Jesus, the Anchor of the Soul

Lesson 7, 1st Quarter Feb. 5- 13, 2022

Sabbath Afternoon - February 5

Memory Text:

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enterets into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec; KJV — Hebrews 6:19, 20

The believer of Christ is expected to grow in their understanding and experience of the gospel.

At the time one is converted (born again) to Christ, he is but a babe in the Christian life, and he is to grow. Paul said, "As a new born babe, on the "sincere milk of the word," that thereby ye may grow" (Pet. 2:2.

Through the apostle Paul, Inspiration interprets this milk to be "the first principles of the oracles of God" (Heb. 5:12). Upon milk, Isaiah, it asks: "Whom shall the teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?" Then, answering its own questions, it says: "Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts." Isa. 28:9.

The church collectively, born in the first century A.D., is today spiritually born from childhood and be fed "strong meat" so as to empower her to choose the good and refuse the evil. "For every one that useth milk, Inspiration declares, "is unskillful in the Word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Heb. 5:13, 14. Spiritually, as we progresses, so the Truth and the Christian advance commensurately with it.

Sunday - February 6

Tasting the Goodness of the Word

Hebrews 6:4, 5

How it is impossible to get forgiveness of sins, and to be restored to God's favor and sight and be saved if we go back into the world as unregenerate. Ellen G. White

Paul explains that those who live not the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and who "have tasted of the good word of God," and "of the powers of the world to come" (Heb. 6:5), "are again, the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms and of the laying on of hand, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment....who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing crucify to themselves the son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." (Heb. 6:1 through 6.)

Paul's language, as above quoted, is plain that those who have been enlightened in all things, but do not live the principles of the doctrines, are laying a foundation to go back into the world, of which God hates. It would be impossible for the gospel of Christ to renew their conversion.

To make reservation for sin, is as it were to dig your own eternal grave.

Monday - February 7

Impossible to Restore

Hebrews 6:4-6; Matthew 16:24; Romans 6:6; Galatians 2:20; 5:24; 6:14

How it is impossible to restore those who once tasted the goodness of salvation?

"Experience is knowledge derived from experiments. Experience is what is what is needed now. "Taste and see the Lord is good." Experience is what is needed in the theoretical knowledge of religious truth, but practical knowledge. Many have tasted of the grace of God and then turned, they also perceive an ever slow to heed the testimonies of God may become so hardened in unbelief that the Holy Spirit. They believe in the wrath of God, but put them far from them, lest they escape it. They believe in heaven, but make no sacrifice to obtain it. They believe in the value of the soul and that entrusting to redemption cannot be bought, but they neglect the most precious opportunities to make sure of their salvation. Ellen G. White

"They may read the Bible, but its straitenings do not alarm or its promises win them. They approve things that are excellent, yet they follow the way in which God has forbidden them to go. They know a refuge, but do not avail themselves of it. They know a remedy for sin, but do not use it. They know the right, but have no relish for it. All their knowledge serves only to condemn them. Ellen G. White. They have never tasted and learned by experience that the Lord is good." ST 21.4

Tuesday - February 8

No Sacrifice for Sins Left

Hebrews 10:26-29

What is meant by no sacrifice for sin?

"God works by the manifestation of His Spirit to reprove and convict the sinner; and if the sinner resists his finally rejected, there is no more that God can do for the soul. The last resource of divine mercy has been employed. The transgressor has cut himself off from God, and can have no mercy from God. The sinner is convicted and convinced by which God is willing to save, but he will convert the sinner." Let "willing" mean "no" and "no" be divine command. Then there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." Hebrews 10:26, 27. PP 465.

Wednesday - February 9

Better Things

Hebrews 6:9-12

In what ways should we expect better things?

"I am nominated that with the examples believe as other all man may be, and what he may do, we can and must. Unremitting exertion to emulate the good works of the patriarchs, may not occupy a position of prominence; yet all may fill positions of usefulness and trust, and may, by their persevering fidelity, do far more good than they have any idea that they can do. Those who embrace the truth should seek a clear understanding of Christ and gain an experimental knowledge of a living Savior... The will I implore you to make, is the strongest. All intellectual science is sin, and spiritual lethargy is death." 4T 390.1

Thursday - February 10

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Hebrews 6:17-20

When will the covenant promises that God made to Abraham, Israel and David be fulfilled?

"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him. With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him, nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague him that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; if they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah." KJV — Psalm 89:20-37

"That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today. He has "let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen," even to his covenant-keeping people, who faithfully "render Him the fruits in their seasons." Israel was the Lord been without true representatives on earth, but God has had those who represent Him. These witnesses for God are numbered among the true spiritual Israel, and to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people." PK 713.1

Friday - February 11

Further Study

"Thither the faith of Christ's disciples followed Him as he ascended from their sight. There Christ entered "within the veil," where Jesus, said Paul, "as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enteth within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever." Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Hebrews 6:19, 20; 9:12. GC 437.1

"Through long centuries this work of ministration continued in the first apartment of the sanctuary. Day by day the priest officiated in behalf of penitent believers, secured their pardon, and presented them with the faith, yet their sins still remained upon the books of record. As in the typical service there was a work of atonement at the close of the year, so before Christ's work for the redemption of men is completed there is a work of atonement for the removal of sin from the sanctuary. This is the service which began when the 2300 days ended in the year 1844, as foretold by Daniel the prophet, our High Priest entered the second apartment, the last division of His solemn work—to cleanse the sanctuary." GC 421.1

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