

Psalm 110 is quoted in this chapter; also in 1:5 and 1:13. Read that brief Psalm which so clearly looks forward to the coming Messiah. How has the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the prophecies of Psalm 110?

Questions:

1. How does Jesus meet each of these requirements described in verse 1 for the High Priest?

Chosen from among men

Appointed

Acts on behalf of men in relation to God

Offers gifts and sacrifices for sins

2. Verse 2 says that the human high priest can deal sympathetically with men because of his own weakness. Heb. 4:15 says that Jesus also can sympathize with us. Does Jesus have sympathy for sin?

3. Explain verse 5. Why is it important that God says, “Today I have begotten you”?

4. See verse 7. What are some examples of Jesus’s prayers and supplications? In the three times it is recorded that He wept, what did He weep for? What can learn of His character from these examples?

5. Verse 9 says that those who obey Christ will receive eternal salvation. Does this imply salvation by obeying a set of commands?

6. Verse 11 interrupts the flow of the writer's argument and enters upon a plea for Christians to advance to maturity in genuine faith. The tone reminds one of an exasperated father telling a dawdling child to catch up. Looking forward, where does the digression end and the main narrative resume?
7. Verse 12 complains of having to repeat basic principles, as does 6:1. What might these refer to?
8. Here and in 1 Cor. 3:2, dependence on "milk" is discouraged. But in 1 Peter 2:2 milk is prescribed for spiritual growth. What is the difference?
9. How do we sharpen our powers of discernment to tell good from bad?