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Hebrews 7-13

An High Priest of Good Things to Come

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NT #44

Pack Your Bags: to understand this lesson, we need some background from the OT. In addition to a basic understanding of the story of the fall, the flood, Abraham & Isaac, Moses & the Exodus ^{& desc. of Tabernacle}, Judges, David, Solomon, the schism & the exile, we also need the following:

- Numbers 19 - the preparation, use, and purpose of the "water of separation" in the Law
- Ezekiel 36 - God will return Israel to their land, purify them, and forgive them, and they will change
- Jeremiah 31 - New Covenant vs. the Old
- Psalms 110 - thou art a priest forever, the Lord said to my Lord, sit thou at my right hand

Ch 6 13-17 God made an oath & covenant to Abraham
He swore by himself, because there is none greater

performance of God's oath & covenant = perfection (teleosis)

Ch 7 1-10 The greatness of Melchizedek. We don't even know his origin, but we will remember him always as a high priest - he didn't join the priesthood through lineage. He was the presiding Priest over the man who became our claim on priesthood. His authority was therefore greater than any we claim through Aaron or Levi or Jacob, because their ancestor paid offerings to him.

Luke 1:45

Psalms 110

11-18 There is need for a second priesthood, since we know it existed and it is prophesied to return in Psalm 110. Jesus also has no claim to Aaronic priesthood, being of Judah. If the Aaronic priesthood made anything perfect.

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teleosis = perfection

20-28 Superiority of Melchizedek priesthood: (better covenant): Jer. 31:31-34
our High Priest (Jesus) is perfect, not requiring a sacrifice for himself
it comes with an oath (perfecting influence on us)
sacrifice may occur once, since it makes us perfect, instead of daily & yearly

Ch 8 1-6 superiority of new covenant and "true tabernacle"
- earthly temple is but a shadow

- Ex 25:40 - pattern of tabernacle

Here is some of the most compelling language to believe in Jesus anywhere in scripture

7-12 quote Jer. 31:31-34

Jer. 31:31-34

13 Law superseded, and this was foretold

12:2 - author finished just when made

Heb. 7:11

Luke 1:45

Jer. 31:34

Heb. 9:11-15

perfection = performance of God's promises = forgiveness of our sins = atonement of Jesus, the mediator of the New Testament

Ch 9 1-7 desc. of Tabernacle & Day of Atonement ritual

8-10 Mosaic temple ordinances weren't "perfecting," in the sense that they would not bring, of themselves, the delivery of God's promises such as deliverance & forgiveness

11-14 comparing again the Tabernacle of Moses and its rituals to the "true tabernacle"

16-18 A will/testament/covenant is not in force while the "testator" lives. Even Moses' tabernacle's observances acknowledged that

19-22 Law of Moses requires shedding & sprinkling of blood for purification Exodus 24:8

23-28 The heavenly original, or "true tabernacle," therefore requires blood & death, but only once, and not on earth but in heaven itself.

Ch 10 1-4 The Law, being a shadow of heavenly truth, doesn't actually make God's followers perfect (i.e. perform his oaths & covenants)

5-7 quote Psalm 40:6-8 - God wanted his Messiah to do his will, more than he wanted the sacrifices & burnt offerings of the temple

Psalm 40

8-10 explication of quotation above

11-12 Jesus sacrificed once; replaced priests who sacrificed repeatedly

13 repeats reference to Psalm 110 from ch. 1: enemies shall be footstool

Psalm 110

14-18 repeats quotation from Jeremiah

Jer 31:33-34

* 19-22 Because He entered Holy of Holies of True Tabernacle, we can too. He is a High Priest & makes us High Priests with him. (v. 20) - the body of Christ is the way through the veil. v. 22 our hearts will be sprinkled and our bodies washed with pure water.

Numbers 19

23-34 Since you've been saved, don't turn away. (In other words, God can't save you in your sins. (Alma 11:34)

Deut 32:35-36

Alma 11:34

Psalm 135:14

35 Cast not away therefore (i.e. because ① you know God is faithful, and ② he can't save you in your sins) your confidence

* talk Jeffrey P. Holland BYU Devotional March 1999 - JS & 1st vision

36-39 Setting up Ch. 11 discourse on faith. 2 quotes:

1 God will visit his people & not delay

Isaiah 26:20

2 God takes no pleasure in the one who ~~shrink~~ shrinks back, but in the one who lives by faith

Habakkuk 2:3-4

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Ch 11 Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Kings, etc.

