

Christ, In the Hebrew Epistle

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I guess the scholars are not certain who the author of this Epistle was. I believe Paul is commonly accepted. This is not too important, seeing it has found its place in the New Testament Canon. The Epistle affords a wonderful Text Book on Theology, since Theology is defined as: "A particular system, or set of beliefs, regarding God and religion."

In the opening chapter, the author introduces to us, A Personal God. A God of purpose, plan and order. A God who speaks, who reveals His will and purposes in an orderly and intelligent manner, "at sundry times and in divers manners, spake unto the fathers". This raises our conception of God out of the realm of mere force and blind materialism. God here is an intelligent, creative, eternal, Personality. Nature, as we know it, is not God, but is the product and handiwork of God. I can worship God through nature, but I must not worship nature as God. Job warned against this in the long ago. In pleading his innocency before God, he said, "If I beheld the sun when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; and my heart hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my hand". Job 31:26-27. David set things in their proper light when he said, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." Yet many of the learned of earth have bowed God out. I read a book recently which reached its climax in the statement: "God is Nature, and Nature is God." Personally, when the deeps of my spirit call for God, I need something more than a beautiful sunset or a lovely tree.

In the second verse of this chapter we are introduced to God the Son. So much of this chapter speaks of Jesus Christ. Today His place in the God-Head is being challenged anew. In the early history of the christian church, strange and weird notions were presented concerning the Being of Christ, but a Book, entitled: "The Truth About God", was left me a few days ago which leads me to believe that there are still strange things being taught. In fact, this book is responsible for my attempting "Highway" articles on a subject of such infinite depth. I presume that this book will be distributed quite largely and I feel it presents a dangerous concept of God. I would ask our people to treat it with carefulness. In regards to the Trinity, it attacks practically every truth our Church creeds stand for. It would be worse if it were better. I mean that it is so ridiculous, in much that it teaches, as to brand it spurious by even a casual reading. I shall have occasion to return to it later.

This first chapter of Hebrews speaks of Christ as the Divine Logos. God became vocal in Christ. He is God speaking directly to man. No prophets, no angels, as mediums. God, the Son, speaks. I don't suppose that what Christ says, is to be regarded as more authentic than the words of prophets and apostles, but what He says packs more into words than any other that has spoken. The language of man was strained to the breaking point when used by Jesus Christ. That is the reason you can't empty His sayings.

Both the instrument and objects of His ministry were over-taxed. Hear Him as He said, (And I think with burning desire) "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." Neither man's language nor man's mind can capture the full significance of Truth when the very God of Truth is speaking. Nevertheless, this Epistle teaches us that something very meaningful has been added to our responsibility because God hath "spoken unto us by His Son."

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everyone's, were to be covered with the love which she vowed when wedded. When she saw how she had disobeyed God in failing to love her husband, plus the unlove of coming between the other man and his wife and children, as well as the prospect of robbing her own little ones of their father's fellowship by divorce, she returned to her husband with restored love. Divorce was defeated by love.

The price paid to maintain a marriage is often temporarily great, but it pays. Love ennobles the one who exercises it and refuses to part with it whatever the cost. And the love of either father or mother, under trial, is a wonderful example for the children. And one loving parent can make home worth while.

A noble mother of many children suffered innumerable and indescribable offenses in her marriage. It would be difficult to describe how impoverished her home became through the faithlessness of her husband. Her lot became one of stark poverty. One day, while in utter despair over her wretched situation, she came to a firm conclusion—that she would not quit, she would not take the world's way out, she'd stay by. She recalled her promises to love to the end, and she would! She would dismiss bitterness toward him who deserved it, and would love and win him.

That decision marked a turning point, giving her restored love, new courage, increased wisdom, and the un-failing help of the Lord. There followed a few more hard years, and then a great heart change came over her seemingly worthless mate, followed by years of love, happiness, and prosperity.

Recently he passed away, leaving her financially well off, a benediction to her children and their families, and a great spiritual blessing to her community. And she is blessed with the knowledge that he died a Christian, a gentleman, and a business success, all through her faithfulness to her marriage vows. Love never fails—it suffers long, bears, believes, hopes!

Many have refused any but the way of love, rejecting bitterness, resentment, jealousy, or self-pity. This is the making of victorious characters. The opposite makes for weakness, nervousness, frustration, and failure. Some will ask, "Isn't divorce ever justifiable—didn't Moses grant divorces?" Jesus' sad answer is that it was because of the hardness of human hearts that the decrees were granted—unlovingness concerning that which is most sacred, holy, binding, and heavenly!

If we but recognized the source of unlove, we should have nothing to do with it. It is of the enemy, the great home-wrecker. Divorce is his way out. God has a better way—the way of love. Love makes for faithfulness in the midst of hardships, disappointments, and discouragements. The injunction, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," issues from God's love. Only love can hold the home together when testings come.

Many a marriage, now looked upon as successful, has borne a stain or a strain that long ago was forgiven and buried under love. That's what love is for. Without it no marriage can succeed, we humans being but weak mortals, subject to failures and temptations of every conceivable sort. But God is the author of love and in love itself is His power—to keep, to guard, to strengthen, to endure, and to bind.

Family difficulties are frequently the means of bringing God into homes, with blessed results. Where He is, there is love, and where love dwells, He commands His blessings. Love inspires and sustains faith, for faith works

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