

## THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

### CHAPTER 5

#### “Jesus learned obedience by His Suffering”

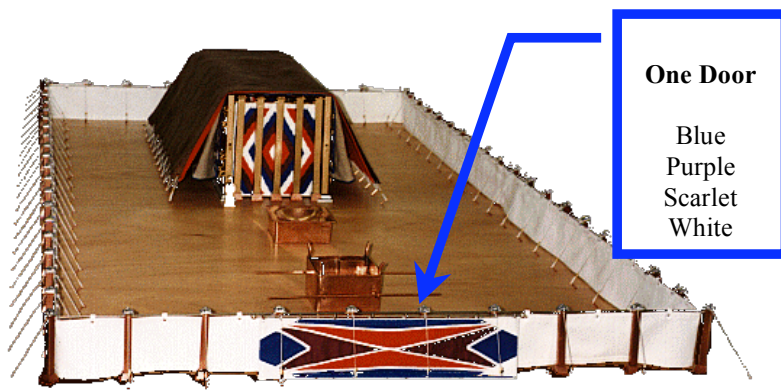
Last Sunday, we began to look at the fact that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament description of the “High Priest”.



- ☞ **The High Priest** was the One that brought the people before the Lord and interceded for them.
- ☞ **We learned** that Jesus, this morning “Ever lives to make intercession for you and I in all of our struggles and all of our daily needs, we are not alone, Jesus is interceding for us.
- ☞ **Even the colors** that the High Priest wore in his garments were a picture of what Jesus is and has done for us.
  1. **Blue:** Represented “**Righteousness**”
  2. **Purple:** Represented “**Royalty**”
  3. **Scarlet:** Represented “**Sacrifice**”
  4. **White:** Represented “**Holiness, Purity**”

The colors that the High Priest wore, matched the colors that were in the entrance to the Tabernacle.

☞ **When Israel lived in the desert** for 40 years, they brought their sacrifice to the Tabernacle to have their sins “**Covered**”, they had to come into the Tabernacle by ONE GATE, or ONE DOOR.



### John 10:9

**I am the door.** If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved...

We discovered that this One Door to the Tabernacle was Jesus, as He is the One Single Door that we must enter through if we want to be acceptable to God.

As we pass through this One Door to the Tabernacle, we must go through the 4 colors that are in the Door, the Blue, Purple, Scarlet, and White.

- ☞ **Blue:** “**The righteousness of God.**” you must pass through Jesus Righteousness To get your sin forgiven, Your righteousness is not acceptable. All our righteousness Isaiah says is like “**Filthy Rags**”. We must be saved according to the “Righteousness of Jesus”.
- ☞ **Purple:** **The Royalty of Jesus** as He is King of Kings and Lord of all Lords. In order to have your sin removed, you must pass through Jesus.
- ☞ **Scarlet:** “**The Sacrifice of Jesus**” and He had His Blood poured out of His body for you.
- ☞ **White:** **The Holiness of Jesus**”, By passing through Jesus Holiness, the Result is that you become Holy, Spotless.



**The High Priest of the Old Testament, wore on his chest, a Breastplate of 12 Stones, each precious and costly, with the name of the tribe engraved on each stone.**

