

The Priesthood as a Type and Shadow of Christ

1. Called and prepared from the foundation of the world

The Priesthood - Alma 13:7 - “This high priesthood being after the order of his Son, which order was from the foundation of the world; or in other words, being without beginning of days or end of years, being prepared from eternity to all eternity,…”

Christ - Ether 3:14 - “Behold, I am he who was prepared from the foundation of the world... I am Jesus Christ.”

2. Called according to the foreknowledge of God

The Priesthood - Alma 13:7 - “...which order was from the foundation of the world; ...according to his foreknowledge of all things-...”

Christ - Moses 4:2 - “But, behold, my Beloved Son, which was my Beloved and Chosen from the beginning...”

3. Called according to faith and good works

The Priesthood - Alma 13:3 - “...on account of their exceeding faith and good works...”

Christ - Hebrews 5:8-10 - “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.”

4. Obtained - but not to magnify self

The Priesthood - Alma 13:3 - “...with that holy calling which was prepared with, and according to, a preparatory redemption for such.”

Christ - Hebrews 5:4-6 “And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as *was* Aaron.

So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”

5. Calling to teach

The Priesthood - Alma 13:6 - “And thus being called by this holy calling, and ordained unto the high priesthood of the holy order of God, to teach his commandments unto the children of men

Christ - Isaiah 61:1-2 - “The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; ...to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;”

6. Ordained with an Holy Ordinance

The Priesthood - Alma 13:8 - “Now they were ordained after this manner—being called with a holy calling, and ordained with a holy ordinance,...”

Christ - Hebrews 5:1 - “For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God,...”

7. High Priest forever...

The Priesthood - Alma 13: 9 - “Thus they become high priests forever, after the order of the Son,...”

Christ - Hebrews 3:1 - “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;”

8. Sanctified - - through the blood of the Lamb

The Priesthood - Alma 13:11 - “Therefore they were called after this holy order, and were sanctified, and their garments were washed white through the blood of the Lamb.”

Christ - John 1:29 - “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”

9. Abhor sin

The Priesthood - Alma 13:12 - “Now they, after being sanctified by the Holy Ghost, having their garments made white, being pure and spotless before God, could not look upon sin save it were with abhorrence;”

Christ - Doctrine and Covenants 1:31 - “For I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the least degree of allowance.”

10. Enter into the ‘Rest’ of God

The Priesthood - Alma 13:12 - “Now they, ...who were made pure and entered into the rest of the Lord their God.

Christ - Mark 16:19 - “So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.”