

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 6:13-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The One And Only Promise Keeper” – Part 3

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

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Hebrews 6:13-18

For when God made a promise to Abraham because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.” 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

“The One And Only Promise Keeper”

1.) He is bound to Himself vs. 13-14

1a.) What God says is what He will say vs. 13

1b.) What God does is what He will do vs. 14

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2.) He has set the times for Himself vs. 15-16

2a.) When God goes to work, He works a work vs. 15

2b.) When God finishes a work, the work is finished vs. 16

Our Security, Our Assurance Is The Finished Work of Christ

Acts 2:22-24, 29-32

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know - 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it...
...29 “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 David, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins *according to the Scriptures*, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day *according to the Scriptures*,

Matthew 21:4

All this was done that it *might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:*

But in the Face of all this;

We suffer so much of our troubles in this world needlessly as Christians. Why? Because the sad fact is - that we fail to rightly place ourselves in the know and in the place of our identity – which is in Christ.

So who is Jack from Christ’s perspective?

1 Peter 1:16

As it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

And here's why we can be certain of this position –
both now and forever.

Isaiah 45:21-22

Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, a just God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. 22 “Look to Me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! for I am God, and there is no other.

Isaiah 46:9-10

9 Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’

Isaiah 45:5-6

I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me, 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other;

There is only One prophetic God in all of human history.
That God is the God of the Bible.

John 13:19

Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am He.

John 14:29

“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe.

Revelation 19:10b

Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.”

So trustworthy is God – that He even exalts
His Word above His own Name.

Psalm 138:2b

For You have magnified Your word above all Your Name.

(His word = fact = trust = peace = joy = confidence = hope = love)

“The One And Only Promise Keeper”

3.) He cannot change Himself

vs. 17-18

“The One And Only Promise Keeper” He Cannot Change Himself

3a.) It's impossible for God to transition

vs. 17

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, He confirmed it by an oath,

Determining

grk: boulomai
desiring (God), intentional (God), willing (God),

17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, He confirmed it by an oath,

to **show** more **abundantly** to the heirs of promise

Abundantly

grk: perissos
abounding all the more, excessive, extravagant.

Our God is marked by extravagant measures
and acts of love and kindness.

Zephaniah 3:17

The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

Heirs

grk: kleros
the legal and allotted beneficiary, the one to whom the inheritance is promised and thus given.

Immutability grk: ametathetos
the unchangeable nature of the unchangeable or immutable God. (the attribute of the God of the Old and New Testament. the God of Christianity)

Confirmed grk: mesiteuo;
to interpose or to be the mediator, the arbitrator.

It is Impossible for Our God to Change (Transition)

Numbers 23:19

“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do?”

Malachi 3:6

“For I am the LORD, I do not change;

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Deuteronomy 7:9

“Therefore, know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Ezra 3:11

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: “For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel.” Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Daniel 9:4

And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, “O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those who keep His commandments,

Exodus 19:5

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Deuteronomy 7:6

“For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

Psalm 136:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

**“The One And Only Promise Keeper”
He Cannot Change Himself**

3b.) It's impossible for God to waver

vs. 18a

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie,
we might have strong consolation,

To waver or to be wavering is a character flaw.
It is rooted in insecurity and timidity.

James 1:5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Because the LORD is the opposite – so we can be too.

Strong

grk: ischuros

as in all severe, all powerful, all mighty, all fortitude, all boldness—

Consolation

grk: paraklesis

aid, encouragement, comfort, appeal (1), comfort (13),

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to
an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

The Hebrew word (che'sed) for steadfast means a **love that is loyal**.
It's not only an **undying loyal love** but it is a **keeping loyal love**. It never fades
away or diminishes.

The word incorporates into its meaning the goodness of God
the steadfastness of God - the kindness of God - the faithfulness of God.

The God who will always be (T)here

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3c.) It's impossible for God to refuse you

vs. 18b

who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

Fled grk: atapheugo
to flee, to seek out, to be in a “dead run” - to be a fugitive,
in relentless pursuit after a person or a place or of and for your life.

Refuge heb: manos
The hiding place, the place of escape, the place of protection
A sheltered place, coming in out of the storm.

Example of Him being our Refuge

Exodus 33:18-23

And he said, “Please, show me Your glory.” 19 Then He said, “I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.” 20 But He said, “You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live.” 21 And the LORD said, “Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.”

Verse 18b

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{The Cities of Refuge from The Book of Numbers 35
is in the mind of the author here.

If a man unintentionally murdered another man by accident or incident that man could flee to any one of the six appointed cities in Israel to await a fair trial. If the Priests, after hearing the case found him innocent – the man was to remain within the city limits until the Death of the High Priest.

Jesus Christ is Our Refuge!

We run to Christ to escape the danger we are in because of the curse and condemnation of the law, from the wrath of God, and from an eternity in hell. Only Christ provides refuge from these things, and it is to Him alone that we must run. Just as the cities were open to all who fled to them for safety, it is Christ who provides safety to all who come running to Him for refuge from sin and its punishment.

J.C. Ryle

Bishop of Liverpool England. 1841

Lay Hold grk: krateo
to arrest, to cling to, hold fast, to retain, to have seized upon.

Hope grk: elpis
full and total expectation, to put all your hope into one (God)

John 6:37

All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

Romans 8:28-32

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Jack -

Please Pray for Me and My Life – I Need Help

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