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Pondering Hebrews 5:8-10

8 *Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. 9 And having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation,* **10** *being designated by God as a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.*

Yeshua had to learn obedience?

Although Yeshua was the Son of God, God would always be faithful and obedient to His own calling, right? Yes, but Yeshua was the God-Man. In His divinity there was nothing that He had to learn. But in His humanity, He like you and me had to learn all things. Note the verse from Isaiah 50:4 which talks about Messiah (Isaiah 50:4-11)

“The Lord-God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens *Me* morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.”

Yeshua limited Himself in terms of His human experience and so God the Father had to wake Yeshua the Son, morning by morning and disciple Him. He instructed Him and Yeshua learnt all things from the Father. We can see this growth in the Gospel “Yeshua grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men” (Luke 2:52).

In his humanity Yeshua had to make the commitment to be fully obedient. As the apostle Paul wrote, even “obedient to death - even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:8).

We, as sinful man, need correction. We need corrections to our behaviour, our thinking and our lives. We do this by hearing and applying God’s Word and turning away from disobedience. Contrast this to the Messiah in His Divinity. He knew all things but in His humanity He had to learn, and as He understood He become obedience in all things. What was the will of the Father? His will was that His Son would be the perfect sacrifice. It was Messiah, though He was Eternal, who gave up His sinless life as an offering for you and me. Paul says in Romans 5:19 “For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.”

Yeshua made perfect?

Throughout His life Yeshua endured tests by man. Over and over we see the Jewish leadership testing Him and checking if He would obey the laws and the commandments? (Matthew 21:23-22:14; Mark 11:27-12:12 & Luke 20:1-19). As we come to the last week before His death and resurrection, we see that Yeshua was fully aware of God’s requirement of the Servant of the Lord (Isaiah 52:13-53:12). It would require His death as a guilt offering. By taking upon Himself the willingness to separate from the Father on the cross, He endured the ultimate test. In His divinity He had never suffered, but now Yeshua, in His humanity, was made perfect through suffering. It is through His perfect suffering that He “*became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.*” This is similar to what was expressed in Hebrews 2:10. Yeshua, made perfect through suffering, leads many sons and daughters to

glory. Perfection, therefore, must not be seen in relation to morality but in completion of the ministry that Yeshua was required to perform as the Saviour.

Yeshua is “the source of eternal salvation”

Yeshua is both the “*author and perfecter of our faith*” (Hebrews 2:10) and the “*source of eternal salvation.*” These are two complementary expressions. As the author, the idea started with Him and not with us. His plan was to bring us to a perfect faith in Him and to perfect our faith so that we can be with Him. This is something we could never do in our own strength. We could not become perfect enough to be with Him. As such, the Father appointed the Son as the perfect high priest, who brought His own blood into Heaven. He was able to achieve His redemptive work for us through the cross.

As such Yeshua became the source of eternal salvation for Israel (Isaiah 45:17). But the Covenant promise allowed the blessings of the unconditional Covenants to go to all nations (Genesis 12:3). As such the spiritual blessings (Romans 15:27; Ephesians 3:6) are for all people, Jew and Gentile alike, who accept Yeshua as that source of salvation. Being the God-Man He is able to secure our salvation for ever and ever, and ever.

Friends this should cause us to rejoice and sing the praise of Yeshua. May we too live in obedience to the calling on our lives and declare Yeshua the author and perfecter of our faith and the source of salvation to the world.

Selah

In a future pondering we will deal with the *Order of Melchizedek*. For now I hope that this illuminated your understanding of Yeshua the Son, the source of our eternal salvation.

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua
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