not just an event, but Scripture sees it as a dark, evil power that blights the whole of humanity, a tyrant that enslaves and torments! Thus, our Lord’s training was in His suffering, which trained Him to be obedient, even to the point of death!

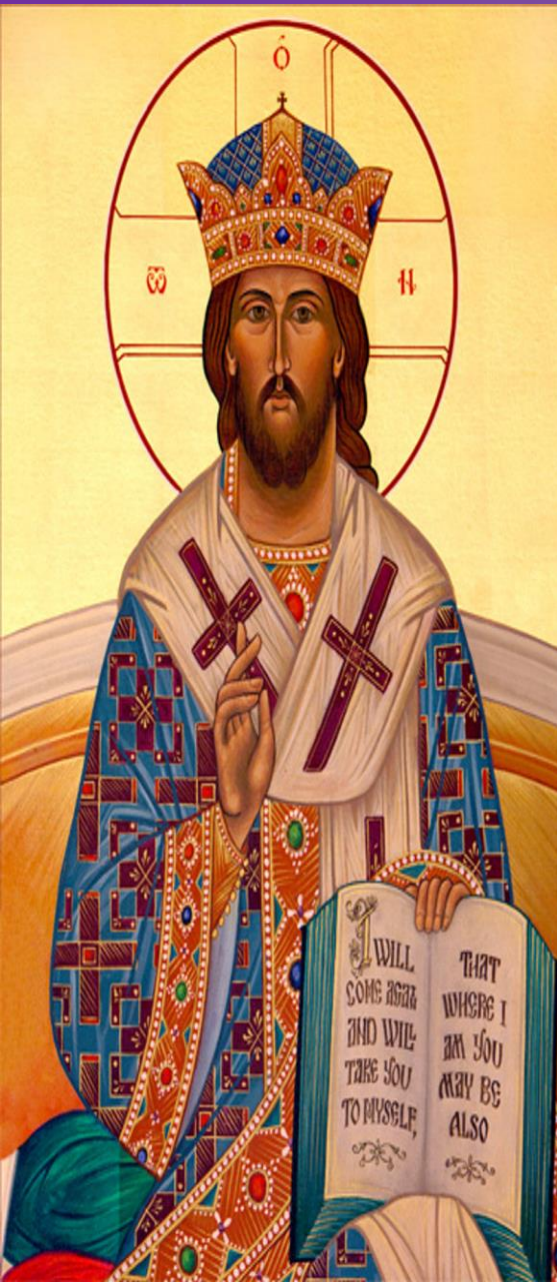
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The preacher rightly claims that Jesus was *“tempted in every way”* as we are; yet, our Lord was *“without sin.”* Therefore, Jesus experienced something that He has never experienced, death... on behalf of all humanity!

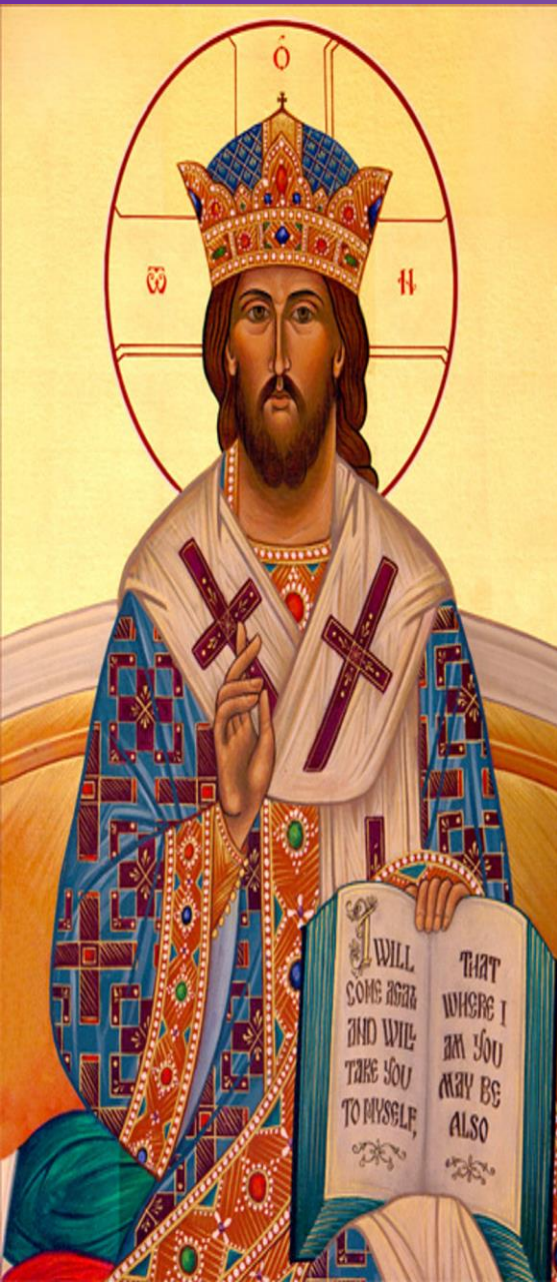
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Our Lord's passive obedience was matched by His active obedience...in prayer! Jesus learned to pray for His deliverance from death and for all those who would be delivered from it...through Him (cf. 7:25). **Our Lord's earthly life was a life of prayer!**



PREPARATION

His prayer life was mostly hidden, even from His disciples, but was openly manifested in the Garden of Gethsemane and was publicly heard as He hung from the cross (cf. Mt 27:50 and Jn 19:30)!



