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**Study: - 1111. Exposition of Melchizedek**

**Bible Reading: - Psalm 110:1-7.**

The very first reference in our Bibles to the person of Melchizedek is when he meets Abram returning from defeating a confederacy of four kings headed by Chedorlaomer king of Elam – Persia, and includes Amraphel the king of Shinar – Babel. This confederacy of Persian and Babylonian kings had overrun a number of Canaanite cities, with the result of the king of Sodom and the kings of adjoining cities paying tributaries to Chedorlaomer. These Canaanite kings eventually combined together to throw off the yoke imposed upon them by Chedorlaomer, **Genesis 14:1-4** *“And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of nations; That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is the salt sea. Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.”* Chedorlaomer with the aid of three allied kings defeated the revolt by the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah and hasten away with a large number of captives and booty, which included Lot and his family, **Genesis 14:8-12** *“And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar;) and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; With Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. And the vale of Siddim was full of slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. And they took Lot, Abram’s brother’s son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.”*

Abram being informed of the calamity which has overtaken Lot and his family, arms three hundred and eighteen of his servants and he pursues after Chedorlaomer with his three allied kings. Abram routs them and recovers Lot with all the other peoples and their goods, **Genesis 14:14-16** *“And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.”* Upon Abram’s return from this victory he is met by the king of Sodom and by Melchizedek king of Salem, **Genesis 14:17-18** *“And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king’s dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.”*

Melchizedek brings forth bread and wine, for he was not only the king of Salem, but is also priest of the Most High God, El Elyon, **עליון** 'elyown, and he prefigures that high priestly ministry which is yet to be fulfilled by God through His only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, **Hebrews 5:5-6** *“So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee. As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek.”* The order or manner of Melchizedek’s priesthood was foreordained by God ever before He created the foundation of the world, in that mankind’s salvation could only be accomplished through the death of His only begotten Son, on the cross at Calvary, **Peter 1:19-20** *“But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,”* & **Revelation 13:8** *“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”* Melchizedek in this act of bringing forth the bread and wine, vividly portrays the suffering and priestly ministry of Christ, and this being a prophetic act which was the shadow of the

suffering of Christ which was to bring the victory over sin and death and grant us who believe eternal life, **Luke 22:15-20** *“And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.”* Jesus shares the bread and wine with the Apostles at the Passover supper before He fulfils this Feast, by becoming our Passover and the Author of our Eternal Salvation, **1 Corinthians 5:7** *“Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:”* The bread and the wine are therefore symbols of Christ's body and blood, in that He willingly and sacrificially gave of Himself that mankind might have the forgiveness of their sins and the victory over the sting of death and the grave. The bread and the wine which we as the Church share at the breaking of bread/communion service represents to us fellowship or communion with the blood and body of Christ, **1 Corinthians 10:16** *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”* When we share the bread and cup it is testifying to and showing or witnessing the Lord's death till He comes, **1 Corinthians 11: 25-26** *“After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.”* John says in his epistle that there are three that bear witness on earth, The Holy Spirit who will guide us into all truth, the Blood which speaks at the Communion service, and the Water when we are baptised in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, **1 John 1:8** *“And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”*

Melchizedek who was called of God exercised a priestly/intercessory ministry at Jerusalem and in this act of bringing forth the bread and wine Melchizedek celebrates Abram's victory over Chedorlaomer and his host, which had been afforded to him by the Most High God, **Genesis 14:19-20** *“And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.”* No doubt Melchizedek as the priest of the Most High God would have found himself exercising an intercessory ministry on behalf of Abram during this period of his conflict, which would have been a major contributory factor to Abram's victory over the powers of darkness when he regains all which Chedorlaomer and his host had captured, which included Lot and his family. Melchizedek celebrates this victory with the bread and wine and blesses Abram and further he blesses the Most High God for delivering the enemy into Abram's hand. When God blesses His people He does showing His goodness unto them which comprises of his exceeding great and precious promises to those who are of the household of faith, **2 Corinthians 1:20** *“For all the promises (blessings) of God in him (Jesus Christ) are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”* When God called Abram from out of his country and from his fathers house, He assured him that He would bless him and make his name great, and make him a blessing, for in him all the families of the earth would be blessed, **Genesis 12:1:3** *“Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”*

Following the blessing by Melchizedek the LORD speaks to Abram to reassure him that He is his shield and exceeding great reward, **Genesis 15:1** *“After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.”* At this point Abram asks the LORD what He will give him seeing he goes childless and has no heir, the LORD replies and promises Abram that one will come forth from his loins which shall be his heir. We are told that Abram believed the LORD and it was counted unto him for righteousness, **Genesis 15:4-6** *“And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number*

them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness." Many years later, when Abram had not seen any fulfilment of the LORD's promise to him concerning an heir, attempts to secure an heir through his own efforts with Sarah's handmaid. This resulted in the birth of Ishmael which brought much conflict to his household, and the LORD speaks again to Abram and tells him he will be a father of many nations and his name shall Abraham, **Genesis 17:5** "Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee." Abraham was blessed because he believed God and we who have put our faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ, as our LORD and Saviour, become the children of faith and are blessed with faithful Abraham, **Galatians 3:6-8** "Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham." When we obey God's call upon our life and forsake the pleasures of this world, putting our faith in His Son and seeking first His kingdom and righteousness, we find we are blessed, **Matthew 6: 31-34** "Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Abraham in obedience to God's call left his country and fathers house and in faith looked for a city whose builder and maker was God, **Hebrews 11:8-10** "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." By faith Abraham looked for the eternal city, the heavenly Jerusalem, to which we who are of the household of faith come. For we have come to Mount Zion the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, **Hebrews 12:22-24** "But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel". We are told that this Melchizedek was King of Salem which was eventually to become known as Jerusalem, **Genesis 14: 18** "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God."