Statements (general statements) about faith:

- v. 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- v. 6 Without faith it is impossible to please him, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- v. 34 they were weak, but became strong

Along with that, let's discuss the examples in Ch. 11

This is probably the ~~most~~ best-known example of the example list, an ancient literary form

- These are examples of people, ~~other~~ almost all of which the scriptures record as being quite flawed. He skipped Samuel, Elijah & Elisha, and Joseph's example was not of his righteous deeds but simply asking for his bones to be taken to Canaan (v. 22).

- This is not the greatest hits of Israel's Most Righteous but simple acts of people who at times sinned or doubted.

v. 17-19 Abraham offered up Isaac = he had actually doubted the Angels when he first heard he would finally have a son. Then, he knew Isaac was the only way he could receive his promises (perfected). Nevertheless, when put to the test, he didn't hold back his son. He figured God was able to bring Isaac back from death. And, in a manner of speaking, that's what happened.

"Choose to Believe" L. Whitney Clayton April 2015

Faith is a choice, as is the belief (v. 6) that precedes it. Want to develop faith?

Choose to believe he'll reward you. It wasn't the greatness of these souls Paul mentions in Ch. 11 that made their faith unshakeable, it was their choice to act according to faith that must have, at times, felt very shakeable that made them great and caused them to become notable, in the first place.

v. 35 Julie Smith "Women Received Their Dead" BYU ENT commentary Conf. Oct 2019 Youtube 25 mins on verse 35

women received their dead

1 Kings 17 Elijah & the widow - she showed faith by sharing - only later after her son was revived did she say by that she knew Elijah was a man of God - she shared before she knew & so, got her son back

2 Kings 4 Elisha raised son of Shunammite - similar circumstances

others - new paragraph? Does "others" mean other women or just others?

tortured: 2 Macc. v. 10-2 women arrested & killed for circumcising their children

4 Macc. ~~chapter~~ ch 15 - mother of 7 martyrs endured torture of her children

for every scriptural example of someone raised from the dead, Women were witnesses, at times (incl. resurr. of Christ) the only witnesses. Since a woman's testimony was worth less, being a Christian means accepting a woman's testimony as equal.

examples (in addition to 1 and 2 kings) of women receiving their dead:

Mark 5:21 Jairus' wife

Luke 7:12-15 widow of Nain

John 11 Mary & Martha of Bethany

* Mark 16 women at the tomb

Acts 9:36-41 widows of Joppa

v. 36-38 prophets such as Jeremiah, Elijah, Isaiah, & Daniel

v. 39-40 they received not the promise, they were not made perfect. why?

* only in company with us could they be made perfect

→ believers in Christ, those who followed Christ
→ chronologically & ^{theologically} religiously

→ because only now are all the covenants made to them fulfilled

therefore, when you assist someone to make and keep sacred covenants and thereby help them to receive promised blessings, you become an indispensable part of their perfection.

taken one step further by Jos. Smith

D&C 128:18 ~~And~~ For we without them cannot be made perfect; neither can they without us be made perfect

This is a deeper meaning of what Paul said, a secondary meaning

Ch 12

* read v. 1-2 "run with patience the race that is set before us"

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith"

2-4 things Jesus endured

5-6 accept the Lord's chastening

7-11 chastening is the way of learning

✓ 12 lift up hands which hang down, strengthen feeble knees

Isaiah 35:3 Job 4:4

make straight paths for your feet - LEARN NOT TO BE DEFENSIVE

"Prov. 3:11-12"

13-17 others might be going through chastening. By supporting them when they're weak you just might help them learn the lesson that perfects them

Prov. 4:26

18-21 Mount Sinai was forbidden while Moses was in it

* 22-24 Mount Zion is open to us, just men made perfect, through Jesus the mediator of the new cov't

25-29 So don't ignore God's voice, that is more evident now than ever

Ch 13

1-8 exhortations regarding brotherly love, hospitality, sexual purity, and faith

9-10 don't be deceived by strange doctrine

* 11-16 ~~is~~ another parallel to Jesus & the temple → the body of the Lamb was put outside camp - Jesus was crucified outside the walls - let's join him there, and despise earthly glory for heaven

read 20-21 Apostolic Blessing: may God equip you for his work, and through us do his will