

Captain of Our Salvation!

Hebrews 2:10-13

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Introduction

- April 15th is Jackie Robinson's day, honoring him as a "trailblazer" in sports!
- Many false messiahs have come into this world, claiming to be the "Son of God"
- There is only One perfect savior who regained what Adam lost and has restored our destiny to reign.-- Jesus
 - Philippians 2:6-8-- *"who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."*
- Jesus tasted death for every man by his own volition.
 - John 10:18-- *"No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."*
 - 1 John 4:10-- *"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*
- Jesus Christ has been highly exalted, seated at the Father's right hand.
 - Ephesians 1:21-- *"far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come."*
- Jesus Christ is our great trailblazer!
 - As the Author of our Salvation-- Hebrews 2:10
 - As our Sanctifier-- Hebrews 2:11-13
 - As Satan's Conqueror-- Hebrews 2:14-15
 - As our Great Sympathizer-- Hebrews 2:16-18

***Captain of Our Salvation!* -- Hebrews 2:10-13**

A. Salvation's Author

- Hebrews 3:10-- *"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."*
1. **The whole plan of salvation devised by God was "fitting" for God, that is, consistent with His character.**
 2. **The plan that "fits the Father" was to "Make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."**
 - a. The word "captain" is equivalent to our word "pioneer, trailblazer"-- the perfect leader.
 - b. "Perfect" does not imply that Jesus Christ was flawed or sinful and had to be made holy. It generally means to be *"complete, whole, adequate."*
 - c. "Perfection" in Hebrews has to do with fully completing the course, making it to the end of God's plan. Jesus Christ, by his suffering, was wholly fitted to be our Savior.
 - d. God revealed in the Old Testament that the Messiah would suffer to provide salvation for mankind.
 - Isaiah 53:3-10-- *"He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And*

we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked— but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.”

- e. Jesus Christ learned experientially what it means to obey His Father in difficult circumstances.--
 - Hebrews 5:8-9-- *“Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”*
- f. Jesus Christ on the cross completed the mission that God has sent Him to do. Perfect obedience.
- g. Jesus Christ, as our trailblazer, has set a pattern for us to follow.
 - 1 Peter 2:21-24-- *“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ‘Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”*

3. **The purpose of the Father’s plan was to “bring many sons to glory.”**

B. Our Sanctifier

- Hebrews 2:11-- *“For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren.”*
- 1. **Jesus Christ is our Sanctifier, the One who makes us holy.**
 - Hebrews 10:10-- *“By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21-- *“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*
- 2. **“He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all one”. All one?**
 - a. If neuter, “one” refers to the human nature shared by Jesus and the people of God.
 - b. If masculine, the “one” refers to us as being in the same spiritual family. We are thus brothers.--
 - Hebrews 2:11 NIV-- *“Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brother!”*
- 3. **Jesus Christ clearly states the his familial relationship to mankind was not natural, but spiritual.**
 - Luke 8:20-21-- *“And it was told Him by some, who said, ‘Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You.’ But He answered and said to them, ‘My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.’”*

4. **The solidarity Jesus, the Sanctifier, has with you and I, the sanctified, is supported by the Old Testament Scriptures.**

- Hebrews 2:12-13-- *"I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: 'I will put My trust in Him.'* And again: *'Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.'*
- a. ***"I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praises to you"***
 - 1) Taken from Psalm 22:22, clearly a Messianic Psalm
 - 2) Psalm 22 describes the crucifixion of the Messiah
 - a) Christ's cry from the cross. *"My God, My God! Why have You forsaken Me?"* --Psalm 22:1
 - b) The taunt of those around the cross
 - Psalm 22:7-8-- *"All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, 'He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!'"*
 - c) The physical abuse of Christ on the cross
 - Psalm 22:14-18-- *"I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots."*
 - d) Jesus Christ's affirmation of faith.
 - Psalm 22:4-5-- *"Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed."*
 - Psalm 22:22-- *"I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You."*
 - b. ***"I will put My trust in Him"***
 - Isaiah 8:17-18-- *"And I will wait on the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; And I will hope (or trust) in Him. Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion."*
 - 1) Isaiah is voicing his frustration over preaching in vain.
 - Isaiah 8:16-- *"Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples."*
 - 2) God the Father has a parallel experience as Isaiah. The people haven't listen to Him either.
 - Isaiah 8:13-15-- *"The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken."*
 - 3) Clearly a Messianic passage for Jesus is either the sanctuary where people find safety or He is the stone that causes men to stumble.
 - 4) Jesus Christ lived a life of faith.

c. *"Here am I and the children whom God has given Me."*

- 1) Jesus Christ, full of faith, living among the family God-- His brothers.
- 2) Only after Jesus' resurrection are we called Jesus' brothers and part of His family.
 - John 20:17-- *"Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"*
- 3) Jesus is not ashamed to call us His brothers!
- 4) God the Father is not ashamed to be called "our God"!
 - Hebrews 11:16-- *"But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them."*