

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS: CHRISTIAN ASSURANCES

HEBREWS 6:13-20

INTRODUCTION:

1. The book of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is on our side and is always there to help us when we are struggling.
2. There is security in our relationship with God.
 - a) We can feel secure because God promised. (Heb. 6.17,18)
 - b) We can feel secure because Jesus is the forerunner who entered the presence of God to keep us safe. (Heb. 6.19)
3. **HEBREWS 6.20:** “*Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.*” (Heb. 5.6,10; 7.1-3)

I. THE PRIESTHOOD OF MELCHIZEDEK

- A. What can we learn about Melchizedek?
 1. Melchizedek was a Potentate. (Heb. 7.1; Rev. 17.14)
 2. Melchizedek was a Priest. (Heb. 7.1; 8.1)
 3. Melchizedek was Perfect. (Heb. 7.2; 12.23; Acts 3.14)
 4. Melchizedek was a man of Peace. (Heb. 7.2; Eph. 2.14)
 5. Melchizedek was Peculiar. (Heb. 7.3; John 1.1)
- B. The main point: Melchizedek was Paramount.
 1. **HEBREWS 7.4:** “*Now consider how great this man was*”
 2. **HEBREWS 7.4:** He is greater than Abraham.
 3. **HEBREWS 7.5,6:** He is greater than the priesthood.
 4. **HEBREWS 7.7-10:** Melchizedek is the greater.
 5. Jesus is of the order of Melchizedek making Him greater than Abraham and the Old Testament priesthood.

II. JESUS IS OUR SURETY

- A. **HEBREWS 7.22:** “*by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.*”
 1. Surety: Literally, Jesus is our guarantee of heaven.
 2. Covenant: A contract or agreement with God.
- B. What are some of the benefits of having Jesus as a surety?
 1. We are secure in our home in heaven because Jesus removed an ineffective system. (Heb. 7.11-13)
 2. We are secure in our home in heaven because Jesus is the One who saves. (Heb. 7.25)
 3. We are secure in our home in heaven because Jesus is our intercessor. (Heb. 7.25)

CONCLUSION: When we remember Jesus, it helps us remain true.

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-Mark 16.15

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM

WHY DO YOU TALK SO MUCH ABOUT JESUS?

An old Indian chief constantly spoke of the Lord Jesus and what He meant to him. “Why do you talk so much about Jesus?” asked a friend.

The chief did not reply, but slowly, deliberately gathered some sticks and bits of grass. He made a circle of them. In the circle he placed a caterpillar. Still silent, he struck a match and lit the sticks and grass. They watched the caterpillar. As the fire caught around the circle, the trapped caterpillar began to crawl around rapidly, seeking a way of escape. As the fire advanced, the helpless caterpillar raised its head as high as it could. If the creature could have spoken, it would have said, “My help can come only from above.” Then the chief stooped down. He extended his finger to the caterpillar, which crawled up his finger to safety.

“That,” said the chief, glowing, “was what the Lord Jesus did for me! I was lost in sin. My condition was hopeless. I was trapped. Then the Lord Jesus stopped down in love and mercy, and He drew me out of the horrible pit of sin and shame. How can I help but love Him and talk of His wondrous love and care?”

Jesus died on our behalf (Acts 2.23; Rom. 5.6-11; 2 Cor. 5.21; 1 John 2.2; 4.9,10). He intercedes for us (Rom. 8.34; Heb. 7.25; 1 John 2.1). The blood of Christ makes us safe (Ex. 12.13; Eph. 1.7). The word of God makes us sure. [Anonymous]

COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE

MARK 1:14,15

INTRODUCTION:

1. Like a busy bus driver trying to stay on schedule, we sometimes pass by those who are in need.
2. Sometimes people in need are an irritant or inconvenience that we want to send away. (Mark 10.13; Luke 11.7)
3. Through Jesus had authority and a purpose, He always took time to help people. (Mark 1.38,22,27)

I. JESUS HAD A COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE

- A. Jesus took time to help Peter's mother-in-law.
 1. Mother: Nothing is know about this woman except this brief account. (Mark 1.29,30)
 2. Malady: This was a woman who "lay sick with a fever" (Mark 1.30; Luke 4.38). Ballo – To throw down.
 3. Miracle: With a single touch of His hand, "*immediately the fever left her, And she served Him*" (Mark 1.30).
- B. Jesus took time to help a leper.
 1. Condition: This was a man known only as one with advanced leprosy. (Mark 1.40; Matt. 8.1; Luke 5.12)
 2. Petition: The leper "*came to Him imploring Him*" (Mark 1.40). Parakleo: Call to the side for help.
 3. Compassion: Jesus was "*moved with compassion*" and "*touched him*" (Mark 1.41).

II. ARE WE PEOPLE OF COMPASSION?

- A. We are to look to Jesus as an example. We are to treat others the way Jesus treated them.
 1. **PHILIPPIANS 2.5:** "*Have this mind which was also in Christ Jesus.*" We are to think like Jesus.
 2. **1 PETER 2.21:** "*Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.*"
- B. Two lessons we can learn from the example of Jesus.
 1. Every person is important. (Luke 15.7,10,32)
 2. We must be willing to help those who are struggling with their own spiritual maladies. (2 Cor. 5.21; Isa. 53.6)

CONCLUSION: Jesus cared deeply for each individual.

LONGING TO SEE OUR BRETHREN

The apostle Paul had desired to see the brethren in Rome for quite some time, but had been hindered from seeing them (Rom. 15.22,23). If we go back to verses 14-21, we learn that Paul was hindered because he was occupied with other more pressing matters. Namely, he was preaching the gospel in every place that had not yet heard the good news of Christ (vs. 19,20). He was now ready to come see them but had one more matter to attend. He had to go to Jerusalem to deliver the money sent by the brethren in Macedonia and Achaia (vs. 25,26). There were three reasons why Paul was looking forward to his arrival in Rome.

Paul wanted to be helped by them (Rom. 15.24). Paul was not excited by his trip because of what he could get from the brethren. His eagerness came from what he could give. His letter to the Philippians explains that Paul does not "*seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abound to your account*" (Phil. 4.17). By Paul's arrival, he is giving them an opportunity to produce the fruit of their good works. Do you encourage others to do good works? Have you helped someone be fruitful by sharing opportunities to help others?

Paul was looking forward to their good company. Before Paul would leave Rome on his way to Spain, Paul wanted to "*enjoy your company for a while*" (Rom. 15.24). Literally, to be filled up with you. It is the idea of Paul having his fill of the Roman brethren. After the time Paul spent with the brethren was sufficient to satisfy him, he would depart to Spain. Do you love to spend time with brethren? Do you long for the company of those who share your love for the Lord?

Paul was looking forward to imparting the blessing of Christ. When Paul would arrive at Rome, he intended to give them the "*fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ*" (Rom. 15.29). In other words, Paul wanted to impart to them the blessing of Christ in abundance. If we go back to the beginning of Romans we learn that Paul planned on giving them a spiritual gift (Rom.1.11). Do you greet brethren with the intention of imparting a gift? A gift of encouragement? A gift of edification?

It appears that Paul never made it to the church in Rome. However, we can learn from his intentions (1 Cor. 11.1). CLP