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The Son's Work in Providence

Hebrews 1:3b

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will begin to unpack the Universal Lordship of Jesus, the Son of God beginning in v.2b

I. THE SON'S WORK

A) IN PROVIDENCE

1_The Activity (the What & the How)

>> “and” τὲ (Strong’s G5037) instead of καί (Strong’s G2532).

This indicates that *WHAT* the Son *DOES*, flows from *WHO* the Son *IS*.

1a – The What – of Providence

• *Question 14:* What are God’s works of providence?

Answer: God’s works of providence are His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures, and all their actions.

>> This is the Active Work of the appointed Son in Providence.
(the What).

John 10:18 “No man taketh it from me, but **I lay it down of myself**. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”

1b – The How – of Providence

>> “upholding” (Strong’s G5342) φέρω, pherō

(1) Bearing up, sustaining

(2) Guiding, managing, or controlling

• **FIRST MEANING** (Bearing up, sustaining)

Neh.9:6 Thou, even thou, art LORD alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee.

Col. 1:16-17

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17And he is before all things, and by him all things **consist**.

• **SECOND MEANING** (Guiding, managing, or controlling)

Ps.103:19-21 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the LORD, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the LORD, O my soul.

Mth.10:29-31 “Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

>> **Dr. Robert Paul Martin** “the twin work of sustaining and directing encompassed in the Son’s work of Providence”.

1c – The Scope – of Providence

Jhn.1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

2_ The Ability / Power (Whose?)

• The Hebrew Christians did not need to be told that God Almighty upheld all things but rather what they needed to have a more exalted conception of the Divine dignity, Authority, and all Mighty power of Christ! (M’Lean on Hebrews)

>> “word” (Strong’s G4487) ῥῆμα, rhēma

(1) that which is or has been uttered by the living voice, thing spoken, word

(2) a series of words joined together into a sentence (a declaration of one's mind made in words

- We are to understand it is also true of the Son. Jesus sustains / rules all things which he has created by his powerful word or Utterance.

B) IN REDEMPTION

1 As a High Priest

“had...purged our sins” or “had made purification of sins”

- In all the previous observations of the Sons’ work of “upholding all things by the word of his power” it is properly understood as a continuing, on-going work. **Here however**, the implication of the aorist Greek form translated “*had by himself made*” or “*When He had made*” is clearly communicating that this particular priestly task of making purification for our sins has been successfully accomplished in the past-tense and was not an ongoing, open ended work, nor one ever to be re-performed in the future.

2 Work as High Priest - Purification of Sin

Malachi 3:3 “And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify (a derivative of our word here in our text) the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness”.

>> “when he had” or “having made” (Strong's G4160) ποιέω ποιέō

Heb.9:12 “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Isaiah 53:11 “He shall see of the travail (LABOR) of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”