Paul the Apostle who is the author of the book of Hebrews is writing to Jewish Christians who were struggling with going back into Judaism to avoid being persecuted. The first chapters set the theme using comparisons of God's Son to Angels, the Priesthood, and the Sacrifices, showing He is better and greater than all, who is the author of eternal salvation to all who obey him and called by God an high priest after the order of Melchizedek which is eternal and of whom we have much to say and hard to explain since you have become dull of hearing, **Hebrews 5:9-11** "And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedek. Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing." Paul speaks regarding Melchizedek as the king of peace and righteousness, whose name signifies My Righteous King or King of Righteousness, being called of God exercised his priestly/intercessory ministry at Jerusalem, **Hebrews 7:1-3** "For this Melchisedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually."

### Jerusalem chosen by God

- God chose Jerusalem which is located on a group of several hills which are referred to here as God's holy mountains, **Psalms 87:1** "His foundation is in the holy mountains." Jerusalem is holy because this is the place that God chose to dwell and to fulfil His Will and Purpose in the earth, thereby revealing to all His eternal plan for

man's salvation. **Psalm 87** is written in praise of Jerusalem and starts with the declaration that LORD's foundation is in the holy mountains, for here God chose to dwell above all other places in the earth, **Psalm 132:13-15** "For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread"

- For it was here at Jerusalem that God had met with Abraham and blessed him there through the ministry of Melchizedek (site referred to as the Old Gate, **Nehemiah 3:6**), pointing the way to man's redemption through the vicarious suffering and the shedding of His blood for the forgiveness of sin, **Genesis 14:18-20** "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all."

- God tested Abraham there at Mount Moriah when He asked him to take his son Isaac, his sole son and heir and place him on the altar he had built, when the LORD God intervenes and provides a lamb for the sacrifice, he reveals Himself as Jehovah Jireh, "**The Lord will provide Himself**", thereby being the place of provision for man's salvation through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and David writes **Psalm 76:1-2** "In Judah is God known: his name is great in Israel. In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion." The name Moriah by which the mount is referred to means Jah will provide, being the same place as Zion or Jerusalem, **2 Chronicles 3:1** "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

- Following David's enthronement as King over all Israel his first task was to take Jerusalem from the Jebusites, **2 Samuel 5:6-7** "And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David." and David composes **Psalm 2** which celebrates his victory in taking Jerusalem from the Jebusites, says the nations and kings of the earth can issue all the threats they like, yet God has set His king upon His holy hill and He is in control, **Psalm 2:6** "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

- David built a new tent for the Ark of the Covenant and brought it up to Jerusalem after purchasing the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite, following the plague that took seventy thousand lives. David in his repentance raises an Altar to God and sacrifices thereon, **2 Samuel 24:1-25** & **1 Chronicles 22:1** "Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel." God here revealing His Will and Purposes that His Altar upon which the sacrifice that would take away the sins of mankind would be manifest here, **Hebrews 13:10** "We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle."

- David's son King Solomon, built the Temple there, **2 Chronicles 3:1** "Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite."

- God was to fulfill His promise at Jerusalem in that He would provide Himself as the atonement for the sins of mankind in His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. It was then here at Jerusalem the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified and became the propitiation for the sins of mankind, **Hebrew 13:12-14** "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

- Jerusalem is the place where the peoples of the earth will be gathered in the last days at the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, as King of Kings and LORD of Lords, **Micah 4:1-2** "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."

- **The 87<sup>th</sup> Psalm** is also prophetic in that it points beyond the earthly to the heavenly Jerusalem or Zion, whose builder and maker is God, **Hebrews 11:10** "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God," whose foundation is Jesus Christ, **1 Corinthians 11:3** "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," and with His own blood paid the price for the redemption of the precious souls which are its inhabitants, **Acts 20:28** "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which

the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Our eyes should be clearly focussed on Jerusalem at this time for it is here the blessings of our God are to be embraced in these closing days, **Psalm 87: 3** "all my springs are in thee."

