

Hebrews 7.26

Fitting...

Many people overlook the basic reality of man's relationship with God and think that somehow there is a way to find our peace with God through our own doing... But the scripture is clear, there is no possible peace with God by our working or our works. We MUST have someone to stand between us and God and we MUST have one who Himself is able to stand... in other words someone who does not have anything that hinders them from doing what is needed to forge our path to God. There is no man on the earth who can do this for us, no person of any religious organization can solve this great dilemma. We need a mediator, an intercessor a true and holy High priest. And the writer of Hebrews points out here that it was FITTING that Jesus become our High Priest... fitting for our need and fitting to the display of His awesome glory and spectacular beauty.

I. WE NEED A HIGH PRIEST

Isaiah 64.4-7

A. We are sinful

- B. We cannot come to God on our own
- C. We will not come to God on our own
- D. All our paths lead to the destruction of our souls...

Isaiah 59.1-8

- E. We seek always to make our own way and honor our own ideas, but they will never set us in good standing with God. For we are defiled in every sense of the word and all our righteousness is filthy rags before God.

II. GOD ESTABLISHED HIM

- A. God purposed to save a people

Ephesians 3.8-12

2Timothy 1.8-10

- B. God determined to bring many sons to glory

“For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” (Hebrews 2:10, NKJV)

- C. He did this through the intercession and intervention of our High Priest Jesus, and by

His suffering He became perfectly fit for our salvation.

- D. Christ was perfectly fitted not only as the sacrificer but also as the sacrifice itself.

1Peter 1.17-21

- E. This all brings honor and glory to the Father...

III. GOD IS HONORED IN THE GIVING

- A. His wisdom, grace and goodness are magnified in the condescension He shows in saving a people.
- B. He provided all that was needed by us for salvation

“giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:12–14, NKJV)

- C. He designed the way, and then fulfilled the design by providing the Savior

IV. THE FITTING WORK OF THE PRIEST

- A. He alone made atonement for our sins, fully and completely expiating them
 - 1. Expiation is the removal of the guilt and consequent liability because of sin.
 - 2. It is a substantive transformation which transfers our guilt to another in our place.
 - a. This is the dual imputation which removes our guilt and stain
 - i. The act of the scapegoat's transference in the OT

“Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man.” (Leviticus 16:21, NKJV)

- ii. The transfer of the blood's payment from the sacrifice unto the worshipper

“Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.” (Leviticus 1:4, NKJV)

B. He purged our consciences from dead works

“For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:13–14, NKJV)

1. So that we might serve the God who IS
2. So that we are fully sanctified by His blood

“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.” (Hebrews 10:14, NKJV)

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”

(1Corinthians 6:11, NKJV)

3. So that we might receive the promised inheritance.

“And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who

are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.” (Hebrews 9:15, NKJV)

- C. He made us accepted by God,
purchasing our eternal redemption

Ephesians 1.3-6

- D. He pours out the fullness of the Spirit
over us

1. We are permitted the privilege of
KNOWING God...

*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”
(John 17:3, NKJV)*

2. This enables us to know God's will

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” (John 14:26, NKJV)

John 16:13–15

3. To cause us to have faith

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8–9)

4. To live out the fullness of our duties
unto Him

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10, NKJV)

5. To enable us to worship

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”” (John 4:23–24, NKJV)

6. To strengthen us for obedience to His will.

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.” (1Peter 1:1–2, NKJV)

E. He gives us consolation in all our trials and temptations

Titus 3:4–7

- a. He is merciful
- b. He has pity upon us
- c. He pours out His heart of compassion on us

F. He preserves us from all that will destroy us

“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

(1Thessalonians 5:23–24, NKJV)

“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:” (Jude 1, NKJV)

G. He grants to us the promised eternal life.

John 10:27–30

“keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” (Jude 21, NKJV)

H. Knowing Him is eternal life

“as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:2–3, NKJV)

I. He IS our eternal life...

“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” (Colossians 3:3–4, NKJV)