<u>Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews</u> Help Just When I Need Him Most, Lesson 12

Jesus as high priest

- O Hebrews 1:2-3: "in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world. And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."
- O Hebrews 2:1-4: "For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will."
- To bring Sons to Glory:
 - 1) Jesus became man
 - a. Hebrews 2:9-16: "But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone..."
 - 2) Jesus became High Priest, Consider Jesus
 - a. Hebrews 2:17-19: "Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted."
 - b. Hebrews 3:1: "Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession."
 - c. Hebrews 3:12: "Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God."
 - d. Hebrews 3:14: "For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end."
 - e. Hebrews 4:12-13: "For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."

Jesus is:

- 1) Apostle
 - a. Hebrews 1-2
- 2) High Priest

- a. Faithful (2:17-4:13)
- b. Merciful (4:14-5:10)
 - i. Hebrews 4:14-16: "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."
- c. High priests had to be divinely appointed
 - i. Hebrews 5:3-4: "and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was."
 - ii. Hebrews 5:5-6: "So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You"; just as He says also in another passage, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek.""
 - iii. Psalm 2:1-2: "Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and against His Anointed."
 - iv. Psalm 2:8-12, Worship the Lord with reverence
 - v. Psalm 110:4: "The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."
 - vi. Hebrews 7:1-3: "For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God... without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually."
- d. High priests had to sympathize with the people
 - i. Hebrews 5:7-8: "In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered."
 - ii. He is a high priest who would bear us on his heart
 - iii. Matthew 26:38: "Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.""
 - iv. Matthew 26:40: "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
 - v. Matthew 26:42-44, Three times he asks for the cup to be taken away
 - vi. John 19:34: "But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out."