**SERMON SHEET 9/17/23**

**Study of Hebrews #21**

**“Our Perfect High Priest”**

**Text: Hebrews 5:1-10**

I. Introduction & review

II. The qualifications for high priest.

1. He had to be a man (v. 1).
2. He had to be appointed by God (vs. 1, 4).
3. He had to be sympathetic to those to whom he ministered (v. 2).
4. He had to offer sacrifices on behalf of the people (v. 3).

III. Jesus is the perfectly qualified High Priest.

1. He was and is a man (vs. 7-8).
2. He was appointed by God (vs. 5, 6, 10).
3. He is sympathetic to His people (Hebrews 4:15).
4. He offered the perfect sacrifice on behalf of His people (v. 9).

IV. Jesus is different from human high priests.

1. He did not have to make sacrifices for Himself.
2. His sacrifice was once and for all.

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Al Mohler:

* *When the high priest performed sacrifices, burned incense, offered gifts, and did other priestly duties, he did them on behalf of Israel. He did them in the people’s place*.
* *As Jesus experienced the trials associated with human existence, he learned how to obey his Father in them. Suffering taught Jesus how to submit his will to his Father’s will.*
* *By faithfully enduring the suffering ordained by the Father’s plan to redeem sinners through his own blood, Jesus learned obedience.*

2. Kent Hughes:

* *The solidarity factor was essential to effective priestly ministry… and the universal requirement* [was] *a real man with a real link to God and a real bond to man.*
* *This does not mean that Jesus developed from imperfection to perfection. The idea is that He became complete in His human experience*.

3. ESV Study Bible:

*Though always without sin and thus always obedient, Jesus nevertheless acquired knowledge and experience by living as a human being and he especially came to know firsthand what it cost to maintain obedience in the midst of suffering*.

4. Charles Spurgeon:

*He is the designer, creator, worker, and cause of salvation. By Him salvation has been accomplished… He is the author of salvation in this sense: that every blessing comes through Him. All the various departments of salvation, whether they be election, calling, justification, or sanctification, all bless us through Him, according as the Father has chosen us in Him from before the foundation of the world. In Him we are called, in Him preserved, in Him accepted; all grace flows from Him. Christ is all, and in all. Salvation within us is all His work.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE**

* **Num. 16; 1 Sam. 13; 2 Chron. 26**
* **Luke 2:40, 52; Phil. 2:6-8; 1 Tim. 2:5**
* **Heb. 3:1-2; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:30-31**
* **John 11:33-35; Matt. 9:36**
* **Matt. 27:45-54**
* **Heb. 7:27; Heb. 10:10-14**
* **Rom. 6:17-23**