

Hebrews 7.4

Consider the Greatness...

Jesus told us that loving the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength was the greatest commandment, it is the manifestation of the whole law distilled into a single idea. We fail at this always since we cannot ever fully complete it; however, we also fail in ways which should not be. Every time we have a sin problem, what we really have is a love problem. We don't love God enough, we don't love Jesus enough... we love our flesh and we love our sin. So the solution to sin IS love, and the solution to love is sight... we don't love God enough because we don't see Him clearly enough. We allow the world to define our vision of God, the culture to frame and curtail His self-revelation, and our own sinful hearts to relegate Him to a Sunday morning obligation, rather than a constant source and target for our lives. We all came from Him and we will all return to Him. And that return will be to Him AS HE ACTUALLY IS! With this in mind I want to consider the greatness of this man, Jesus Christ, to think on who He is, what He has done and what He offers to

His children. We see Him both foreshadowed and pre-incarnate in this man Melchizedek, and through the submission of Abraham (and through him all the people of God) unto Him we find that this greatness was shining fully. Abraham saw Him clearly, and prayerfully, so too shall we!

I. GREAT IN POWER AND MIGHT

Psalm 65:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, And of the far-off seas; ⁶ Who established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed with power;

Colossians 1:15–18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

John 1:3 (NKJV)

³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

Hebrews 1.1-4

II. GREAT IN ORDER OF PRECEDENT

Colossians 1.15-18

III. GREAT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Jeremiah 23:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ⁶ In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR

RIGHTEOUSNESS

A. Great in faithfulness

Psalms 119:89–91 (NKJV)

⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven. ⁹⁰ Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides. ⁹¹ They continue this day according to Your ordinances, For all are Your servants.

Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Revelation 1:5 He is called the faithful witness

Revelation 19:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

B. Great in wisdom

1Corinthians 1:20-25,30

Revelation 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!"

C. Great in truth

John 1:14-17

John 14:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 17:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

D. Great in obedience

John 6:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 5:19 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

E. Great in suffering

Hebrews 2:10 (NKJV)

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.

Hebrews 5:8–9 (NKJV)

⁸ though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

IV. GREAT IN HUMILITY

A. Great in condescension

Philippians 2:5–8 (NKJV)

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no

reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ 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.

B. Great in peace

1. With God

John 14:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

John 16:33 (NKJV)

³³ These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

Ephesians 2.14-18

Colossians 1:19–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

2. With man

Romans 15.7-13

C. Great in mercy

Titus 3:4–7 (NKJV)

⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.