Jesus, the Faithful Priest

Lesson 6, 1st Quarter Jan. 29-Feb. 4, 2022

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Sabbath Afternoon - Sunday 29

Memory Text:

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;" KJV — Hebrews 7:26

"Christ as the great high priest, making atonement for sinners, stands alone in his divine majesty and glory. Other high priests have ministered in behalf of a few, and the need of their services vanished. But this man, because he continued ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself." RH March 17, 1903, par 3.

Monday - January 30

A Priest on Behalf of Humans Beings

Hebrews 5:1-10

What assurance does Christ's appointment as a priest give us?

"In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." Hebrews 2:18, KJV

"Jesus Christ alone is qualified to act as our High Priest and Saviour, because, however tempted, he was able to understand, he only has passed through such experiences of test and trial as enable him to sympathize with the needs of every tempted soul." RH May 4, 1911, par 3.

"Christ glorified not Himself in being made High Priest. God gave Him His appointment as the priesthood. He was to be a representative of all the human family. He qualified himself to be, not only the representative of man, but their Advocate, so that every soul if he will accept Christ, may be a priest to God. A High Priest that can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities." Manuscript 101, 1897; "RC 930.7

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"Those who belong to "this generation," which "shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled," must meet as Jesus met with temptations and trials. We must be prepared to stand without a mediator, and triumph over similar temptations." RH May 4, 1911, par. 3

Tuesday - January 31

According to the Order of Melchizedek

Genesis 14:18-20

Who was Melchizedek?

"God has never left Himself without witness on the earth. As one time Melchizedek ministered as priest of the most high to preserve the truth and to present the righteousness of Christ, so God has kept from the darkness of the Gentile world to reveal the principles of heaven. At times men have had appointed agencies and has ever given abundant evidence that He has never deserted heaven appointed and heaven sent." 2MCP, 1.1, 1.96, 1900, par 1

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Wednesday - February 1

An Effective Priest

Hebrews 7:11-16

How effective is Christ work as Priest?

"Christ is spoken of as walking in the midst of the golden candlesticks. This is a beautiful thought. His relation to the churches, He is in constant communication with His people. He knows their true state. He observes their order, their spirit, their devotion. Although He is high priest and mediator in the sanctuary above, yet He is represented as walking up and down in the midst of His churches on the earth. He is represented as a man of unceasing vigilance, He watches to see whether the light of any of His representatives is shining or going out, if the candlesticks were left to mere human care, the flame would soon languish and die; but He is the true watchman and the Lord's house, the true warden of the temple courts. His continued care and sustaining grace are the source of life and light. AA 586.1

"Christ is represented as holding the seven stars in His right hand. This assures us that He church faithful to its trust need fear coming to struggle, for as it is, the work for the protection of Omnipotence can be plucked out of the hand of Christ." AA 586.2

Thursday - February 2

A Sinless Priest

Hebrews 7:26

What made Christ a sinless Priest?

"These words faithfully described the corrupt and self-righteous inhabitants of Jerusalem. While claiming to be the children of the prophets of God's law, they were transgressing all its precepts. Christ was the only one who was perfectly holy, harmless, and undefiled. Christ was the only one who could say, "Zeck 6:12, 13, 15.)

"He shall bear the glory." To Christ belongs the glory of redemption for the fallen race. Christ was the only one who could atoment for our sins in His own blood.... to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Rev. 1:5, 6. He "shall sit and rule upon His throne, and be a priest upon His throne." Zech. 6:13 ("Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead and the Prince of the kings of the earth." (Rev. 1:5.) "He shall be a **Priest upon His throne**." It is obvious that the time predicated is some time after the resurrection and ascension of Christ. Christ is not to be a "**priest**" "Christ, "**the branch**," **shall** grow up out of His place." He is to be a priest upon His throne. He is to be a priest upon the Jewish nation, "and the shall build the temple of the Lord." Therefore, the temple that "he **shall** build" could not have been the old temple in ancient Jerusalem, for it was a temple that is to build after His death. "And they that are far off shall come and build **in** the temple of the Lord." As this was untrue with the literal temple, the words must apply to the antitypical one. At that time the prophet says: "And many nations **shall** be joined to the Lord **in that day**, and shall be **My** people." (Zech. 2:11.) "And day" that is, in the time of Christ, the Lord of hosts, "shall be converted to Israel." Romans 11:26. Israel is a stated that one-third of the inhabitants will "come," and "seek the Lord of hosts," "build **in** the temple of the Lord,"; of which the literal one was a type.

Friday - February 4

Further Study

In erecting the second temple, Haggai and Zechariah prophesied and strengthened the hands of the people by the Word of God. The second temple was completed and dedicated every long, that the perfect fulfillment of their prophecy is to be realized in the last days of this world's history. As they have interwoven, the prophecies of the construction of the second temple, it is obvious that the literal Temple of the ancient Jews is of secondary meaning for the church in the closing work of the Gospel. Zechariah 6:12 "Behold the man whose name is the branch; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." "Those that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you." (Zech. 6:12, 13, 15.)

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