**1 Peter 2: 5**

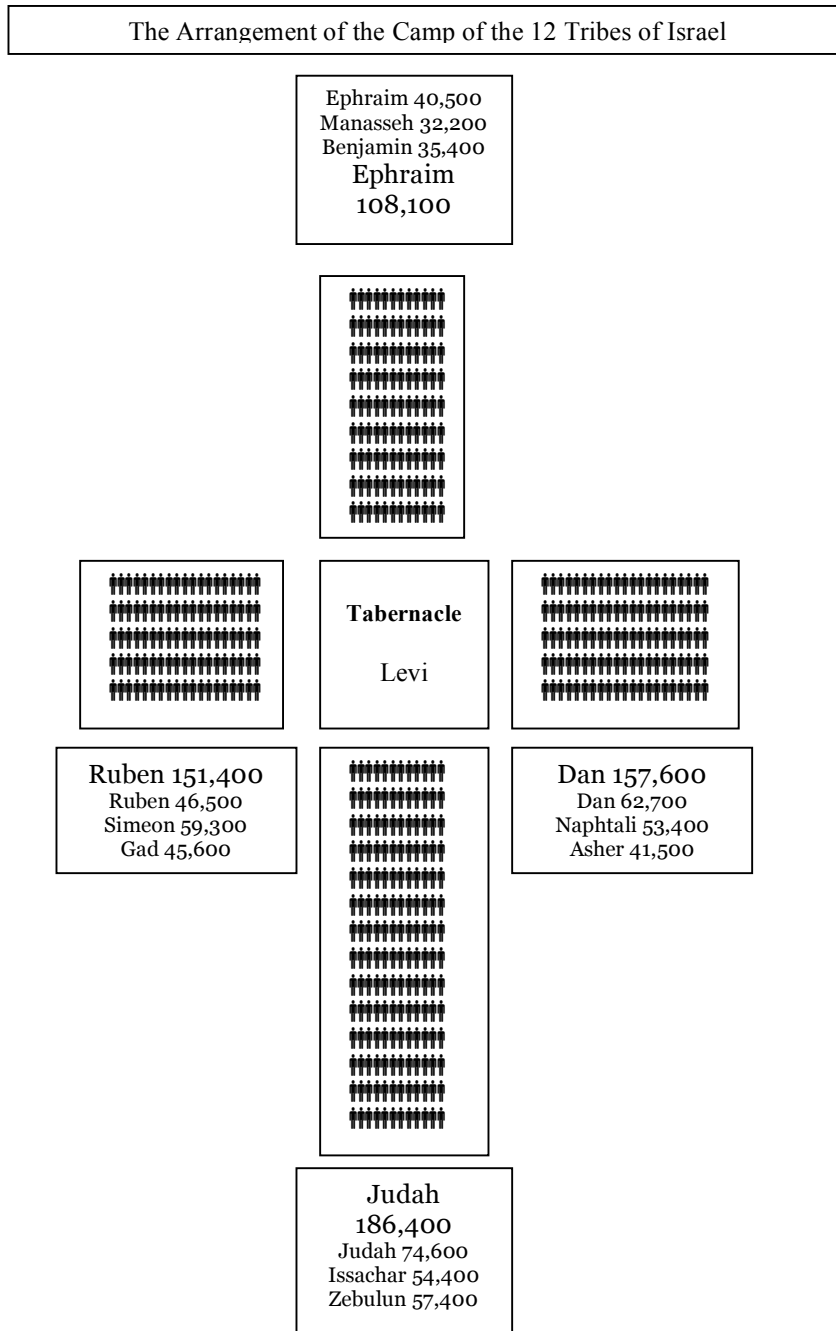
**5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house...**

**We are these Precious Costly stones that Jesus as our High Priest wears on his Chest, Close to His Heart.**

- ☞ **The placement of the stones** upon the breastplate there in full view means that we are completely acceptable to God when we are attached to Jesus.
- ☞ **When the father looks at the Son,** our High Priest, He also sees us near Jesus heart, attached to him, supported by the strength of his shoulders, beautiful because of what Jesus has done for us.
- ☞ **It also means** that Jesus is presenting us to God perfect without flaw and beautiful.

**We saw that in the Old Testament, even the placement of the 12 tribes around the Tabernacle out there in the desert has meaning for us today.**

- ☞ **In the Book of Numbers,** it lists the order and number of each Tribe of Israel as they were to be camped around the Tabernacle.
- ☞ **We saw** that the way that the Holy Spirit place the Tribes around the Tabernacle, according to their number, that if we were to view the camp from overhead, we would see “**A Cross**”



So, there is no question that all of the Colors of the Tabernacle, the furniture inside the Tabernacle, even the High Priest Himself, in the Old Testament. These all were speaking of what Jesus has done for us today as “Our Great High Priest”.

**Hebrews 5**

1 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.

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.

**Are you a person who is subject to moments of weakness in your life?**

- ☞ **Do you struggle** to do the right things in your life?
- ☞ **Do you have a hard time** making the right decisions in your life.
- ☞ **Does it seem like** sometimes that you always seem to make the wrong choices?

**Jesus is able to understand how much you struggle to do the right things in your life because The Book of Hebrews says:**

### **Hebrews 4:15**

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but (Jesus) was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**It is important for us to understand** that THIS INABILITY THAT EACH ONE OF US HAS TO NOT DO THE WRONG THINGS, is one of the results of us living in a fallen world, with a fallen nature.

