

October 30–November 5

Hebrews 1–6

“Jesus Christ, ‘the Author of Eternal Salvation’”



The Atonement of Christ

Heb 1:1-3

What do we learn from these verses about God the Father and His Son?

Dallin H. Oaks

"What we know of the nature of God the Father is mostly what we can learn from the ministry and teachings of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ. As Elder Jeffrey R. Holland has taught, one of the paramount purposes of Jesus's ministry was to reveal to mortals 'what God our Eternal Father is like,... to reveal and make personal to us the true nature of His Father, our Father in Heaven' (CR, Oct. 2003). The Bible contains an apostolic witness that Jesus was 'the express image' (Heb 1:3) of His Father's person which merely elaborates Jesus's own teaching that 'he that hath seen me hath seen the Father' (John 14:9)." (CR, April 2017)

The Atonement of Christ

Heb 2:1-3

What do we learn about the atonement of Christ from these verses?

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Heb 2:14-18

What do we learn about the atonement of Christ from these verses?

Ulisses Soares

“In addition to providing the majestic gift of salvation, the Savior offers us relief and comfort as we face our afflictions, temptations, and weaknesses of mortal life, including the circumstances we have experienced recently in the current pandemic. I can assure you that Christ is ever aware of the adversities we experience in mortality. He understands all of the bitterness, agony, and physical pain as well as the emotional and spiritual challenges we face. The Savior’s bowels are filled with mercy, and He is always ready to succor us. This is possible because He personally experienced and took upon Himself in the flesh the pain of our weakness and infirmities.” (CR, April 2021)

The Atonement of Christ

Heb 4:11-16

Why do we have a “high priest” that can “be touched with the feeling of our infirmities”?

What do you think Paul means by “let us labour therefore to enter into that rest”? What work is expected of us?

Matthew S. Holland

“Regardless of the causes of our worst hurts and heartaches, the ultimate source of relief is the same: Jesus Christ. He alone holds the full power and healing balm to correct every mistake, right every wrong, adjust every imperfection, mend every wound, and deliver every delayed blessing. Like witnesses of old, I testify that ‘we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities’ (Heb 4:15) but rather a loving Redeemer who descended from His throne above and went forth ‘suffering pains and afflictions and temptations of every kind... that he may know... how to succor his people’ (Alma 7:11–12).”
(CR, Oct. 2020)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 6:1-3

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Therefore *not* leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ...

What is expected of us after we have been obedient to the first four principles of the gospel?

Hugh B. Brown

“What must one do to... be saved is an ancient and oft-repeated question which was answered by Peter,... 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost' (Acts 2:38)....

“But is one saved by merely meeting these preliminary requirements? The Apostle Paul, in one of his dynamic letters, said, speaking of these principles: 'let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God' (Heb 6:1)....

“Salvation is a continuing, on-going process. It is eternally improving, achieving, becoming—yes, and overcoming. In some ways it may be analogous to education, which is a continuous process of overcoming ignorance. When is a man educated? When is a man saved?...

“The highest reaches of life are but embryonic in the light of eternity, and man has every reason to hope that a future life will afford him full scope for larger and fuller achievement.” (CR, April 1962)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 5:12-14

What must we do to progress to the point that we can be nourished by “strong meat”?

George A. Smith

“How often is it necessary, and has it been necessary, for those who are inspired of the Lord to complain of the brethren making such slow progress in the things of the kingdom of God? How often do we hear our Presidency lament the ignorance, folly and vanity that are exhibited by many of those who are called upon....

“It was remarked yesterday, that the progress of the people was so slow, that the Presidency could not develop those principles which were for the benefit of the people, for their glory and exaltation, only at a very slow rate, powerful as we may think the “Mormon” mill to be. The President tells us that he has to regulate the feed very moderately, or injure the weak minded.” (JD, 10:59)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 4:1-3

What principle must be part of our lives in order to accept the gospel and then progress in it?

Neal A. Maxwell

"Serving, studying, praying, and worshiping are four fundamentals in perfecting 'that which is lacking in [our] faith' (1 Thes 3:10). If we cease nurturing our faith in any of these four specific ways, we are vulnerable.

