

Hebrews 5:1–4

The Comfort of His Person

The similitude between the role of the human priest and the Divine high priest is laid out here in Hebrews 5. But the true wonder of the whole thing is that Christ not only was like them, but SURPASSED them in every way fulfilling completely the work that they had to repeat continually. Because of the manifest perfections of both His nature and His work, we find the comfort that we so desperately need. Because of the wonderful manner in which God has provided for us, we find hope, joy, life and peace... all we could ever want or imagine wanting and so much more; He has become the source of all good things for us and we are comforted by His perfections.

I. COMFORT FROM HIS HUMANITY

- a. Evidence that He will have compassion towards us

Philippians 2:5-11

- b. Evidence that He understands our plight

Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

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.

- c. Evidence that there is nothing He would not do to save His own

Romans 8:32 (NKJV)

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

- d. Evidence that God is for us

Romans 5:8–9 (NKJV)

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

e. Evidence that nothing in all of creation is out of His reach

Genesis 18.13-14

f. Evidence that God's plans never fail –

Joshua 23:14 (NKJV)

14 “Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed.

Isaiah 14:24 (NKJV)

24 The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, “Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass,
And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:

g. Evidence that God's plans are always best

- i. Never in a million years would someone make this up
- ii. Never in a trillion, trillion guesses would we have predicted that His plan to redeem us would cost Him His own Son
- iii. Nothing could ever prevent our salvation if this is the demonstration of just how far God is willing to go

II. THE COMFORT OF HIS WORK

a. The presence of sin made this all necessary

Genesis 2.16-17

Genesis 3.21-24

Romans 6.23

b. The fact of grace made this possible

Ephesians 2.1-7

c. We could not have approached Him, our own nature made Him utterly out of our reach

- d. We could not have atoned for our guilt
 - i. Our sin was too great
 - ii. Our best was polluted

Isaiah 64:6–7 (NKJV)

6 But we are all like an unclean thing,
And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;
We all fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away.

7 And there is no one who calls on Your
name,
Who stirs himself up to take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your face from us,
And have consumed us because of our
iniquities.

- iii. Our intentions were corrupt
- iv. Our need is not plain to us for we are convinced of our own "rightness"

Proverbs 16:2 (NKJV)

2 All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the spirits.

e. The priest of God is defined by His great work

- i. He is the offeror of the sacrifice
- ii. He IS the sacrifice He offers

f. Where there is no sufficient or proper offering, there is no priest.

Isaiah 1.10-20

Isaiah 56.9-12

Jeremiah 50.6-7

- i. All others who pretend are just that - pretenders
- ii. It is the fitness of the sacrifice which makes the priest all the greater
- iii. No substitute could be made for this one's work

g. Jesus alone is sufficient for these things

1 Timothy 2:5–6 (NKJV)

5 For there is one God and one Mediator
between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be
testified in due time,

h. The implicit warning in this singularity

Ezekiel 24:14 (NKJV)

14 I, the LORD, have spoken it;
It shall come to pass, and I will do it;
I will not hold back,
Nor will I spare,
Nor will I relent;
According to your ways
And according to your deeds
They will judge you,”
Says the Lord GOD.’ ”

- i. There is only One way
- ii. There will be no other
- iii. Failure to run to Him for safety leaves you unprotected
- iv. The warnings and threatenings of God WILL be fulfilled upon all who are not found in Christ.

III. THE COMFORT OF HIS RELATIONSHIP

- a. The children of Israel had a great privilege in displaying the manner and means of God's salvation
 - i. The types of Christ in the worship
 - ii. The relationship of being God's chosen
 - iii. The giving of the scriptures as the revelation of God
 - iv. The protection and grace they enjoyed as His
- b. We have a greater privilege in being His own purchased prize

Acts 20:28 (NKJV)

28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Ephesians 1.3-14

- i. It is the foundation of all our happiness
- ii. It is the root of our joy
- iii. It the price of our hope

iv. It is the reality of our life

c. We have a great responsibility to run to and cling to Christ

1Corinthians 6.18-20

1Corinthians 7.21-24

- i. Nothing is more important
- ii. We owe a debt of love and fealty
- iii. We have been made new and it is thus our great desire
- iv. Nothing we do can ever keep us from Him, and nothing will ever be able to replace Him in our affections

IV. THE COMFORT OF HIS DETERMINATION

a. It is the working of God alone that becomes our hope. –

- i. Everything has been done
- ii. Every power needed has been given
- iii. Every desire has been given

- iv. Every want of our nature has been restored and made whole in Him
 - v. Every single fallen, hurtful, selfish aspect of ours is not enough to put Him away from us.
 - vi. There is nothing that could ever prevent God from saving His own
- b. It is the love of God that is shown in this great work

Romans 5.8-11

c. It is the hope He gives that sustains us

Job 31.24-28

Psalms 33.17-22

d. He Himself IS that hope which He gives;

one of the most beautiful names of God in the OT is the "Hope of Israel"; for those who are found in Christ He has become our hope! –

Colossians 1.9 "Christ in you, the hope of Glory"

1Timothy 1.1 "God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope."

Romans 5.1-5

Hebrews 6.17-20

e. It is the promise He gives and fulfills **in Christ** that draws us close and allows us to rest in Him