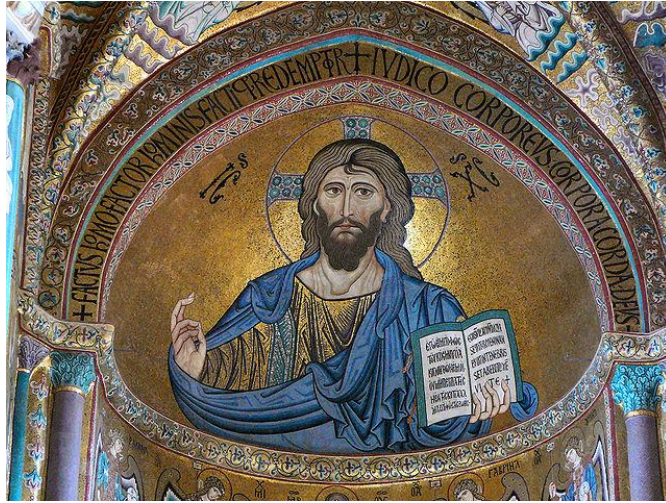


He Was Heard

Heb 5:1-10

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Background

The psalmist cried to the Lord in his distress, and he was heard. Jonah cried to the Lord from the belly of the fish, and he was heard. Jesus cried to the Lord, and he died. But his reverent submission spoke from the grave, and was heard. Now we hear his voice and submit in obedience, finding thereby eternal salvation.

Sermon Text: Heb 5:1-10 (NIV)

⁵Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

“You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.”

⁶And he says in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- a. What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- b. What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?

2. Sunday questions

- a. What was the best thing you heard during the service this week?
- b. Jesus is a superior high priest to the Levitical priesthood. Can you explain how he is superior and why this is such good news?
- c. The Psalmist was heard. Jonah was heard. Hagar was heard. Abel was heard. Jesus was heard. Are you confident that your prayers are being heard by God? Why or why not?
- d. Even though you may feel like there is silence after your prayers, what would it look like for you to “faithfully persevere and obediently submit” (as Jesus did)?
- e. Practically speaking, what does it look like for you to “follow Him” today?