

# Hebrews 5:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

## Analysis

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The paradox—the eternal Son 'learned obedience'—shows He experientially learned submission through suffering. 'Though he were a Son' emphasizes that even His divine status did not exempt Him from the path of suffering. The Greek 'emathen aph hon epathen' creates a wordplay (learned/suffered) highlighting the educational value of suffering. This prepared Him to be the perfect High Priest.

## Historical Context

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This verse addresses the problem of a suffering Messiah. Far from disqualifying Him, Christ's sufferings uniquely qualified Him to sympathize with and save His people.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. What is God teaching you through your current sufferings?
2. How does knowing that even the Son learned through suffering change your perspective on trials?

## Interlinear Text

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καίπερ	ὦν	υἱὸς	ἔμαθεν	ἀφ'	ᾧν	ἔπαθεν
Though	he were	a Son	yet learned he	by	the things which	he suffered
G2539	G5607	G5207	G3129	G575	G3739	G3958
τὴν	ὑπακοήν					
G3588	obedience					
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Philippians 2:8** (Parallel theme): And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

**John 4:34** (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

**John 15:10** (Parallel theme): If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

**John 6:38** (Parallel theme): For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.