

INTRODUCTION

1. What is "believing"? Faith defined by what is believed: Jesus - crucified & risen. Faith has a "cross-quality" & a "resurrection-quality". Recall discipleship & Abraham's faith.
2. Jesus as exemplar of faith: The Believer par excellence. Not only are we to believe IN Jesus, we are to believe LIKE Jesus. Tonite: His incarnation

1st: Jesus the Believer in His Incarnation

1. Jesus, the Son of God, was *sent* to accomplish our salvation. "Cov of Redemption" - Son wld redeem those given to Him by Father who come to Jesus by faith wh/ evidences new birth by HS.
 - i. Jn 6:36-40 those given by Father see & believe: Jesus brings to glory
 - ii. Jn 17:6, 9, 24 Jesus prays for those given to Him
 - iii. Jesus *believed* in His Father evident by accomplishing His mission.
2. Heb 10:5-7 Jesus' faith was informed by OT
 - i. Ps 40 fulfilled in Jesus's death [v10] wh/ issues into Jesus' enthronement - fulfill Ps 110 [v12-13] & NCov of Jer 31 [v15-18]
 - ii. Note v5 Jesus recites Ps 40 at incarnation; when He comes into world
 - iii. The incarnation was humble obedience - [Phil 2:6-11]: entails confident trust, believing obedience. Phil 2:10 cites Isa 45:21-25
3. Heb 2 [1:1-3] incarnate Son accomplished purification & now enthroned.
 - i. Not achieved by angels [1:4-14]. We give allegiance to Jesus [2:1-4].
 - ii. In 2:5ff - the incarnate Son fulfills Ps 8 wh/ extols Adam in God's creation. Ps 8 points to *the world to come* [v5] wh/ is subject to Jesus
 - iii. 2:8-9 all thgs subjected to Him [Ps 110] - already & not yet.
 - a. v9: *made for a little while... suffering death* = incarnation, but now He is *crowned w/ glory*. 1st use of *Jesus* in Heb.
 - b. Not yet see cosmos subjected - altho it is. What evidences Jesus' enthronement? He *brings many sons to glory*.
 - iv. 2:10-13 Jesus comes into the world as planned, believing that His obed suffering would save His people - as revealed in OT.

- a. v10 *it is fitting* - suitable to plan & purpose of God to *perfect the author* of our salvation thru suffering.
 - b. v11 - we are Jesus' *brethren* - v13, His *children*
 - c. v12 - cites Ps 22:22 - global success of Jesus' cross [Ps 22:1]
 - d. v13 - cites Isa 8:17-18 Jesus' trust in Lord/Father - His children
 - 1) Isa's experience foretells of Jesus [as Jesus prays David's Pss]
 - 2) v17b *look for; hope in; wait for; trust in* [NIV]. [Isa 12:2]. v13 *I will put my trust in Him* = sum of Jesus' entire life!
 - v. Incarnation is in view iv vss14-18 - *flesh & blood; faithful hi priest*.
4. Heb 3:1-2a *Apostle* - sent w/ commission/message: *He was faithful*. v1-6 compares Jesus to Moses - both were *faithful*
 5. 3:7-4:11 preaches Ps 95 - warns against *unbelieving heart* [4:12] wh/ fails to enter Sab Rest - 4:10-11 one has entered: Jesus - a believing heart.
 6. Heb 5 compares Jesus w/ Aaronic priesthood - Ps 2 & 110 [5:5-6]: 5:7-10
 - i. Jesus - Man of prayer [Gethsemane] - *piety*: devote, godly reverence
 - ii. v 8-9. *He learned obed thru suffering & was made perfect*. [2:10]
 - a. In suffering, Jesus was obed - He was pious & faithful: *perfected*
 - b. *perfect & source [author]* = the cause, legally responsible for having fulfilled OT & now causes our eternal salvation.
 7. Heb 12:1-2 those who lived *by faith* [chpt 11] - now Jesus *the author & perfecter of faith* - akin to *Alpha & Omega, beginning & end* in Rev.
 - i. *Author* = pioneer, blazes the path ahead of others: forerunner [4:9-10]
 - ii. Jesus is THE exemplar of faith. Also the originator of faith. All those who lived *by faith* [chpt 11] did so b/c Jesus was coming to be THE Believer. Jesus faith, eternally purposed, is seen in believer's faith.
 - iii. *Perfecter of faith* - Jesus originates & completes faith - brings faith to its destined end: the glory of God's Sab Rest. **APPLIC?** Heb 12:1-2