- ☞ **When we were first created**, we did not have any problem making righteous choices, it was very natural for us.
- ☞ **The Bible says** that there came a time when our original parents chose for themselves to rebel against God.
- ☞ **The results were** that we inherited this “Fallen Nature” that each one of us has this morning.

**It doesn't matter who you are, how hard you try, or what steps you take to become a better person, you are always going to struggle with doing the wrong.**

- ☞ **Verses 1 and 2 of Hebrews 5** says that this is not the end of the story for us though.

**Jesus came to be a Great High Priest for us, so that when we make foolish choices, He can Intercede for us, bring us to the Father and be our “Defense Attorney”.**

*“Father, yes I know that Rob is an Idiot, I know he makes the same stupid mistakes all of the time, but Father, I Died to pay the price Rob owes to you for His Sins, so there no longer remains any charge against him, he belongs to me now, and he is Spotless and without any Sin.”*

### **Hebrews 5**

2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray...

I can't speak for you today, but I know that I really need Jesus interceding for me, pleading my case before the Father when I fail and struggle with my life.

**To make matters worse, we also have “An Accuser”.**

## **Revelation 12:10**

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, **for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.**

- ☞ **Everyday**, as Jesus is there interceding for us before the Father, satan in there Accusing us before the Father.

## **Job 1:6-11**

6 Now there was a day when **the sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, **and Satan also came among them.**

7 And the LORD said to Satan, “From where do you come?” So Satan answered the LORD and said, **“From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it.”**

8 Then the LORD said to Satan, **“Have you considered My servant Job,** that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?”

9 So Satan answered the LORD and said, **“Does Job fear God for nothing?”**

10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and **he will surely curse You to Your face!**

This is truly an amazing few scriptures here in the Old Testament. In these few verses, we see many insights into **how things work in the Spiritual Realm** that is going on all around us all of the time, that we have no knowledge of.

1. **satan has access to the Father right now.** In the book of Revelation, we will see that there is coming very soon, during the 7 year Great Tribulation period, that satan will be **“Cast out of Heaven”** and no longer have any access to heaven.
2. **We see that satan has full access** to everyone on the face of the earth, that he **“Walks back and forth all over the earth”**.
3. **Verse 8** is a very interesting verse because in the Literal Hebrew language, where the Father asks satan if he has **“Considered”** His servant Job, the Hebrew word that is used here for **“Considered”** is: **“Suwm”** (soom).

- ☞ **Literally:** “Have you studied my servant Job?”

- ☞ **This is the same term** that a **Military General** would use if he were **“Studying”** his enemy for an area of weakness in which he could attack.

- ☞ The Lord is clearly asking satan if he had **“Carefully Studied Job”**.

4. **Finally, in verse 11,** satan makes it clear that he also has no confidence in human nature in regards to his ability to do the wrong: *“...stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!”*

**Make no mistake:**

- ⊕ **Satan has studied you**, like a military general would, he knows your areas of weakness.
- ⊕ **He will seek to get you** into a place where your weaknesses are exposed, then move against you in those areas.
- ⊕ **If you have a problem with your temper**, he will try to get you to a place where your temper will flare.
- ⊕ **He will wait till you are tired, hungry**, worn out, then he will bring a disruption in your life, **in an effort to get your temper flared** and draw you into sin.

**Satan knows better than you do, that as a human being, you are the weakest when he can get you to rely or respond in your flesh.**

- ⊕ **We are no match for satan** when we respond in our flesh, because this is the area that satan is a master over.
- ⊕ **This is why** most of the New Testament is constantly trying to encourage us to “*Walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh*”.

### **Galatians 5:16**

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

**And when satan has drawn you into your flesh and you respond in the flesh and sin, he runs into the presence of the Father and does what Revelation 12:10 says that he does:**

*“...the accuser of our brethren, who **accused them before our God day and night...**”*

**The Book of Hebrews teaches us that this is one of Jesus primary roles as our “Great High Priest”, the place of interceding before the Father on our behalf, every time satan goes to accuse you of your sins.**

### **Hebrews 7:25**

Therefore Jesus is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, **since He always lives to make intercession for them.**

**We need to wake up to the fact that there is a whole lot more going on all around us all of the time, than we are aware of.**

- ⊕ **One of the benefits of studying the Whole Bible**, is that we come to this distinct awareness that **there is an invisible Spiritual Real where battles are raging for and against us, every second of every day.**

### **Zechariah 3:1-2**

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and **Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.**

2 And the LORD said to Satan, “The LORD rebuke you, Satan!”

As Daniel was praying and interceding for his people while they were being held captive in Babylon, he became aware of this Spiritual Battle raging in the background...

