

for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all, when He offered up Himself."

Hebrews 8:1-2 -- "Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a ministry in the sanctuary, and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man."

Hebrews 9:6-7, 11-12 -- "Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle, performing the divine worship, but into the second only the high priest enters, once a year, not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance." "But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption."

(2) Aspects of this office

- (a) Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice for sin once for all.
- (b) Christ continually intercedes for His people

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!

Here the king of all the ages,
Thron'd in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.

O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!

Evermore for human failure
By His passion we can plead;
God has borne all mortal anguish,
Surely He will know our need."

(William S. Simpson)

c. Christ's office as king

(1) Scriptures relevant to this office

Psalms 2:6-9 -- "But as for me, I have installed my King upon Zion, my holy mountain. I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, 'Thou art my Son, Today I have begotten Thee. Ask of me, and I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.' "