Made Perfect Forever

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"But this Man, because <u>He continues forever</u>, has <u>an unchangeable priesthood</u>. Therefore <u>He is able also to save them to the uttermost</u> who come unto God through Him, seeing <u>He forever lives to make intercession</u> for them. For such a <u>High Priest He became for us</u>, who is <u>Holy, Innocent, Undefiled, Separate from sinners</u>, and <u>made Higher than the Heavens</u>; Who does not need to daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's; for this He did once, when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints men high priests <u>who have weakness</u>; but the <u>Word of the Oath</u>, which was after the law, (appoints) the Son, who <u>has-been made-perfect forevermore</u>." (Hebrews 7:24-28)

Made-perfect: from the greek word <u>teteleiomenon</u> which means: having-been-made-perfect. from <u>teleioo</u>: to bring to an end, to complete, to perfect. To complete, (as of time or prediction). To consummate, reaching the end-stage, i.e. working through the entire process (stages) to reach the final phase, conclusion, or consummation. to bring to the end (goal) proposed. (in context: to raise to the state be fitting Jesus; of God exalting Jesus to the state of heavenly majesty, or perfection.

Forever: from the Greek word <u>aiona</u> which means: ages, from <u>aion</u> - a space of time, an age; a cycle (of time), especially of the present age as contrasted with the future age, and of one of a series of ages stretching to infinity. from a prim. root meaning: a continued duration; an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity.

Jesus, as our High Priest, has been <u>Made Perfect Forever</u> by being appointed, by the **"Word of the Oath"** of the Father! Consider the following:

"The LORD has **sworn**, and will not repent, You (Jesus) are a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." (Psalm 110:4)

"For it is evident that our Lord (Jesus) arose out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood. And it is yet far more evident, that after the likeness of Melchisedec, there arises another Priest, who is made, not after the law of a physical commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For He (God the Father) testfies, 'You (Jesus) are a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.' For there is truly an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness. For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a Better Hope did; through which we draw near unto God; and inasmuch as it was not without an oath. (But those (former) priests were made without an oath). But He (Jesus) with an oath by Him (the Father) who said unto Him (Jesus), 'The LORD swore and will not repent, You are a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec." Thus, by so much more was Jesus made the Guarantee of a Better Covenant." (Hebrews 7:14-22)

Jesus was always sinless and perfectly Holy, Innocent, and Undefiled. But Christ Jesus had to live through the process of a human life. In doing so, He worked through, passed through, and endured through His human life, being tested in all things, and overcoming all things **before** He was **made-perfect forevermore**. Consider the following:

"So also Christ did not glorify Himself to be made a High Priest; but He (the Father) who said unto Him, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You;' He also says in another place, 'You are a Priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.' Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him who was able to save Him from death, was heard because of godly-fear. Although He were a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the Author of Eternal Salvation unto all those who obey Him; being called of God a High Priest after the order of Melchisedec." (Hebrews 5:5-10)

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Jesus also overcame all temptation before being made perfect forever! Consider again:

"Therefore in all things He (Jesus) was <u>obliged</u> to be made like unto His brethren, that He might become a <u>Merciful and Faithful High Priest</u> in things pertaining to God, and to make reconciliation (propitiation) for the sins of the people. For in that <u>He Himself has suffered being tempted</u>, He is able to assist those who are tempted." (Heb. 2:17-18)

"Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold fast our profession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; **but was in all things tempted 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." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterwards hungry. And when the tempter came to Him, he said," (please read Matthew 4:1-11)

Jesus also overcame His greatest challenge of all before being perfected forever – the Cross! Jesus despised the shame, and thought not of His own suffering, but esteemed us above His own self; and endured the Cross; becoming obedient to the Father even unto death:

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, **which was also in Christ Jesus**, who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, **He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross**. (Philippians 2:3-8)

Jesus Has now been Made Perfect Forever! He has been <u>made Higher than the Heavens!</u> He has been made <u>a Priest **forever** after the order of Melchisedec!</u> He has been made a High Priest by <u>the power of an endless life!</u> He has been made the <u>Author of Eternal Salvation!</u> He has been made a <u>Merciful and Faithful High Priest</u> forever! It is as it says:

Therefore God also **has highly exalted Him**, <u>and given Him a Name which is above every name</u>; so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father**." (Philippians 2:9-11)

Jesus has been Made Perfect Forever

Jesus is our eternally perfect, merciful, and faithful High Priest! He is now seated at the Right Hand of the Majesty of God the Father; in the Throne Room of God Most High!

Lord Jesus, You are forever able and willing to help us in times of trouble, testing, and temptation!

Thank You Lord Jesus for Your never ending mercy and Lovingkindness!

Amen! And Amen!