

November 6–12

Hebrews 7–13

“An High Priest of Good Things to Come”



The Atonement of Christ

Heb 7:24-26

Why is Christ able to go before The Father and make intercession for us?

D&C 45:3-5

[3] Listen to him who is the advocate with the Father, who is pleading your cause before him--

[4] Saying: Father, behold the sufferings and death of him who did no sin, in whom thou wast well pleased; behold the blood of thy Son which was shed, the blood of him whom thou gavest that thyself might be glorified;

[5] Wherefore, Father, spare these my brethren [and sisters] that believe on my name, that they may come unto me and have everlasting life.

Jeffrey R. Holland

“He is the Only Begotten Son of the living God, who has exalted that son’s name over every other, and has given him principality, power, might, and dominion at his right hand in the heavenly place. We esteem this Messiah to be holy, harmless, undefiled—the bearer of unchangeable priesthood. He is the anchor to our souls and our high priest of promise. He is our God of good things to come. In time and in eternity.” (CR, Oct. 1994)

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Heb 10:16-17,22

What do you think Paul means when he says that God will remember our sins no more?

Anthony D. Perkins

“Heavenly Father... knew His children would make mistakes as they learned from experience in mortality. But ‘God so loved the world’ that His plan of happiness provided a merciful Savior....”

“You must trust the Atonement of Jesus Christ. The prophet Zenock prayed, ‘Thou art angry, O Lord, with this people, because they will not understand thy mercies which thou hast bestowed upon them because of thy Son’ (Alma 33:16). Our Father in Heaven is saddened when we limit the power of His Son’s atoning sacrifice. As you exercise faith in Jesus Christ, you can have your guilt ‘swept away.’ If guilt remains after sincere repentance, believe your priesthood leaders when they declare you to be worthy.” (CR Oct. 2006)

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Heb 13:5-6,20-21

With respect to God's blessings, why to you think Paul states that we should "be content with such things as ye have"?

Marion D. Hanks

“But much that happens to us in this life we cannot control; we only respond. Knowing what God has promised can provide the courage and faith we need. We are assured in the scriptures that we may know of a surety that the Lord does visit his people in their afflictions....

“Said he to the lonely and the hopeless and those who are afraid, ‘I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee’ (Heb 13:5).

“Thus the promise is that in times of sorrow and affliction, if we endure and remain faithful and put our trust in him and are courageous, the Lord will visit us in our afflictions, strengthen us to carry our burdens and support us in our trials. He’ll be with us to the end of our days, lift us at the last day to greater opportunities for service, and exalt us at last with him and reunited loved ones, and he will consecrate our afflictions to our gain.” (CR, Oct. 1992)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 11:1-3,6

JST Heb 11:1 Now faith is the *assurance* of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

What message should we learn from the fact that the blessing we hope for are directly tied to faith?

What do we learn about the relationship between faith and Gods ability to create?

Angel Abrea

“How can we do otherwise than patiently endure the trials of life if we know God and understand that He is omnipotent?...

“Based on that knowledge, cemented in a strong testimony of the attributes of our Heavenly Father, the faithful Latter-day Saint—instead of despairing because a goal on his or her agenda was not realized, because his or her timetable does not bring a solution to the problems, or comfort does not come to calm the troubles of today—waits patiently for fulfillment of promises, according to the Lord’s timetable, the Lord who ‘knoweth all the times which are appointed unto man’ (Alma 40:10). The faithful Latter-day Saint waits patiently because, certainly, faith, ‘the assurance of things hoped for’ is exercised with the conviction that the promises will be fulfilled ‘in his own time, and in his own way, and according to his own will’ (D&C 88:68). (CR, April 1992)

Joseph Smith

"By this we understand that the principle of power which existed in the bosom of God, by which the worlds were framed, was faith; and that it is by reason of this principle of power existing in the Deity, that all created things exist; so that all things in heaven, on earth, or under the earth, exist by reason of faith as it existed in Him." (Lectures on Faith, 1:15)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 11:5,7,8,11,17,23,27,39-40

JST Heb 11:40 God having provided some better things for *them through their sufferings, for without sufferings they could not* be made perfect.

