

Chapter 23

Why Jesus tempted like we are tempted today?

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us holdfast our profession. For we have not a High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:14,15, KJV).

He could not have been tempted in all points like as I am, if He were not in all points like as I am to start with. Therefore it was fitting for Him to be made in all points like me, if He is going to help me where I need help. And oh, I know it is right there where I get it. Thank the Lord! There is where Christ stands, and there is my help.

We have two negatives there; we have not a High Priest who cannot be touched. Then what do

we have on the affirmative side? We have a High Priest who can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, my infirmities, your infirmities, our infirmities. Does He feel my infirmities? Yes. Does He feel your infirmities? Yes. What is an infirmity? Wavering, that is expressive enough. We have many of them, all of us have many of them. We feel our infirmities. Thank the Lord, there is One who feels them also, yes, not only feels them, but is touched with the feeling of them.

There was more in that word "touched" than simply that He is reached with the feeling of our weaknesses, and feels as we feel. He is tenderly affected; His sympathy is stirred. He is touched to tenderness and affected to sympathy, and He helps us. Thank the Lord for such a Savior! [1]

"We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Note:

Jones, General Conference Bulletin, 1895, pp.
233, 234.