## **High Priest of Good Things to Come**

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"The Holy Spirit is signifying this: that the way into the Holy-places (in Heaven) was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle (Temple) was still standing; which was a symbol for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make perfect him (the high priest) who served, as regards the conscience; which concerned only foods and drinks, and various washings, and fleshly ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. But Christ having come as a High Priest of Good Things to Come, through a greater and more Perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; nor through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood He (Jesus) entered in once into the Holy-places (in Heaven), having obtained Eternal Redemption for us." (Hebrews 9:8-12)

**High Priest**: from the greek word <u>archiereus</u> which means: <u>high-priest</u>; or <u>chief-priest</u>; the high priest who alone was only allowed to enter the Most Holy-place to make atonement for the sin of the people before God. In context: it is speaking of Jesus, who is the Great High Priest; <u>who alone</u> is only allowed to enter the Greater and more perfect Tabernacle in Heaven as our Advocate before our Father, after having made atonement for sin on the Cross!

**Of Good Things:** from the greek word <u>agathon</u> a plural adjective which means: <u>good</u>; in the sense of many good things; intrinsically good. For those who believe on Jesus, it describes what they receive when they are born of God through faith in Jesus: good-things such as the Holy Spirit abiding in them, spiritual-things such as the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit; as well as eternal Life, and all the rewards and blessings that we shall receive in Kingdom of God at the End of the age.

**To Come:** from the greek word **genomenon** a verb which means: to come into being, to happen. In context: includes our immediate blessings that believers receive following salvation in and through Christ's eternally redeeming Sacrifice; and then all the rewards that believers will yet receive within the New Heavens and Earth.

The primary context within the opening verses is that Jesus has already entered into the Most Holy-place in Heaven where He is seated at the Right hand of God Almighty – having obtained Eternal Redemption for all who have placed their faith in Jesus for their salvation! This Eternal Redemption was in part founded upon this prophetic promise:

"Therefore My people shall know My Name. Therefore they shall know in that day that I am He who does speak; behold, it is I. 'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Goodnews, who proclaims peace; who brings Good-news of Good (things), who proclaims salvation; who says unto Zion, 'Your God reigns!' " (Isaiah 52:6-7)

Please also consider the following verses:

"But what does it say: 'The word is near you, even in your mouth, and in your heart:'
(Deuteronomy 30:14) that is, the word of faith, which we preach; that if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture says, 'Whoever believes on Him (on Jesus) shall not be ashamed.' (Isaiah 28:16) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all who call upon Him. For whoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good-news of peace, and bring Good-news of Good-things! (Isaiah 52:7)' " (Romans 10:8-15)

So then, Jesus is the Great High priest through whom the Father gives all good things to those who love the Father and are called according to his purpose: believing and confessing with the mouth that Jesus is both Lord, and Risen from the dead! Please consider the Following:

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"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, those He also called; and whom He called, those He also justified; and whom He justified, those He also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He (the Father) who did not spare His own Son (Jesus), but delivered Him up for us all, how shall not He (the Father) together-with him (with Jesus) also freely give us All Things?" (Romans 8:32)

"Do not err, my beloved brethren. **Every Good Gift** and **every Perfect Gift** is from above, and <u>comes down from **the Father of Lights**</u>, with whom is no variation, nor shadow of turning. <u>Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of Truth</u>, so that we should be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures." (<u>James 1:16-18</u>)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ; just as He (the Father) has chosen us in Him (in Jesus) before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will; to the praise of the glory of His Grace, wherein He has made us accepted in the beloved. In whom (in Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the Riches of His Grace; in which He has abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Him; so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both who are in heaven, and who are on earth; even in Him; In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will." (Ephesians 1:3-11)

Jesus Himself proclaimed to the people the following Good-things:

"And seeing the multitudes, He (Jesus) went up into a mountain: and when He was seated, His disciples came unto Him; and He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake; rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven; for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.' "

(Matthew 5:3-12)

"But <u>love your enemies</u>, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and <u>your reward shall be great</u>, and <u>you shall be the children of the Highest</u>; for He (God) is kind unto the thankless and to the evil. Therefore be merciful, as your Father also is merciful." (<u>Luke 6:35</u>)

"I will pray to the Father, and **He shall give you another Comforter**, so that <u>He may abide</u> with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth (the Holy Spirit); whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, nor knows Him; but you know Him; for He dwells with you, **and shall be** <u>in</u> you. I will not leave you comfortless. <u>I will come to you</u>. ... But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you. <u>Peace I leave with you</u>, <u>My peace I give unto you</u>; not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. ... If you loved Me, you would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father; for My Father is greater than I." (<u>John 14:16-18</u>, ... 26-28)

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In the Book of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, Jesus speaking from the Throne Room of God, spoke forth some very special promises to the believers in Jesus who persevere and overcome .... Please consider these promises:

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches:

"To him who overcomes will <u>I give to eat of the tree of life</u>, which is in the midst of the paradise of God." (Rev. 2:7)

"Be you faithful unto death, and I will give you a Crown of Life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches; he who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." (Rev. 2:10-11)

"To him who overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows except he who receives it." (Rev. 2:17)

"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works unto the end, to him will **I give power over the nations**; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; ... And I will give him the Morning Star." (Rev. 2:26-28)

"He who overcomes, **the same shall be clothed in white clothing**; and <u>I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life</u>, but <u>I will confess his name before My Father</u>, and before his angels." (Rev. 3:5-6)

"He who overcomes will I make a <u>Pillar</u> in the <u>Temple of My God</u>, ... and I will write upon him the <u>Name</u> of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is New Jerusalem, which comes down out of Heaven <u>from My God</u>; and I will write upon him My New Name." (Rev. 3:12-13)

"To him who overcomes will **I grant to sit with Me in My throne**, even as I also overcame, and am seated down with My Father in his throne." (Rev. 3:21-22)

Finally, please consider the following:

"And, behold, I (Jesus) come quickly; and **My reward is with me**, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last. Blessed are those who do His commandments, so that **they may have the right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the City.**" (Revelation 22:12-14)

"And when the Chief Shepherd (Jesus) shall appear, you shall receive a **Crown of Glory** that does not fade away." (I Peter 5:4)

## **Jesus is High Priest of Good Things to Come**

Already <u>we</u> have received Good Things ...
... Eternal Life, the Holy Spirit, Citizenship in God's Kingdom, and many more !!
And yet to come: the Rewards of Christ Jesus within the paradise of Heaven ...
... even within the New Heavens, and the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem !!
And a Crown of Glory that does not fade away !

Many Good Blessings from the Father of Lights and from Jesus our Great High Priest!

Blessing, and Honor, and Glory, and Power, be unto You our Father, who sits upon the Throne, and unto You Jesus the Lamb of God, forever and ever. For You are worthy, to receive all Glory and Honor and Power, for You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they exist and were created.