### **Daniel 10:2-13**

2 In those days **I, Daniel, was mourning three full weeks.**

5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen

12 Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for **from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard;** and I have come because of your words.

13 But **the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days;** and behold, **Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me,** for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

As Daniel began to pray, he was asking the Lord to come and help his people.

- ⊕ **At that exact moment** that Daniel began to pray, that prayer went up to heaven and was heard.
- ⊕ **The answer to that prayer** was dispatched from heaven back to Daniel, by an Angel, a Messenger.
- ⊕ **Apparently,** on the way back to deliver the answer to Daniels prayer, the Angel runs into one that is described in verse 13 as “**The Prince of the kingdom of Persia**”.
- ⊕ **This is one of those “Principalities and Powers”** that Paul describes in the New Testament.

### **Ephesians 6:12**

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against powers,** against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- ⊕ **This Demonic power** stood in opposition to the Angel that was bringing Daniels answer to his prayer.
- ⊕ **Then Michael,** one of the Arch Angels of God, came and helped this Angel fight the demonic rulers, so the Messenger could be free to come to Daniel with the answer to his prayer.

So, as you can see, the Bible reveals to us this amazing information that there is a Spiritual battle raging all around us all of the time.

- ⊕ **You are trying** to live for Jesus, praying for strength.
- ⊕ **Trying this morning** to build up your Spiritual side by studying Gods Word.
- ⊕ **Trying everyday** to “**Put down**” and subdue your flesh side.
- ⊕ **There are those in the spirit realm** also trying to either get you to respond and live in your flesh, or there are those Angels of God trying to deliver to you **STRENGTH, POWER AND ENDURANCE** while you resist the flesh and seek to walk after the Spirit.

Jesus is there all of the time, the Book of Hebrews Says, “**Interceding for you also**”...what an awesome comfort this is to know that Jesus is here with us, making sure we make it into His presence.

**Now, if this discussion of the battle for you in the spirit real has scared you, I supposes that becoming aware of this truth is Very Good.**

- ☞ **Do you realize** that if you are not covered by Jesus that you are totally helpless and defenseless against the demonic hosts of this universe.
- ☞ **You have no protection whatsoever**, they can do with and through you, whatever they please.

### **Mark 9:17, Matthew 17:18**

17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

18 And **wherever it seizes him, it throws him down**; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid

Matthew 17:18 And **Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him**; and the child was cured from that very hour.

**If you have given your life to Jesus already, then you really have nothing to fear at all.**

- ☞ **Jesus came to live inside of you**, the first moment that you asked Him to forgive your sins and come and live in your heart.

### **1 John 4:4**

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**.

What makes your new relationship with Jesus different from all of the so called “Religions” of the world is that only Jesus promised to **COME AND LIVE INSIDE OF YOU!**

- ☞ **When Jesus was praying** to the Father in John chapter 17, one of the things that Jesus asked the Father was that “*He would live inside of you*”.

### **John 17:21,23**

21...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

23 **I in them**, and You in Me; **that they may be made perfect in one**, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me

The only proof that we can point to that we really have been “**Born Again**” and have been forgiven and redeemed by Jesus, is the fact that **HE LIVES IN US**”

### **Romans 8:9**

9 But **you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.** Now **if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.**

When I went to high school at Holbrook, there used to be a Circle K store down town.

One afternoon on my school lunch break, I drove into the parking lot of that Circle K.

There parked in front of the Store, was a brand New White Cadillac Eldorado Convertible with Red leather interior.

It still had the paper license plate on the back.

**Do you know that in the back seat of that beautiful car was strapped down a Bale of Hay and a sheep!**

Was that the purpose for which that beautiful car was created?

No way!

A Beautiful convertible like that was made for cruising along a beach highway on a sunny day, or a cruise into the mountains to enjoy the fresh air and scenery.

