

In all ages of the world we read of Priests.

All religions whether pagan or true have their priests.

Long before Moses and Aaron there Priests.

Melchizedek Priest of the most High God.

Jethro priest of Midian.

Josephs father in law was a priest  
Egypt-Greece, Rome, Babylon, Persia, Had her priests

The magi of Persia came to worship Jesus.

From the Fall a universal idea of Priesthood has prevailed in sacred things.

Man has felt the need of a mediator to appease the Almighty's displeasure at a rebellious human nature.

Mans alienation from God requires an attorneyship to reconnect him with God.

Man senses within his inner consciousness that God is offended (Both heathen and civilized) and flees away from him.

On the other hand God cannot desert his own law and be untrue to his Holiness or look with favor on any rebellion against him.

A RIGHTEOUS SOVEREIGN MAY PITY HIS ERRING SUBJECTS BUT HE CANNOT OVERLOOK THEIR SINS AND STILL BE JUST AND MAINTAIN HIS GOVERNMENT, AND MAINTAIN HIS RIGHTEOUS RULE.

GOD AND MAN CANNOT APPROACH EACH OTHER.  
EVEN GODS HOLINESS AND JUSTICE DESTROY THE SINNER.

GOD cannot deny his nature by relaxing his laws of eternal justice.

OUT OF THIS SITUATION THERE ARISES AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR A GO BETWEEN.

A third party must enter into the situation.  
As Job puts it a Daysman who can put his hand upon us both.

Only by such a person can God be Just and still justify the sinner.

It must be someone who is touched with the infirmity of the sinner and who is holy enough to have access to God Himself.

It is through such a mediator that God and man is brought together the sinner is forgiven and God is satisfied.

We preach Christ Crucified said Paul.

Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost. When he came the mark of death was upon him.

The shadow of the cross was upon his path from the Bethlehem stall to Golgotha.

He came as a lamb. The pascal lamb,

He was as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

HE ALSO CAME INTO THE WORLD WITH A PRIESTLY APPOINTMENT.  
TO PERFORM A PRIESTLY FUNCTION.

Out of the habitation of eternity.  
He came saying Lo I am come to do thy will Oh God.

Christ submitted himself to the role of a Lamb.

But God appointed him a priest.  
Before He left God thundered out.

forever

THOU ART A PRIEST AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHEDICK.

CHRIST ENTERED UPON HIS WORK WITH A PRIESTLY INSTAL

Aaron was washed upon entering his office. Signifying a moral cleansing that no man could see God and live (Without which)

From this first ceremonial act in <sup>the</sup> Jordan Jesus began to be set apart. The water was a symbol of many things, among them was the washing to enter his priestly function.

After Aaron was washed Moses was commanded to take a holy anointing oil and anoint him. Davis said it ran down his head and beard and off the hem of his garment.

This was no ordinary oil. It was a perfume.

When Jesus was baptised the Holy Ghost came upon him. Thus we read. He went in the power of the Spirit. He was led, driven.

THEN BEFORE THE PRIEST WENT INTO THE HOLY PLACE HE WAS TO HAVE BLOOD PUT ON HIS EAR, THUMB AND TOE.

This was to make his offering acceptable.

The thorns crushed the blood out on his ear. The nails on his hand and feet.

Thus he entered into the Holy of Holies not without blood.

11. Thus he performed all of the functions of the priestly office.

Every High priest is ordained to offer gifts. It was necessary then that this priest have somewhat to offer.

Aaron offered Goats and bulls. This man entered once with his own blood.

Aaron went every year this man once and for all.

Aaron entered the holy place by the Golden altar,

Christ entered into heaven itself, by the Cross.

Paul said we have an altar.

Christ sanctified himself and went by the crucible of Calvary into the presence of God.

THERE HE APPEARS IN THE PRESENCE OF God FOR US.

IT BECOMES NECESSARY FOR CHRIST TO FEEL THE PAIN OF SIN.

How can God know what sin is like.

God has never been tempted.

God has never known pain.

God has never known the powers of hell.

Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are.

When we repent God wonders why. Jesus conveys our tears of remorse to God.

How can we receive God's Holiness? Through Jesus Christ.

He can forgive us. He can heal us. He can comfort us.

Because Jesus knows how we feel.

He is now appearing at the right hand of God for us.

He appears there as a Priest.

He appears there as a representative man.

He appears there as my brother.

He prays for me when I cannot pray.

He stands good for me when I fail, and Gives me a chance to repent.

He is Lamb and Priest.

He lays his hand upon us both.

~~The little boy and the tennis shoes.~~

Bro. Muse at  
Lake City Conference

He came to my desk with quivering lips  
The lesson was done  
Dear teacher he said I want a leaf  
I've spoiled this one  
And for the old leaf stained and blotted  
I gave him a new one all unspotted  
And into his sad eyes smiled  
Do better now my child

I came to the throne with a quivering soul  
The old year was done  
Dear Father I said have you a new leaf for me  
I've spoiled this one  
For the old leaf stained and blotted  
He gave me a new one all unspotted  
And into my sad heart smiled  
Do better now my child.