RCMI L-Path Teaching January 23, 2022 Sunday Series: The Supremacy of Christ

Title: The Kind of Mediator We Need. (Ang Uri ng Tagapamagitan na Kailangan Natin.) Text: Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Christ Is Our High Priest

¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

5 Every high priest is a man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers sacrifices for their sins. ² And he is able to deal gently with ignorant and wayward people because he himself is subject to the same weaknesses. ³ That is why he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as theirs.

⁴ And no one can become a high priest simply because he wants such an honor. He must be called by God for this work, just as Aaron was. ⁵ That is why Christ did not honor himself by assuming he could become High Priest. No, he was chosen by God, who said to him,

"You are my Son. Today I have become your Father.^[a]"

⁶ And in another passage God said to him,

"You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."[b]

⁷ While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. ⁸ Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹ In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. ¹⁰ And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

The Qualifications of Jesus as the High Priest: (Ang mga Kwalipikasyon ni Hesus bilang ang Punong Pari)

1. JESUS IS THE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN WHO CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH US AND IS CALLED BY GOD (5:1-4). (SI HESUS ANG PUMAPAGITAN SA DIOS AT MGA TAO NA KAYANG MAKISIMPATYA SA ATIN AT SIYANG TINAWAG NG DIYOS) A. THE WORK OF THE HIGH PRIEST: AS A MEDIATOR, HE OFFERS GIFTS AND SACRIFICES FOR SINS ON BEHALF OF MEN IN THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD (5:1). (ANG GAWA NG DAKILANG SASERDOTE: BILANG TAGAPAMAGITAN, NAG-AALAY SIYA NG MGA KALOOB AT MGA HANDOG PARA SA MGA KASALANAN NG MGA TAO SA MGA BAGAY NA NAUUNGKOL SA DIYOS) "¹ Every high priest is a man chosen to represent other people in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God and offers sacrifices for their sins."

B. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE HIGH PRIEST WITH THE PEOPLE: HE CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH THEM. (4:15, 5:2-3). (ANG PAGKAKAKILANLAN NG DAKILANG SASERDOTE SA MGA TAO: KAYA NIYANG MAKISIMPATYA SA MGA TAO)

Hebrews 4:15

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Hebrews 5:2

And he is able to deal gently with ignorant and wayward people because he himself is subject to the same weaknesses.

C. THE APPOINTMENT OF THE HIGH PRIEST: HE MUST BE CALLED BY GOD (5:4). (ANG PAGHIRANG SA DAKILANG SASERDOTE: DAPAT SIYA AY TAWAGIN NG DIYOS)

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2. JESUS PERFECTLY ACCOMPLISHED AND SURPASSED THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE HIGH PRIEST (5:5-10). (GANAP NA TINUPAD AT NAHIGITAN NI JESUS ANG MGA KWALIPIKASYON PARA SA DAKILANG SASERDOTE)

A. THE APPOINTMENT OF JESUS AS HIGH PRIEST: GOD APPOINTED HIM AS A PRIEST ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK (5:5-6). (ANG PAGHIRANG KAY JESUS BILANG DAKILANG SASERDOTE: ITINALAGA SIYA NG DIYOS BILANG PARI AYON SA ORDER NI MELCHIZEDEK)

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B. THE IDENTIFICATION OF JESUS WITH US AS OUR HIGH PRIEST: HE PRAYED AND LEARNED OBEDIENCE THROUGH WHAT HE SUFFERED (5:7-8). (ANG PAGKAKAKILANLAN NI JESUS SA ATIN BILANG ATING DAKILANG SASERDOTE: NAGDASAL SIYA AT NATUTO NG PAGSUNOD SA PAMAMAGITAN NG KANYANG DUSA.)

"The proof of obedience is revealed in situations where obedience is not pleasant." Ang patunay ng pagsunod ay nahayag sa mga sitwasyon kung saan ang pagsunod ay hindi kaaya-aya.

C. THE WORK OF JESUS, THE PERFECT HIGH PRIEST: HE IS THE SOURCE OF ETERNAL SALVATION TO ALL WHO OBEY HIM (5:9-10). (ANG GAWA NI HESUS, ANG GANAP NA DAKILANG SASERDOTE: SIYA ANG PINAGMUMULAN NG WALANG HANGGANG KALIGTASAN SA LAHAT NG SUMUNOD SA KANYA)

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Jesus became the cause of salvation "to all those who obey Him."

Si Jesus ang naging dahilan ng kaligtasan "sa lahat ng sumusunod sa Kanya." Ephesians 1:4 - "⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes."

Practical Truths:

- If our sin is **awful** that God needs nothing less than the death of His Sinless and Perfect Son as the only solution, then we would be foolish to think that any human way will be enough. (Kung ang ating kasalanan ay Kakila-kilabot na kailangan ng Diyos ang kamatayan ng Kanyang Walang-kasalanan at Perpektong Anak bilang tanging solusyon, kung gayon tayo ay magiging hangal na isipin na ang anumang paraan ng Tao ay sapat na.)
- 2. Understanding that sin is **dreadful** will cause us to embrace the death of Jesus Christ on the cross and live with gratitude knowing that Jesus bore our penalty on the cross. (Ang pag-unawa na ang Kasalanan ay Kakila-kilabot ay magiging dahilan upang yakapin natin ang kamatayan ni Hesukristo sa krus at mamuhay nang may pasasalamat na pinasan ni Hesus ang ating parusa sa krus.)
- Obedient Faith is the only kind of faith that saves. The one who says that he has faith, but has no works, is deceiving himself (James 2:14-26) (Ang Masunuring Pananampalataya ay ang tanging uri ng Pananampalataya na nagliligtas. Ang nagsasabi na siya ay may pananampalataya, ngunit walang mga gawa, ay dinadaya ang kanyang sarili)

4. God's love for us does not prevent us from facing great trials, but helps us to face them head on. (Ang pag-ibig ng Diyos sa atin ay hindi humahadlang sa atin na harapin ang malalaking pagsubok, ngunit tinutulungan tayong harapin ito nang maaga.)

John Piper - "No one ever said that they learned their deepest lessons of life, or had their sweetest encounters with God, on the sunny days. People go deep with God when the drought comes"

C. H. Mackintosh - "Never interpret God's love by your circumstances; but always interpret your circumstances by His love"

Point of Discussion:

- 1. What are the things you usually do which you think can mediate you with God? (Ano ang mga bagay na karaniwan mong ginagawa, na akala mo ay maaaring mamagitan sa iyo sa Diyos?)
- 2. Do you think that these are acceptable to God? Why? (Sa palagay mo ba ito ay katanggap-tanggap sa Diyos at Bakit?)
- 3. How can you apply the truth about Jesus as the kind of Mediator you need in your everyday life? Explain. (Paano mo maisasabuhay ang katotohanan tungkol kay Jesus na klase ng tagapamagitan na kailangan natin sa pang-araw-araw na buhay? Ipaliwanag.)