

Hebrews 5:7-9 “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. [9] And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,”

4/8/17 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente

Just As I Am – Charlott Elliot/William Bradbury – Billy Graham Choir

1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2 Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Mat 26:36-46 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."** [40] Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." [42] Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." (Luke 22:43-44 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.[44] And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.) [43] And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. [44] So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. [45] Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. [46] Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

Heb 5:7 who, in the days of His flesh,

- He took to Him flesh, and for some days tabernacled (dwelled) therein; He became a mortal man, and reckoned His life by days, herein setting us an example how we should reckon ours. - **to prompt us to do the work of every day in its day.**
- Christ, in the days of his flesh, subjected Himself to death; He hungered, he was a tempted, bleeding, dying Jesus! He body is now in heaven, but it is a spiritual glorious body.
- God the Father was able to save Him from death. **He could have prevented His dying, but He would not; for then the great design of His wisdom and grace must have been defeated.** What would have become of us if God had saved Christ from dying? The Jews reproachfully said, **Mat 27:42-43** "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. [43] He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"
- **But it was in kindness to us that the Father would not suffer that bitter cup to pass away from Him; for then we must have drunk the dregs of it, and been miserable for ever.**

when He had offered up prayers and supplications,

- Christ, in the days of His flesh, **offered up prayers and supplications to His Father, as an earnest of His intercession in heaven.** A great many instances we have of Christ's praying. This refers to His prayer in His agony - **"Mat 26:38-39** 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."
- **" Mat 27:46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"
- Before His agony (**Jn. 17**) which He put up for His disciples, and all who should believe on His name.

with vehement (strong) cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death,

- The prayers and supplications that Christ offered up were joined with strong cries and tears, giving us an example not only to pray, **but to be fervent and importunate in prayer.** How many dry prayers, how few wet ones, do we offer up to God!

and was heard because of His godly fear,

- Christ was heard in that He feared. How? Why **He was answered** by the Father's supports in and under His agonies, **and in being carried well through death, and delivered from it by a glorious resurrection:** He *was heard in that He feared.*

Heb 5:8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

- In, not My will but Thy will be done, He submitted Himself to the will of the Father, which was the cross. And in expressing, "Let this cup pass", He is expressing His own desire at this moment, but yet the overriding issue was, "Not My will but Your will be done."
- The Father heard His prayer. He heard His cries. But He also heard **the submission to obedience.**
- Though He was in the form of God and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, yet He emptied Himself and came in the form and likeness of man. He came in the form of a servant and **was obedient to death, even the death of the cross!**
- **He learned obedience** through the things that He suffered there on the cross, as He suffered for our sins. He was **learning the importance of obedience to the will** of the Father. Even so we need to realize the importance of obedience. And we learn oftentimes, among many things, obedience through suffering.
- God uses suffering as a tool to teach us important lessons for life. There are things that we learn through suffering that we cannot learn any other way. There is character that is developed through suffering that cannot be developed any other way. We learn commitment. We learn trust. We learn faith. We learn patience. We learn hope through suffering.

Heb 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

- ***And having been perfected,*** That is complete. Through the suffering, it speaks about His being made perfect through suffering. For it became Him for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons into glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through suffering. He had been made perfect, or being made perfect, He became our Savior! He had to experience suffering!
- ***He became the author of eternal salvation*** The Bible tells us that He is the author and the finisher of our faith. Salvation is of the Lord. He is the author of salvation. He is the one who has provided salvation. It's His plan of redemption. And ***He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,*** The obedience, those who are obedient, receive eternal salvation.

SUMMARY:

- **He had a tremendous sense of the wrath of God, of the weight of sin.**
- His **human nature was ready to sink** under the heavy load, and **would have sunk, had He been quite forsaken in help and comfort from God; but He was heard in this,**
- **He was supported under the agonies of death.**
- **He was carried through death;** There is **no real deliverance from death but to be carried through it.** We may have **many recoveries from sickness, but we are never saved from death till we are carried through it.**
- **And those that are thus saved from death will be fully delivered at last by a glorious resurrection, of which the resurrection of Christ was the earnest and first-fruits.**

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