

# He learned obedience from what He suffered

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Jesus, "who in the days of His flesh (His humanity), when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him (the Father) who was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; although He was a Son, yet **He learned obedience (to the Father) from what He suffered.** And **being made perfect,** He became the **Author of Eternal Salvation** unto **all those (speaking of believers) who obey Him.**" (Hebrews 5:7-9)

**Learned:** from the Greek word **emathen** a verb which means: he-learned; from **manthano**:: which means to learn; properly, learning key facts; gaining "fact-knowledge as someone learns from experience, often with the implication of reflection – 'come to realize' – to learn by use and practice.

**Obedience:** from the Greek word **hypakoe** (from **hupakoe**) a noun which means: obedience; submissiveness, compliance; attentive hearkening. Literally, "submission to what is heard" – and thus obedience as the response to someone speaking. In context obedient to the commands of the Father.

**What:** from the Greek word **hon** a relative pronoun which means: what, which, who, that, that-which, this. (In context sometimes translated 'the-things').

**Suffered:** from the Greek word **epithen** a verb which means: he-suffered; from **pascho**: meaning to suffer, to be acted on; to be acted upon in a certain way, in either a good or bad way (but almost always in a bad sense). Properly, to feel heavy emotion, especially (emotional) suffering - such things as: sorrow, grief, dread, apprehension, anxiety, passion, etc..

**Literally: "He-learned, from what He-suffered: obedience."**

Jesus, like many people in Israel, learned many things in His life time. Consider Luke 2:51-52:

"And when He (Jesus) was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, but the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother did not know about it. But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find Him, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, **both listening to them (learning), and asking them questions (more learning).** And **all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.** And when they (His parents) saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said unto Him, 'Son, why have You thus dealt with us? behold, Your father and I have been seeking You with sorrow.' And He said unto them, 'How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?' And they did not understand this saying which He spoke unto them. And He (Jesus) went down with them (His parents), and came to Nazareth, and was subject (in obedience) unto them; and His mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus **increased in wisdom (learning) and stature, and in favor with God and man.**"

Jesus also learned much from His Father in heaven:

"I have many things to say, and to judge of you. But He (the Father) who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I **have heard (and learned) from Him.** But they did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. Then Jesus said to them, 'When you have lifted up (crucified) the Son of Man, then you shall know that I am He (the Son of God - the Christ-Messiah), and that I do nothing of Myself; but **as My Father has taught Me,** I speak these things. And He who sent Me is with Me; for the Father has not left Me alone; **for I always do those things that please Him.** As He (Jesus) spoke these words, many believed on Him." (John 8:26-30)

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However, the context of what Christ Jesus **learned**, in Hebrews 5:7-9, is **obedience to the Father**. And **the means by which Jesus learned obedience to the Father was through the things which He suffered as He pursued His obedience to the Father**. Jesus spoke of His coming sufferings on more than one occasion:

"And it came to pass, as He was alone praying, His disciples were with Him: and He asked them, saying, 'Who do the people say that I am?' They answered saying, 'John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others say, that one of the old prophets has risen again.' Then He said unto them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answering said, '**The Christ of (the living) God.**' And He warned them, and commanded them not to tell this to anyone; saying, '**The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.**' " (Luke 9:18-22) ( see also Mark 8:27-31)

"Then He charged His disciples that they should not tell any man that He was Jesus the Christ. From that time forward Jesus began to reveal unto His disciples, how He must go unto Jerusalem, **and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.**" (Matthew 16:20-21)

"And His disciples asked Him, saying, 'Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must first come?' And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him, but have done unto him whatever they desired. **Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer from them.**' " (Matthew 17:10-12)

"And He (Jesus) said unto the disciples, 'The days will come, when you shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you shall not see it. And they shall say to you, 'See here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them.' For as the lightning, that lightens out of one part under the heaven, shines unto the other part under heaven; so also the Son of Man shall be in His day. **But first must He suffer many things, and be rejected by this generation.**' " (Luke 17:22-25)

The many things that Jesus suffered from His adversaries are clearly written about in the four Gospel accounts. They began with the temptations of Satan in the wilderness. This was followed by over three years of harassment and rejection from the elders and chief priests and scribes of His own people. Eventually there was the betrayal by His own disciple Judas; and His agony in the garden; then lies, mockings, and physical abuse before the Jewish elders; and finally more mocking, scourging, and His crucifixion and death on the Cross of Calvary by the hands of Roman soldiers. Through all these sufferings Jesus learned to be obedient to His Father in heaven. Jesus spoke of His obedience to the commandment of His Father as follows:

"Therefore, My Father loves Me, **because I lay down My life**, so that I might take it up again. No man takes it from Me, **but I lay it down of Myself**. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. **This commandment have I received from My Father.** " (John 10:17-18)

The primary goal of Christ Jesus's sufferings, **and His obedience to the Father** was the Salvation of mankind through His death on the cross **for** our salvation. Consider these words of Jesus:

"As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you; continue in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; **even as I have kept My Father's commandments**, and abide in His love. These things have I spoken unto you, so that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is My commandment: that you love one another, even as I have loved you. **Greater love has no man than this: that a Man (Jesus) lay down His life for His friends.** You are My friends, **if you do whatever I command you.**" (John 15:9-14)

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The obedience of Christ Jesus was and is of fundamental importance to the salvation from sin of each person who ever lived. Consider the following statement written by the apostle Paul:

“For if through the offense of one (speaking of Adam) many have died, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is through one Man, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many. But not as it was through the one (Adam) who sinned, is the gift; for the judgment came through one unto condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification. For if through one man's offense death reigned through one; much more shall they who receive the abundance of grace, and of **the gift of righteousness, reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ**. Therefore as through the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so **through the righteousness of One (Jesus) the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life**. For as through one man's disobedience many were made sinners, **so through the obedience of One (Jesus Christ) many shall be made righteous**. Moreover the law entered so that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound; so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so **grace might reign through righteousness unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.” (Romans 5:15-21)

Each person who receives the free gift of grace, which comes to us through the obedience of Christ Jesus, will receive justification of life, righteousness, salvation from sin, and Eternal Life. Consider also this discourse of Jesus, after His resurrection, with two disciples:

“And He (Jesus) said unto them, 'What manner of communications are these that you are having with each other, as you walk, and are so sad?' And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto Him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem, who has not known the things which have come to pass there in these days?' And He said unto them, 'What things?' And they said unto Him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people; and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and have crucified Him. But we trusted that He would have been Him (the Messiah-Christ) who should have redeemed Israel. And beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done. Yes, and certain women also of our company astonished us, who went early to the tomb. And when they did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that He (Jesus) was alive. And certain of them who were with us went to the tomb, and found it even 'as the women had said; but they did not see Him.' Then He (Jesus) said unto them, 'O foolish-men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken; **ought not the Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?**' And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.” (Luke 24:15-27) As it says in Isaiah 53:3-6:

“He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, **smitten of God**, and afflicted. And **He was wounded for our transgressions**, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes **we are healed**.”

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And through His Obedience we are healed of our iniquities, and we have peace with God!  
We are made righteous in Him; and we have obtained Eternal Life through Him!  
We shall reign in Life through Jesus the One and only Savior...  
...even Jesus Christ our Lord and King!

Thank You Father in Heaven for Your unfailing eternal Love!  
All Praise, and Glory, and Honor, and Power, and Majesty be to You Lord Jesus!