PREPARATION



Notice that the preachers says that Jesus “*offered*” prayers (v.7), this is deliberate, since he uses a technical term for offering, that being, the offering of sacrifices to God (cf. 5:1, 3). Thus, Jesus “*offered petitions and supplication*” to God throughout His human life on earth, the preacher is describing His praying as a **sacrificial act**...an act of sacrificing Himself to His Father.

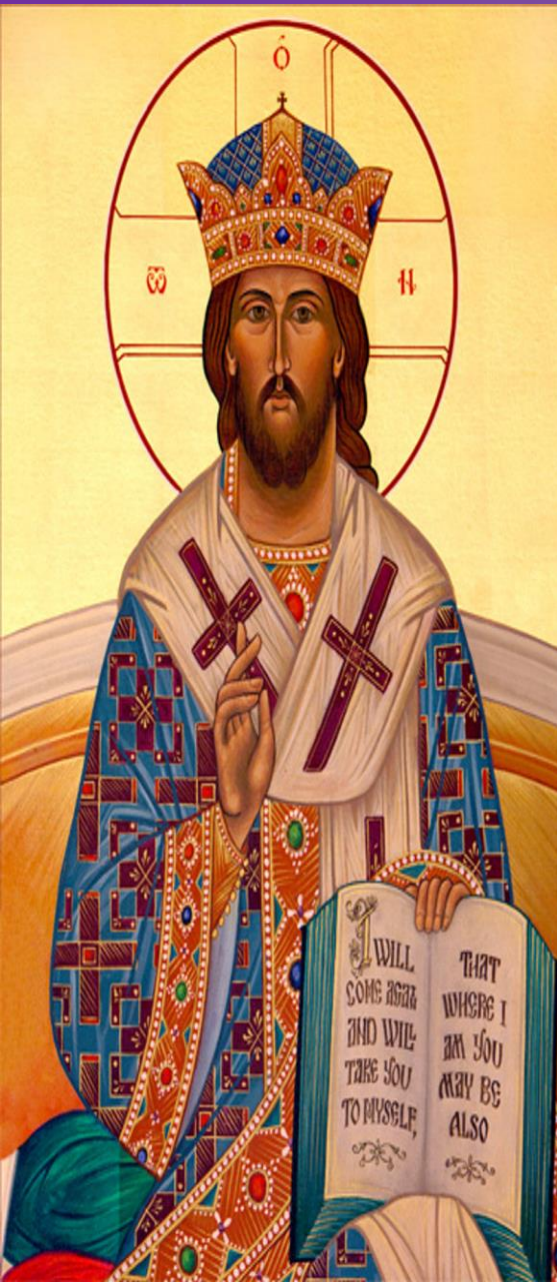
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Jesus, the Son of God, in His humiliation, was the perfect student of God's Word and the perfect man of prayer; He was exemplary in His piety, in His reverence to God! All this He learned in His "school of suffering!" Here is the comforting aspect of our Lord's piety; the Father heard His prayer and accepted it by raising Jesus from the dead (cf. 13:20)!

PURPOSE

Verses 9-10 speak of the purpose of our Lord's High Priesthood. His training, which made Him "*perfect*" for His work as The Great High Priest, was necessary for His appointment to His Priesthood.



PURPOSE

By His deliverance from the realm of death, Jesus *“became the source of eternal salvation”* for all His disciples. Notice that His salvation is *“eternal”* since He brings them (all who are obedient to Him) through death to eternal life in the age to come!

Therefore, all who obey Jesus can now approach the Throne of Grace with confidence, with freedom of speech, and with the full assurance of faith (cf. 4:16; 10:21-22).



PURPOSE

Jesus has been “*designated by God as High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.*” Again, we have a Greek word, in this case a very important verb, being mistranslated. The word that the preacher uses is a **Aorist (past tense) Perfect (that which is announced by one of authority onto one who receives what is spoken, which continues...)** participle. So a better translation would be: “*having been designated.*”



PURPOSE

This is a formal decree, a bestowal of the title of High Priest that authorizes Jesus to speak eternal salvation to those who obey Him. This is the salvation won for His obedient disciples via His passive and active obedience.



NEXT WEEK!

Hebrews 5:11 – 6:3