**But it was being used as a Cattle Car to haul livestock!**

Should then, you who the very Holy Spirit Himself has come to live inside of you, since you asked Jesus to come into your heart, SHOULD YOU THEN WHO HAS THE SPIRIT OF GOD LIVING IN YOU, TAKE THIS SAME BODY AND GIVE IT TO ALL OF THE FILTHY AND VILE THINGS OF THIS WORLD?

- ☞ **Or should we treat our life, our body** for what it really is, THE RESIDENCE OF THE MOST HIGH GOD.
- ☞ **A precious and treasured vessel for honor,** to be used for Righteousness and Goodness.

### **1 Corinthians 3:16**

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**So, this is our Jesus, Our Great High Priest who has taken up a home inside of us, and wants us to live now for Righteousness...**

Now speaking of this fact that Jesus has become our High Priest, Hebrews 5 says:

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4 And **no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God,** just as Aaron was.

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.”

6 As He also says in another place:

“You are a priest forever  
According to the order of Melchizedek”;

**The position of becoming our High Priest was not something that Jesus took upon Himself, he was “Appointed to this position” by the Father.**

- ☞ **The term in verse 6** “*You are a Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek*” is a very strange term.
- ☞ **The priesthood in the Old Testament** came from the Tribe of Levi, but Jesus came from the **Tribe of Judah**.
- ☞ **Here in Hebrews 5**, we see that Jesus is not from the same kind of priesthood that those from the tribe of Levi were, Jesus is the kind of High Priest that Melchizedek was.

**In the 14th chapter of Genesis, a king by the name of Chedorlaomer came and took captive all of the city of Sodom.**

- ☞ **He carried away** all of the treasures of Sodom, and took as captives the people of Sodom.
- ☞ **Now it just so happens** that Lot, Abrahams nephew also lived in Sodom at this time.
- ☞ **So Abraham raised an army of 318 Trained men** from his own household and went and defeated Chedorlaomer and took back Lot and all of his property, and restored the city of Lot and her King.

### **Genesis 14**

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King’s Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

18 Then **Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine**; he was the priest of God Most High.

19 And **he blessed (Abraham)** and said:

“Blessed be Abram of God Most High,  
Possessor of heaven and earth;

20 And blessed be God Most High,

Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

**That is about all that we know of this Melchizedek, until Paul wrote in the New Testament here in the book of Hebrews...**

- ☞ **When we get to chapter 7** of Hebrews, we will cover Melchizedek in detail.
- ☞ **For now**, lets just say that **Jesus is not a High Priest like Aaron was in the Old Testament**.

Now, you are probably saying to yourself, “**Hey wait a minute, I thought you just said that Jesus is Our Great High Priest**”.

- ☞ **Jesus fulfilled** the type of the High Priest in the Old Testament.

- ☞ **This is true**, but we are now getting some information that no one in all of the Old Testament knew, **Jesus is A Priest after the order of Melchizedek**.
- ☞ **The priests of the Old Testament** came from the Tribe of Levi, they were men appointed to minister before the people.
- ☞ **Melchizedek**, we are told here in Hebrews, is very different:

### **Hebrews 7**

1 For this Melchizedek, **king of Salem**, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,  
2 to whom also **Abraham gave a tenth part** of all, first being translated “**king of righteousness**,” and then also king of Salem, meaning “**king of peace**,”  
3 **without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life**, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

**Melchizedek, had some very different qualifications from Aaron.**

1. **Melchizedek** is the “**King of Salem**”, which means He is “**The King of Peace**”.
2. **Melchizedek is** “**The King of Righteousness**”.
3. **Abraham** “**Tithed**” to Melchizedek.
4. **Melchizedek did not have** “**A father or Mother**”, “**He had no beginning and no end.**”
5. **He was made like** who? “**The Son of God**”.

**Does this give you a clue who Melchizedek really is?**

- ☞ **Who do you know** that can be called “King of Peace, King of righteousness, With No beginning and no end?”
- ☞ **Only Jesus** could meet these qualifications.
- ☞ **Does this mean** that Melchizedek in the Old Testament was Jesus, yes this is exactly what Paul is saying here in Hebrews.

**It is apparent from what Paul wrote that Jesus and Melchizedek were one and the same person.**

- ☞ **We will cover this in more detail** when we get to chapter 7 in 2 weeks.

### **Hebrews 5**

7 (Jesus),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,

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

Notice that Jesus is referred to here in verse 7 as “**In the days of His Flesh**”.

