

## Hebrews 5:5–6

# Glory in the Calling

According to these verses Christ is prophetically pointed out in Ps. 110 as an eternal priest, independent of fleshly descent, a king, and superior in dignity to the Levitical priests. But the part that really strikes me is the idea that Christ could actually RECEIVE glory by being our High Priest. That boggles the mind and enflames the imagination. That the wretchedness of our natural state is the PERFECT scenario for bringing maximum glory to our Christ.

### I. CHRIST GLORIFIED

Glorify - to make glorious: There are 2 ways to do this: Ascribe to the recipient that glory which is due Him; To give to the recipient that glory which He had not before...

a. This is an incredible thought - that Jesus was glorified in a new way by the role of being OUR priest.

- i. Jesus did not receive any honor by the thing itself, since He is above all of it in every possible way, but He did receive honor from the doing of it. By the condescension He showed in being willing to be the One who saves His people.
- ii. He received much honor in accomplishing the work He set out to do.
- iii. He both received honor and gave honor to God because the working out of God's eternal plan vindicated God, His righteousness and His plan itself; demonstrating that God had not failed in anything He set out to do. The whole of the earth is God's and nothing is either outside of His control, nor truly rogue; all completes its appointed purpose.

Romans 3.21-26

Ephesians 3.8-12

- b. We too are called to labor to the same end

Matthew 5.16

- i. Everything is made beautiful and glorious in how God is honored in our obedience and fulfilling of our duty before God and man
- ii. Our rewards are not comparable to the honor and glory that will follow –

1Samuel 2.30

1Corinthians 2.9

Ephesians 3.20-21

c. Jesus waited on the Father to do this, to give Him this glory

- i. 'Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest, but his Father glorified him, in ordaining him to be the high priest.'

Philippians 2.5

- ii. The verb "to be made" - shows that that God appointed Him to be our high priest. It held honor and glory to fulfill this calling.

1. Jesus honored God in His obedience
  2. God honored Him FOR His obedience
  3. God authored the plan and set all things in motion for it
- iii. We too must wait for God to vindicate and to glorify us, it is not good to seek your own honor.

**Proverbs 25.27 - 26.1**

Don't seek your own, it makes you a fool,  
honor is not fit for a fool.

**Proverbs 29.23**

Pride destroys

**Proverbs 15.31-33**

Humility first

## **II. CHRIST DECLARED TO BE SON FOREVER**

a. Quotes psalm 2.7 - a little bit confusing because we know that Jesus was always the Son of God... so why this declaration? Lets look at a sermon Paul preached in Acts to get some perspective.

## Acts 13.26-41 –

declared to be a Son forever by His resurrection not His incarnation. The real power of His priesthood is in the fact that our God has raised Jesus to never die again. He will never again see death, will never taste corruption and will live forever to be the needed priest for His people. For all who trust in Him He will eternally provide all that is needed for all who place their hope and trust in Him.

- b. Connection between sonship and priesthood - we are sons, priests as well
  - i. The blessings that are conferred upon us are all because Jesus completed His work, but there is a whole slew of benefits that are given because God chose to adopt us as sons and truly sees us as sons. No matter where we come from, if we are found in Christ, we are sons and daughters of the Most High God. And this means that we also are consider priests before Him. –

## 1Peter 2.4-10

- ii. The blessing conferred on Him is passed to us as well - Psalm 2.8. "Ask of me"

### **III. CHRIST IS PRIEST OVER THE CHURCH**

Christ appointed to be High Priest for His own church.

Psalm 2.8-12

Psalm 110

- a. The salvation that comes belongs to those who are HIS, not to all indiscriminately, but to those who belong to the Father by His eternal election, those that have faith planted in them by His sovereign favor, those that have been washed in the blood of the lamb by the mercies of God. God did not send Jesus to simply make salvation possible, an offer to be received or rejected according to the will of man. He sent Him to BE our righteousness and to actually SAVE those who He determined to save. Chosen because of HIS free will and not ours.

b. Both psalm 2 and psalm 110 offer as rewards the nations, for judgment, for conversion. God intends us to carry the gospel to the nations and to see it prosper in our hands. The work that we do IS significant, the proclamation of the gospel, the labor of our hands all advance and secure the Kingdom. The work of Christ having already paid for all, our labor is sure and its fulfillment is guaranteed.

#### **IV. NOT LIKE AARON BUT MELCHIZEDEK**

Ps 110 quoted

Eternal priesthood - Melchizedek. We will come back to him in chapter 7, for now understand this simple fact. That because Jesus was not born of the tribe of Levi, He could not be a priest like Aaron. His priesthood surpasses Aarons, is not dependent upon His lineage but instead upon His person. The precedent is in the OT personage Melchizedek.