

Help in High Places

Perfect Help

Jesus is the Perfect Help because he was a man appointed by God, who learned obedience and was made perfect, to save eternally his people.

PERFECT HELP must meet two CRITERIA

- A high priest had two qualifying criteria: 1) He must be appointed by God and 2) He must have solidarity with humanity
- **Hebrews 5:1-2 ESV**

Appointed by God

[5] So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him 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."

- Glory
- **Hebrews 1:1-3 ESV**
- Humility
- [5] So also Christ did not exalt himself

Solidarity with humanity

[7] In the days of his flesh,

- **Hebrews 5:2 ESV** [2] He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.
- Lincoln – Gettysburg Address – It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

PERFECT HELP has two characteristics

[8] Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. [9] And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Anchor = sinless

- **Hebrews 4:15 ESV**
- **Hebrews 7:26 ESV**

Learned obedience

[8] Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

- In what sense did he “learn” to obey?
 - His obedience was not automatic or easy – “Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears” – it was fought for and hard won...it took effort and struggle
 - The demands of obedience increased throughout his life to the pinnacle at Calvary

Made perfect

[9] And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

- How is a perfect person made perfect?
 - Perfect = complete or mature or arrived at an end

PERFECT HELP has one result
the source of eternal salvation

- **Hebrews 2:10 ESV**
- **Hebrews 9:26 ESV**

to all who obey him

Obedience doesn't earn salvation

- **Galatians 2:16 ESV**

Obedience signifies salvation

- **Hebrews 10:24 ESV**

Called to be obedient

- **Hebrews 6:11-12 ESV**
- No small obediences