

**But He ...**

Hebrews 10:11-13

A reason the Scripture is difficult for some to comprehend is because their focus is on the wrong thing. Many read the Bible and see it as simply a mirror, reflecting how the reader should or ought to change. However, the subject of the Word of God is Jesus Christ (*"in the scroll of the book it is written of Me"*). In this text we see three things that are true about Jesus and how those things affect all followers of Christ. Once again the contrast is between the ancient Hebrew priests and that of our High Priest ... *"but He..."*

**I. He saves ... (v. 12)**

*"...but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time."* Hebrew worship foreshadowed Christ.

The old priests daily ministered, daily sacrificed (*time after time*), for they could never take away sin.

**But He!** Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law in your stead. He is the Priest and the Offering. He gave Himself. It is the death, burial and resurrection of Christ that cleanses the conscience and the life of all our sin.

*"Beginning at Moses and the Prophets, He explained all the things concerning Himself"* (Luke 24:27).

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"* (Luke 24:32).

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,  
 Could give the guilty peace, or wash away the stain.  
 But He, the heavenly Lamb, takes all our sins away;  
 A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

**II. He sits ... (v. 13)**

*"Having offered Himself ... He sat down at the right hand of God... waiting from that time onward."*

God has no physical 'right hand.' This is an anthropomorphism, used to describe Christ's authority.

**A. Sitting speaks of rest.**

One does not rest until his work is finished. Christ came to do his Father's will, *"By whose will we are sanctified"* (Hebrews 10:10). Christ's sitting in heaven is our assurance that everything required to obtain the eternal blessing and favor of God has been accomplished (Romans 8:34).

We are encouraged *"to enter into His rest"* (Hebrews 4:1-2). Notice, it is **His** rest that we enter.

**B. Sitting speaks of pleasure.**

*"In your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for evermore"* (Psalm 16:11).

The highest joy and pleasure of our Savior is the salvation of His people. Our salvation was the *joy set before him*, enabling Him to endure the cross and its shame (Hebrews 12:2). He is pleased.

**C. Sitting speaks of peace.**

As long as the U.S. has an ambassador in Niger, there is peace between our two countries. And as long as Christ our Savior is at the Father's right hand, we may be assured that there is peace.

*"Who brings a charge against God's elect? God justifies. Who is the one who condemns us? It is Christ that died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God"* (Romans 8:33-34).

**III. He sends ... (v. 13).**

(He sits) ... *"until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet."* This is a quotation of Psalm 110:1.

The question: "How does a sitting, smiling, joy-filled Savior bring His enemies under His subjection?"

**A. He sends His Spirit to bring His enemies to brokenness.**

*"And when the Holy Spirit comes he will convict the world of guilt and of sin"* (John 16:8).

**B. He sends His ambassadors to bring His enemies to reconciliation.**

*"We are therefore ambassadors of Christ. We implore you... 'Be reconciled to God'"* (II Corinthians 5:20).

**C. He sends out His gospel as seed to change the hearts of His enemies.**