### High Priestly order of Melchizedek

The name Melchizedek signifies, My Righteous King or King of Righteousness, and also king of Peace (Salem), **Hebrews 7:1-2** "For this Melchisedek, king of Salem priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;" Melchizedek prefigures Jesus in that the name refers to Christ as King of righteousness and peace, yet this high priestly order of Melchizedek being foreordained by God ever before the creation of the world, or before the person of Melchizedek met Abram, **Hebrews 7:20-22** "And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec;) By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament." For right back in eternity God the Father swore by an oath and had foreordained that His Son would be the King and the Priestly Mediator of the Most High God, **Psalms 110:4** "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." The 110<sup>th</sup> Psalm is a Messianic Psalm and refers prophetically to Jesus Christ, and was composed by King David under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit following his coronation and enthronement as King of Israel. Much of King David's life parallels that of Christ, as did Melchizedek's kingly and priestly ministry at Jerusalem, and before either David or Melchizedek were born or lived upon this earth, and before the foundation of the world was laid, the order of Melchizedek was foreordained by God in Christ Jesus in eternity, **1 Peter 1:18-20** "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; **But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,**" & **Revelation 13:8** "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

The priestly order of Melchizedek is King of Righteousness and Peace which finds its fulfilment in His Son, Christ Jesus, and is therefore without father or mother, neither having beginning of days nor end of life, **Hebrews 7: 3** "Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." Therefore the order of Melchizedek has neither beginning or end of life; it is an eternal priesthood, therefore Christ is able to save those that come to Him to the uttermost, to completion, or full end, **Hebrews 7:24-25** "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Therefore we can have a sure and certain hope we lay hold of Christ as our LORD and Saviour we have an anchor for our soul which cannot be moved, **Hebrews 6:19-20** "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek"

Paul further explains the name in his epistle to the Hebrews when he writes concerning the priesthood of Christ, **Hebrews 5:7-10** "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedek." In this fourth chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, Paul writes concerning Jesus Christ the High Priest who is passed into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of the Father and His qualification for Him to be able to fully function in this position is the fact that He can be touched by the feeling of man's infirmities or

limitation, **Hebrews 4:14-16** "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Jesus is therefore able to mediate effectively and thereby make peace between God and man. Paul the Apostle when writing his first epistle to Timothy encourages him to pray for all men that they might lead quiet and peaceable lives, to pray for the unbelievers and those in authority, as well as believers for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God who will have all men to be saved, because He became man and gave Himself a ransom for their sins by humbling Himself to the death of the cross, **1 Timothy 2:5** "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" For the word mediator here signifies middle man, a peacemaker or mediator, and Jesus Christ was God incarnate i.e. God taking on human form, **Galatians 4:4** "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law." Therefore in Jesus Christ both God and man met and are reconciled in Him, for this reconciliation required a sacrifice on the part of the peace-maker or mediator; hence Paul reminds us that Jesus gave of Himself freely as a ransom for our sins, **1 Timothy 2:6** "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Jesus is an effective High Priest who can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities, **Hebrews 4:15** "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." The Greek word **astheneia** translated here as **infirmities**, implies a feebleness of mind or body; by implication speaks of problems, difficulties, troubles, frailty i.e. disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness etc. Jesus whilst on earth showed compassion upon all those who sought His help, **Matthew 14:14** "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." & **Matthew 14:35-36** "And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole."

Jesus our great High Priest knows what it is like to be tempted, **Hebrews 4:15** "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." The Greek word **peirazo** translated here as **tempted**, implies to test objectively and with purpose, to scrutinize, entice, prove and tempt or try. Jesus was tempted in all points or by all manner of means by Satan and to understand how Jesus was tempted when He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tested forty days, for He thirsted and hungered during that period, and Satan sought to tempt Jesus;

- ❑ into abusing His position of trust and using his power to make the stones into bread,
- ❑ with material wealth when He was shown the kingdoms of this world,
- ❑ And into committing presumptuous sin in that He could do whatever He wanted and whenever He wanted for His own satisfaction.

Yet through all this Jesus resisted and was without sin, therefore Jesus knows just how subtle the enemies temptations can be and Jesus being the Wisdom of God was able to avoid his traps, yet there are times when we fail and we should not condemn ourselves but seek forgiveness for no temptation has overtaken you such as is common to man, **1 Corinthians 10:12-13** "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

Jesus our great High Priest knows what it is to feel pain and humiliation, for He suffered and yet He murmured not, but said Father forgive them for they know not what they do, He was,

- ❑ Betrayed by one of those closest to Him
- ❑ He was arrested as a criminal, although innocent
- ❑ He was deserted by His disciples in His hour of need
- ❑ There were those who bore false witness against Him
- ❑ His clothes were torn from Him

- ❑ He was spat upon and buffeted and struck whilst his head was covered so he could no see those who cowardly hurt him
- ❑ He was bound and carried away to Pilate
- ❑ He was reject by His own people in preference to a murderer
- ❑ He was scourged until His back was cut to ribbons and ran with crimson blood
- ❑ He was clothed with a purple robe and a plaited crown of thorns was placed upon His head
- ❑ He was mocked
- ❑ He was nailed to the cross through His hands and feet
- ❑ His garments were parted when they casts lots
- ❑ He cried to His Father from the cross as He felt the rejection and the weight of mans sins, My God, My God why has thou forsaken me,
- ❑ He was buried in somebody else's tomb

We have a Great High Priest who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities and understands the power of temptations so we therefore can come with confidence and obtain mercy and grace in our time of need, **Hebrews 4: 16** *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."*

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