The Fountainhead Of Every Blessing

Hope Chapel Honolulu Hebrews 6:13-7:10, ESV Strong's)

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. (Hebrews 6:13-15, ESV)

Introduction

Perhaps the word "fountainhead" used in this week's title is too old to be familiar to some of you, but it seemed appropriate to use an old word to convey an even older truth: Jesus Christ is the fountainhead of every blessing from God. Christ is not just the water of blessing, He is not just the fountain from which that living water flows, but He is the source of that blessing. As we look at today's passage of Scripture, let God's eternal truth to speak to our heart and soul and strengthen us.

1. Is your faith and walk based on the sure promises of God? (Hebrews 6:13-18)

- a) Does your time orientation influence your faith and walk with God?
- b) "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." (v.14)

2. Melchizedek: a pre-incarnate theophany of Christ. (Hebrews 6:19-7:6)

- a) Jesus Christ is the eternal high priest for Abraham and continues to be for all who believe.
- b) "A sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the Most Holy Place." (v.19)

3. Christ portrayed as greater than Abraham and Levi. (Hebrews 7:7-10)

- a) The superiority of Christ is shown through His blessing of Abraham.
- b) The superiority of Christ to the Levitical priesthood demonstrated in Melchizedek.

Conclusion

What can we learn from how this Letter to the Hebrews sets faith in Christ and above their history, culture and religious practices? One lesson is that in their case the faith of their ancestors was portrayed as one and the same as theirs because of the centrality of Christ. When Christ claimed to be "the way and the truth and the life" to the First Century Jewish believers, He was not revealing a new religion, but was actually referring to His eternal role and relationship between God and mankind. Christ has been at work for longer than you and I might have initially thought or believed. Christ is the fountainhead of every blessing of God.

For our prayerful study, discussion and application:

- 1. Please read Genesis 4:1-21 to read the narrative account of Abraham's encounter with Melchizedek.
- 2. Why do you think Christ's superiority to Abraham and Levi mattered to the Jewish believer?
- 3. What did the Word and Spirit of God remind you of or teach you anew about your faith and walk?

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