What do we learn from these examples about how faith proceeds miracles?

Matthew S. Holland

“Speaking of many of the Bible’s greatest heroes and their griefs, the Apostle Paul said that ‘God... provided some better things for them through their sufferings, for without sufferings they could not be made perfect.’ You see, the very nature of God and aim of our earthly existence is happiness, but we cannot become perfect beings of divine joy without experiences that test us, sometimes to our very core.” (CR, Oct. 2020)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 10:35-36

Heb 12:1-2

When can we expect to receive the blessing promised by the Lord for our obedience?

Neal A. Maxwell

‘Paul wrote of how, even after faithful disciples had ‘done the will of God,’ they ‘[had] need of patience’ (Heb 10:36). How many times have good individuals done the right thing initially only to break under subsequent stress? Sustaining correct conduct for a difficult moment under extraordinary stress is very commendable, but so is coping with sustained stress subtly present in seeming routineness. Either way, however, we are to ‘run with patience the race that is set before us’ (Heb 12:1) and it is a marathon, not a dash.

“When you and I are unduly impatient, we are suggesting that we like our timetable better than God’s.” (CR, April 1990)

Progressing Along the Path

Heb 12:5-11

Why is it important to the Lord that we harken to, and don't "faint" from, His chastisement?

Taniela B. Wakolo

“Sometimes God manifests His love by chastening us. It is a way of reminding us that He loves us and that He knows who we are. His promised blessing of peace is open to all those who courageously walk the covenant path and are willing to receive correction.

“When we recognize the chastening and are willing recipients, it becomes a spiritual surgery..... To those who need it and are willing to receive it, [surgery] can be lifesaving. The Lord chastens whom He loves. The scriptures tell us so. That chastening, or spiritual surgery, will bring about needed change in our lives. We will realize, brothers and sisters, that it refines and purifies our inner vessels.” (CR, April 2021)

Priesthood

Heb 7:1-4

JST Heb 7:3 For this Melchisedec was ordained a priest after the order of the Son of God, which order was without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days nor end of life; and all those who are ordained unto this priesthood are made like unto the Son of God, abiding a priest continually.

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

D&C 107:2-4

[2] Why the first is called the Melchizedek Priesthood is because Melchizedek was such a great high priest.

[3] Before his day it was called the Holy Priesthood, after the Order of the Son of God.

[4] But out of respect or reverence to the name of the Supreme Being, to avoid the too frequent repetition of his name, they, the church, in ancient days, called that priesthood after Melchizedek, or the Melchizedek Priesthood.

Priesthood

Heb 8:7-13

What does it mean to us to receive the new covenant that the Lord has given us in the latter days?

Russell M. Nelson

“When we realize that we are children of the covenant, we know who we are and what God expects of us. His law is written in our hearts. He is our God and we are His people. Committed children of the covenant remain steadfast, even in the midst of adversity. When that doctrine is deeply implanted in our hearts, even the sting of death is soothed and our spiritual stamina is strengthened.” (CR, Oct. 2011)

Priesthood

Heb 12:12-16

Generally speaking, what are we expected to do with the gifts and blessings that we've been given?

Camille N. Johnson

“As covenant members of His Church, we promise ‘to mourn with those that mourn’ and ‘comfort those that stand in need of comfort’ (Mosiah 18:9). Because we are ‘come into the fold of God’ and are ‘called his people,’ we ‘are willing to bear one another’s burdens, that they may be light’ (Mosiah 18:8).

“Our covenantal blessing is to partner with Jesus Christ in providing relief, both temporal and spiritual, to all of God’s children. We are a conduit through which He provides relief.

“And so, like the friends of the man with palsy, we ‘succor the weak, lift up the hands which hang down, and strengthen the feeble knees’ (D&C 81:5). We ‘bear... one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ’ (Gal 6:2). As we do, we come to know Him, become like Him, and find His relief.” (CR, April 2023)

Next Week:

November 13–19

James

“Be Ye Doers of the Word, and Not Hearers Only”

