

THE ONLY TRUE PRIEST

We must get back to the idea of a priesthood. We must get back to the idea of God on one side, and man on the other, and the two of them alienated from each other. This alienation is not the fault of God, but the fault of man. We must get back to a sacrifice, and a priest who can come between God, who is holy, and man, who is unholy, and bring the two of them together. That is priesthood.

The priest must be ordained of God. God had to ordain the man or else he was a false priest. The priest had to be ordained for men. God appointed the priest to help men. God needs no help. It is man that needs help.

When Christ came, He qualified completely as the One who could reconcile God and man. He was ordained of God. He wanted reconciliation for the people. He had compassion. Christ qualified as the priest, and He became the Author, the Source, and the Giver of eternal salvation.

There is a simple song called “Trust and Obey” by John Henry Sammis, that expresses something very fundamental:

*“Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey”.*

We Christians trust and obey. We obey because we trust. We trust in order that we might obey. If we try to obey without faith, we get nowhere. If we try to have faith without obedience, it ends in nothing.

Christ has given eternal salvation to those who obey Him and believe Him, for obviously the two are synonymous, if not identical. It is not just trust and not just obey. It is trust and obey. Believe God, and then go get obedience. You will find that it will become in your heart eternal salvation. Jesus Christ will become your All in All.

The pathway into God's presence has nothing to do with convenience or shortcuts. We have a Great High Priest who did not take a shortcut but rather went all the way to the cross, and now he is seated at the right hand of God the Father. He went the full distance to become our Mediator and High Priest.

Christ earned our trust and our obedience because he did not take the path of convenience but went the way of the cross and died for us and became our Great High Priest. Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest ordained of God, and ordained for men, is the only Guide to usher us into the presence of God. Those who have found Christ have found the perfect Guide and in following him have found that rest in peace are in God's presence. First trust Jesus, then live to obey Him forever. There is no other way.