- ☞ **Although Jesus** is the Eternal God, with no beginning and no end, He did something truly amazing.

- ☞ **Jesus, the Creator**, took the Body of a human being, so that He could become like one of us and be qualified to save us.
- ☞ **Think of this one for a minute: “The King of the Universe became a human baby, who had to learn everything, just like any other human baby.**

**Jesus walked the counsels of Heaven as Creator of all, but now He has to learn to Crawl, Sit up, Stand up, and eventually Walk, just like any other human baby.**

- ☞ **Jesus is called** “*The Word of God*”, He spoke and created out of nothing, everything in the Universe.
- ☞ **Yet, when He was Born**, Jesus could talk, just like any other human baby.
- ☞ **The King of the Universe** who spoke the worlds into existence, had to Himself learn how to talk!
- ☞ **Verse 7 also says that Jesus** “*Learned to submit Himself to the Authority of the Father and become our Sacrifice*”, **BY THE THINGS HE SUFFERED**”.

Verse 7 says that in the Garden of Gethsemane, when Jesus knew that night that He was about to have all of the sins of every person every born, laid on Himself, it says Jesus cried out to the Father in prayer.

**What did Jesus ask the Father?**

### **Matthew 26:36-39**

36 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.**”

**I think we really do not understand that it was here in the Garden of Gethsemane, that Jesus suffered some of the worst torment.**

- ☞ **The cup that Jesus is about to Drink from** is the cup of Sin that has been filled up with every filthy and vile thing that every person that has ever lived on the earth has done.
- ☞ **Jesus knows** that He is about to drink from that cup.
- ☞ “*Father, if there is any other way to save the human race, tell me, for I really don’t want to drink of all of this sin and become sin, never the less, not what I want, but what you want...*”

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

9 And **having been perfected**, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10 called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”

Even though Jesus is God, Jesus is the Creator of all things, He had to learn how to overcome sin the same way you and I have to learn to overcome sin, **“By the things that He suffered”**.

- ☞ **What is the purpose** of DIFFICULTY, TRAGEDY, HURT, PAIN, DISAPPOINTMENT AND FAILURE in human existence?
- ☞ **To teach us, instruct us, draw us to Jesus,** so that we will call upon His name, be forgiven, be Saved, and have eternal life.

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11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since **you have become dull of hearing.**  
12 For **though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God;** and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**In other words, these things that we are going to be learning here in Hebrews are the Deepest most intense spiritual things we could ever learn, but many of us are not ready to hear them.**

- ☞ **Some are so bored right now,** they can't wait to get out of this place.
- ☞ **Others perhaps** are not even here, oh the body is sitting in a chair in the sanctuary, but your mind left here 1/2 hour ago and is at the mall or in the movie theatre or at the restaurant or already asleep on the couch at home.

**That is exactly what Paul was saying,** “You don't really understand how important these things are...”

Still on the Baby Bottle, still on the Milk, not yet ready to sit down to 2 inch Filet Mignon Steak and eat it.

In 1986 there were 2 electrical engineers in the control room at the Chernobyl Nuclear Reactor in Southern Russia.

They were performing what was later termed **“An Unauthorized Experiment”**.

They were trying to see how long one of the huge turbines would **“Free Wheel”**, that is, continue to spin after they took power off of it.

Taking the power off of a nuclear reactor is not like turning off a switch, it is a difficult and very dangerous thing to do.

A Nuclear reactor is most unstable at lower ranges of power, so in order to get the nuclear reactor down to the lower ranges they had to manually override 6 separate computer driven alarm warning systems.

**One by one the computer would come up and say “Stop! Dangerous! Go no further!, and one by one, rather than giving heed to the warnings, they just kept on going with their experiment.**

The results were that the entire Nuclear Reactor blew up and released a cloud of Radiation into the atmosphere that killed several hundred people initially and potentially thousands in the years to come.

Today the decaying nuclear Rods buried in Massive piles of concrete have been sealed in an encasement of concrete around the entire Nuclear plant.

**It will only be 100,000 more years** before the towns and land around Chernobyl will be able to have human being live there again.

**That is exactly what Paul was saying,** “You don’t really understand how important these things are...”

It is time for us, the final generation of people on the earth before Jesus returns, to wake up out of our sleep and realize just how important who Jesus is and why He came is...to learn it so that we can communicate who Jesus is to those who do not have much time left.