HELP IN HIGH PLACES

Faithful Help

Hebrews 3:1-6

1) Consider Jesus (and the help he brings) as a FAITHFUL APOSTLE.

Hebrews 3:1-2 (ESV)

John 8:29 (ESV

Jesus offers us help, and we ought to avail ourselves of that help, because he offers help from above–that's where he came from, that's where he is–and in being sent to help us he always faithfully did what God willed him to do. When God sends someone to help you...doesn't it make sense to avail yourself?

What did God will him to do? What kind of help did he offer? We see that as we consider Jesus as a faithful high priest

2) Consider Jesus (and the help he brings) as a FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST. Hebrews 3:1-2 (ESV)

A priest is a mediator between God and man. Jesus was a faithful priest who always performed his duty as priest as God the Father willed

Hebrews 9:26 ESV, Hebrews 10:12 ESV

He is faithful help because he successfully reconciled man to God and God to man fulfilling the duties the God sent him to complete. He did this through the sacrifice of himself which put away, in a single sacrifice, our sin.

But how could he do this? How could he help us in such a perfectly and completely faithful way? We see how he could do this when we consider the faithful son of God

3) Consider Jesus (and the help he brings) as a FAITHFUL SON.

Hebrews 3:6 (ESV)

The whole Biblical narrative can be summed up as God looking for a faithful Son.

Matthew 3:16-17 ESV

Kingdom Through Covenant – "In other words, in the coming of our Lord Jesus, we find God's promise brought to pass by his own sovereign action through an obedient Son, who by his life and glorious cross work achieves and secures our redemption on unshakeable grounds by the inauguration of a new covenant."

How is Jesus the Help in high places? Not just sent from God as one who God is pleased to put on mission. Not just a faithful priest who mediates through self-sacrifice. This is the very son of God who is God. And in being God the Son he is perfectly faithful in all his duties, particularly as a faithful apostle and high priest. Consider this!

For "holy brothers" who "share in a heavenly calling"

We are apostles - Mark 16:15 (ESV)

We are priests - 1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

We are sons and daughters - 1 John 3:1 (ESV)

Hebrews 3:6 (ESV)

"...the hearers are to hold fast to God's work for them in Christ, which includes all that has been promised."

We remain faithful by holding fast to God's work for us in Christ: sent one, mediator, Son who died. How do we hold fast to this? Consider Jesus.