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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

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

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.”

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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 -

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

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?”

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.

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

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.”

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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 [g]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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The Song of Solomon says, **“Many waters cannot quench love.”**

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What does this mean Jesus was perfected? (Strong's 5048)

Thayers Greek Lexicon of the New Testament defines this particular verb to mean: 1. To carry through completely, to accomplish, finish, bring to an end. And also to complete - that is to add what is wanting in order to render a thing full.

Vincent, M. R. (1887). Word studies in the New Testament (Vol. 4, p. 402). Says it means literally to carry to the goal or consummation.

We can easily see examples of these definitions in various verses in the New Testament:

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race (course NASB) — Acts 20:24

When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; Luke 2:43

34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. John 4:34

32 And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Luke 13:32

and on the third day I reach My goal.’ Luke 13:32 NASB

I will reach my goal Luke 13:32 NIV

I shall be perfected Luke 13:32 KJV

10 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 first words as recorded in verse 9 are **And having been perfected**, So this learning was a part of the process by which Jesus was perfected and by which **He became the author of eternal salvation.**

*In 2:10 it is stated He became **the captain of their salvation.***

of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. Hebrews 5:11.

Psalm 110:4 which says, **The Lord has sworn And will not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.”**

11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? Hebrews 7:11

In Luke 1:45 Elisabeth is speaking to her cousin Mary.

Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” Luke 1:45 A fulfillment or a completion.

7:19 states **the law made nothing perfect or the law did not make anything perfect.**

who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. Hebrews 7:27

For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Hebrews 7: 28

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. (Hebrews 8:1, 2)

Put another way Hebrews 7:28 says, **For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Hebrews 7:28**

The Lord has sworn And will not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek. So the word of the oath appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Hebrews 7:28

This is immediately followed by Hebrews 8:1 which says, **Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest.** So it is clear that 8:1 picks up the subject from 7:28.

Hebrews 5:9 states, And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. Then 5:10 goes on to say: **called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”** So there are two topics mentioned: 1. Jesus was perfected and became the author of eternal salvation. 2. The order of Melchizedek, is introduced. These are all in one sentence.

Then follows a long exhortation or warning section. Then at the end of chapter 6 we read: **19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.**

And then 8:1 **Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest.**

Who is seated - **who took his seat** - - It is the exact word used in Hebrews 1:3 — **sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.**

Jesus took His seat — at the same time as we read in **verse 2: He is a minister of the sanctuary** The high priest, the one that **7:26** says “**was fitting for us**” according to **7:27** “**offered up Himself.**” He offered himself, again in the words of **7:27**, **once for all**. So our High priest offered himself once for all. This was the final action on earth that resulted in His being perfected and which led to His taking His seat at the **at the right hand of the Majesty on high**.

But again, He is made a **Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle Hebrews. 8:2**. **7:27** tells us that **once for all . . . He offered up Himself**. After stating that the Son became a minister of the sanctuary He explained by saying **3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer**. This seems to relate back to **7:27 once for all . . . He offered up Himself**.

His taking His seat is a fulfillment of the promise in Psalm 110:1.

His being a minister of the sanctuary is a fulfillment of the promise of Psalm 110:4