

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. Hebrews 5:1

2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. 3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.

Then follows the statement “ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.” Hebrews 5:4

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.” Hebrews 5:5

6 As He also says in another place: “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.” Hebrews 5:5, 6

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. Hebrews 2:10

The suffering that Jesus went through equipped Him for His work as the captain of salvation. The singular in verse 9 **“the suffering of death”** obviously points to the cross and possibly the ordeal in Gethsemane. But the plural here in verse 10 **“sufferings”** would seem to point to His whole life. This would certainly include the **“hostility from sinners against Himself”** which Hebrews 12:3 says He **endured**.

And then verse 14:

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same (Hebrews 2:14)

17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. Hebrews 2:17

18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. Hebrews 2:18

7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, Hebrews 5:7

The Who in this verse refers back to verse 5 - Christ. Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew word Messiah. So Messiah, in the days of His flesh - Hebrews 2:14 says, **“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same.”** As a result, He was, in the words of Hebrews 4:15, **“in all points tempted as we are.”**

“who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications” -

These prayers were offered **“with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death.”**

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Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.” 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:36-39 -

“Jesus, for a little while was made little lower than the angels, . . . that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. Hebrews 2:14

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

“if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me”

“not as I will, but as You will.

“if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

Now back in Hebrews 5:7 it says, He “was heard because of His godly fear. (Hebrews 5:7)

Hebrews 2:14 told us that Jesus shared in flesh and blood . . . that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.

When the Son of God passed through the gates of his tomb the Devil was rendered powerless. But the passage continues in verse 15 “and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

So verse seven says, “who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.” Hebrews 5:7

Jesus offered up prayers to Him who was able to save Him from death. This corresponds with “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me” Matthew 26:39 In His humanity Jesus struggled with the immensity of the sacrifice.

But the words, “and was heard because of His godly fear.” Hebrews 5:7 Correspond with the words, “nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

Jesus prayed for escape from the second death experience but then He prayed the higher prayer that our Father’s will would be done. In answer to His prayer Jesus was strengthened to carry out that will.

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28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. Hebrews 12:28

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. Hebrews 11:7

“Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.”

whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. Acts 2:24

8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. Hebrews 5:8

Hebrews 2:18 and 4:15 set the stage for this verse.

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“Many waters cannot quench love.”
