**R849 Rumination for 2 May 2021 by K.C. Ung**

The **T**heme: **Consider…** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: ***Consider*** *the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;*  Heb. 3:1

The **T**hots:

The **W**riter to the Hebrew Christians **W**rote to them to ***Consider*** **C**hrist and **C**ertain aspects of the **C**hristian life.

The **C**onnotation of ***Consider***:

 *Consider* (*katanoeō*) is translated from [<G2596>](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?strongs=G2596) (*kata*) and [<G3539>](http://www.crossbooks.com/book.asp?strongs=G3539) (*noieo*) = to *observe fully*. Strong

Thus, to **F**ocus upon and to **F**ix one’s thoughts **C**arefully and **C**ontemplatively upon.

1. ***Consider* the Lord, our High Priest.** Heb. 3:1, 2a

*…****Consider*** *the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;*

 *Who was faithful to Him that appointed Him*.

1. He is the **A**postle and High Priest.
2. *As Apostle* (*Apostolos = the sent One) -* Jesus was *the* ***S****ent One* of God to Man Jn. 17:23

 *That the world may know that Thou hast sent Me...*

1. *As High* ***P****riest* – Jesus repre**S**ents Man to God. Heb. 5:1, NKJV

 *For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God,*

 *that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.*

1. He is also the **A**uthor and **F**inisher of our **F**aith; Heb. 12:2

 *Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him*

 *endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

1. He is the **P**ioneer of our **F**aith – *Author*, *Captain* Cf. Heb. 2:10

*For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things,*

*in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation…*

1. He is the **P**erfecter or ***F****inisher* *of our* ***F****aith* – ...*perfect through sufferings*
2. ***Consider the Lord’s Patience* (*Endurance*)** Heb. 12:3a, NKJV
3. He endured the Hostility from **S**inners.

***Consider*** *Him who endured such hostility from* ***S****inners against Himself...*

1. He endured the Hostility of the **S**hame of the Cross.Heb. 12:1-2

*…endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

1. He endured the Hostility of **S**ufferings on the Cross to bring us **S**alvation. Heb.2:10

*For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things,*

*in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

1. ***Consider* Melchizedek’s Preeminence.** Heb. 7:4

***Consider*** *how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.*

1. Christ’s **P**riesthood was of the order of Melchizedek. Heb. 5;6, 10, 6:20; 7:11, 17, 21
2. He was without **P**arentage nor Heritage. Heb. 7:3

*Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life;*

*but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.*

1. He was both **P**otentate and **P**riest of whom no **P**erson could ever be. Heb. 7:1

*For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God…*

1. The **S**aints of God as Living **S**tones of the **S**piritual House are Constituted: I Pet. 2: 5, NKJV

*You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house…*

* 1. ***A holy priesthood*** *, to offer up* ***S****piritual* ***S****acrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*
	2. ***A royal priesthood…*** *to* ***S****how forth* (**P**roclaim) *the* ***P****raises of Him who called you*

*out of darkness into His marvellous light*

1. ***Consider* our Partners in the Faith…** Heb. 10:24

*And let us* ***consider*** *one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

1. **E**ncourage each other to love…
2. *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another;*

 *as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.* Jn. 13:34

1. *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down his life for us:*

 *and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.* I Jn. 3:16

1. **E**xhort each other to do *good works*.

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,*

*which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.* Eph. 2:10

* In the meanwhile, **Consider** the death, burial, resurrection and return of our Lord
* and **R**emember and **R**evere Him this day as we take of the Bread and Drink of the Cup.

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder* ***Consider*** *all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great Thou art! How great Thou art! (x2)* Stuart K. Hine

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 849**

Compare and Contrast Faith and Works as revealed in the Bible.

**Consider** their Seeming Contradictions, as follows:

1. **Faith/Belief or Trust**
2. Faith is required for a sinner to be saved. Consider the following texts:

**Acts 16:31 –** *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.*

**Galatians 2:16 –**

*Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

**Acts 10:43 –**

*To him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins.*

**Mark 16:16 –**

*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

1. Yet **Faith** alone cannot save. **Consider** the following texts:

**James 2:14 –**
*What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works?*

*Can faith save him?*

**James 2:17 –** *Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

**James 2:20 –** *But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

1. Likewise, **Works** alone **C**annot Save.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 –** *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:*

*it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

Faith or Belief by itself cannot safe a Sinner. It needs an Object, and the object is Jesus Christ. Thus, **Romans 10:9**, HCSB – *If you confess with your mouth, “****Jesus is Lord****,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

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Have you at some time in your life confessed Jesus as your Saviour and Lord to save you from your sins? Can you remember the occasion and event? **REFLECT**

1. **Faith** in Jesus saves and it shows in **Works** for God.

**Ephesians 2:8-10** – *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ*

*Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

**James 2:18** – *Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith*

*without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*

**James 2:22** – *Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made*

*perfect?*

**Philippians 2:12-13 –** *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my*

*presence only, but now much more in my absence,* ***work out*** *your own salvation with fear*

*and trembling. For it is God which* ***worketh in you*** *both to will and to do of his good*

*pleasure.*

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye* ***present*** *your bodies a*

*living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not*

*conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye*

*may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* **Rom. 12:1-2**

Have you ever ***presented*** your life to the Lord in this way? **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:**

***Consider*** *the* ***L****ilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:* (Mt.

6:28) *As the* ***L****ily among thorns, so is my* ***L****ove among the daughters.* (Song 2:2)