"Failure to study, for instance, is to be intellectually and spiritually malnourished. Inspired words do matter, for 'when a man works by faith he works by... words' (Lectures on Faith, 7:3).... Hearing must be 'mixed with faith' (Heb 4:2) and with Christian service, as we have heard again and again in this conference....

"A lack of deep personal prayer and deep genuine worship also erodes our faith, and we may 'faint in the day of trouble' (D&C 109:38)." (CR, April 1991)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 6:18-20

Why is strengthening our hope an essential part of our eternal progress?

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“Hope is a gift of the Spirit. It is a hope that through the Atonement of Jesus Christ and the power of His Resurrection, we shall be raised unto life eternal and this because of our faith in the Savior. This kind of hope is both a principle of promise as well as a commandment, and, as with all commandments, we have the responsibility to make it an active part of our lives and overcome the temptation to lose hope. Hope in our Heavenly Father’s merciful plan of happiness leads to peace, mercy, rejoicing, and gladness. The hope of salvation is like a protective helmet; it is the foundation of our faith and an anchor to our souls.”

(CR, Oct. 2008)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 5:8-9

Delbert L. Stapley

“Often we forget that obedience must be learned. Even Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, learned perfect obedience, which qualified Him to serve as our Lawgiver and Lord....

“We now tread in the same path that He trod. That path has been clearly marked out for each of us with signs and warnings to guide us along the way, preventing us from being diverted and lost. But, like Jesus, we must learn obedience. That is the purpose of our mortal life. If we fail in this experience, we will not find the true happiness that leads to exaltation.” (CR, Oct. 1977)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 2:6-8

What do these verses teach us about our relationship with God?

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

“Just think of it: You are known and remembered by the most majestic, powerful, and glorious Being in the universe! You are loved by the King of infinite space and everlasting time!

“He who created and knows the stars knows you and your name—you are the daughters of His kingdom....

“God loves you because you are His child. He loves you even though at times you may feel lonely or make mistakes.

“The love of God and the power of the restored gospel are redemptive and saving. If you will only allow His divine love into your life, it can dress any wound, heal any hurt, and soften any sorrow.” (CR, Oct. 2011)

Priesthood

Heb 1:13-14

What is the purpose of ministering angels?

Heber C. Kimball

“[God] is nearby, His angels are our associates, they are with us and round about us, and watch over us, and take care of us, and lead us, and guide us, and administer to our wants in their ministry and in their holy calling unto which they are appointed. We are told in the Bible that angels are ministering spirits to minister to those who shall become heirs of salvation.”
(JD, 2:220)

Priesthood

Heb 5:1,4-10

What do we learn about the Melchizedek
priesthood from these verses?

William J. Critchlow, Jr.

“This priesthood of the holy order, known later as the Melchizedek Priesthood, continued in patriarchal order without a break with Adam's worthy descendants until the day of Moses....

“Later he removed Moses, who held the Melchizedek Priesthood, thus leaving Israel with only a Lesser Priesthood.... From that time on until the Savior's ministry on earth, this was generally the prevailing authority of God on the earth.

“Jesus restored at his coming the Higher Priesthood, he being 'the Great High Priest, forever after the order of Melchizedek' (TPJS pg. 158), but after the passing of his apostles there was no one left holding the keys, to authorize the ordination of any mortal man to any office in either priesthood. The apostate world accordingly was left without priesthood for about sixteen long, dark centuries.” (CR, Oct. 1963)

Priesthood

Heb 6:14-17

What did God Promise Abraham?

What was required of Abraham before he received this promise from God?

John Taylor

“God tried and proved [Abraham], the same as He has tried many of us, and felt after his heartstrings, and twisted them round. When He had tried him to the utmost, He swore by Himself, because He could swear by no greater, saying, ‘That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed’ (Gen 22:17). ‘And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed’ (Gen 22:18). Abraham obtained his dominion by legitimate authority; his Priesthood was obtained from God; his authority was that which is associated with the everlasting Gospel, which was, and is, and is to come, that liveth and abideth forever. And the promises made to him will rest upon him and his posterity, through every subsequent period of time, until the final winding up scene of all things.” (JD, 1:221)

Next Week:

November 6–12

Hebrews 7–13

“An High Priest of Good Things to Come”

