

## Hebrews 2:10

### The Greatness of Our Captain

For this end (our Salvation) He (God) appointed a captain of our salvation. If we do not understand the Glory of the Salvation that is ours, we will not rightly see and understand the Captain OF that Glory! But paradoxically seeking to understand the majesty and wonder of our Captain will help us to see the glorious salvation He brings, so let us consider something more of the Captain and His true authority over us which will, in turn, help us to know the awesome nature of the salvation He brings and through that we might glory in the Redeemer Himself-

The word Captain has many connotations, but through them all is woven the idea of leader, commander, boss, Master... and it is this word that we need to consider and focus our attention on before we can really grasp all that is implied in this text. Remember that the aim of this role and the defining character that the writer here gives is that He does all that He does as Captain to accomplish this stated and ordained goal of bringing

His many children to glory. Following our great Captain is our only path to life...

## **I. COMMANDER OF THE ARMY OF THE LORD -**

### **Joshua 5.14**

He is the General of the people of God. There is no one who is a part of God's work of bringing many sons to glory that is not under the absolute rule and authority of Christ. Not merely as the rest of creation is under His rule, to answer for their constant disobedience, but implied here is the instruction and expectation that we would walk with our eyes fixed on Him and take our lead from Him in every item. As our Captain, He watches over us

A. With absolute care and watchfulness –

### **Ps 121.4**

B. With tenderness and love –

Is 40.11

C. With power, authority and majesty –

Micah 5.4

## II. LEADING US BY HIS SPIRIT -

Jesus gave us His Spirit to do in us and to give to us the powerful presence of His Own life. One of the main works that the Spirit fulfills is to bear witness to us of Who Jesus is, and what He is calling and leading us to do.

John 15.26

But in the OT this task of witness and leader is attributed to Messiah, our Captain... Now since the Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, we can see that the Spirit is helping us to see Christ fulfilled in all His roles. To understand, to know, to trust and to follow.

## Isaiah 55.4

- A. He goes before us in all things... this means that you do not have to experience something to be made ready for it. It is a flawed belief system that declares that you have no right or authority to speak to something you have not experienced. Truth defines and makes us ready, and since our Captain is leading and **has** gone before us, we do not need to walk a road before you know where it goes and how best to navigate it.
  
- B. Fulfilling the Law on our behalf
  - 1. Made under law –

## Galatians 4.4-5

Jesus submitted to and fulfilled the entire Law of God. He was under its authority while He was here among us.

## 2. Learned obedience

Hebrews 5.5-11

## 3. Fulfilled all righteousness

## 4. Calls us to follow after Him in all things

### C. Went before us in our sufferings –

We are not going to spend a lot of time here this morning, but I want to make this one point and move on, whatever you are suffering, whatever God has ordained for you to bear in this day, or any day, Christ has already been there and made a way for you to follow after Him faithfully and confidently...

1 Peter 4.1-2

Hebrews 12.1-4

Your own sufferings allow you to do the same for others who follow after you as well. Which gives us some perspective on how to live when it hurts too much to go on for our own sake...

## Colossians 1.24-26

- D. Went before us in death, to be before us in life everlasting

## Hebrews 6.19-20

### III. HE IS SHOWING US HOW TO LIVE...

- A. We don't know on our own how to live, how to be happy, how to please God

- 1. He revealed God to us –

### John 1.18

- 2. He declared the things of Heaven to us –

### John 3.12-13

- 3. He brought life and immortality to light –

### 2Tim 1.10

4. He gives us eyes to see and ears to hear

B. He supplies us with all that we need to follow after Him

C. The obedience required He supplies by His own work and righteousness. -

John 15.5

D. Gives help in time of need –

Hebrews 4.16

E. Hides our life with Himself in God –

Colossians 3.3

#### **IV. HE SUBDUES ALL OUR ENEMIES**

A. For us

1. By emerging victorious from all His own temptations –

John 14.30,  
Hebrews 2.18  
Hebrews 4.15

2. By teaching us that they are not invincible
3. By actively intervening on our behalf and fighting our battles
4. By His own work as our representative Head
5. By His own conquest of them which left them all actually powerless - toothless bumbles...

B. Subdues our enemies IN us as well –

1. He enables us in our own persons to conquer our enemies by the strength and power that He gives us –

Romans 8.37,  
1 John 2.13-14;  
1John 4.4

2. The world is also subdued by us as Christ works His will

C. He avenges our sufferings upon our enemies –

Revelation 20.10,14

D. He provides for us a crown, a reward for His own labor in us...

## **V. HE LEADS US TO JOY**

He is the author, creator, cause of our salvation. He both purchased it for us, and leads us to enjoy the promise of and the obtaining of this great and powerful hope. There is nothing that you will ever face which is not part of His plan for you, part of the great dance of the revelation of this glory. Wait for the day of the great revealing, and you will worship in awe and wonder as the very things you most

desired to be free of are shown to be the most powerful tools in His hands to complete His work in you. What awaits is the perfect joy of His presence, undiluted and made delightful because of the path He has led you in and the destination OF that path. It is not the shallow pleasure of this life that is our goal, it is the deep and perfect ocean of His love.

## **VI. HE ASSURES US OF COMPLETION**

Let me just speak this word of peace to you,

# **You Will Make It.**

There is no doubt that He will complete that which He has begun...

**Philippians 1.6**

Fear dilutes life, it causes us to worry and doubt that God has control of the events that we don't understand. You will not ever, this side of glory, understand all of the reasons why... but you will

understand that He does. You will learn to trust that He knows where He is taking you and that He knows how best to get you there.

At the end of the matter let us return to this core truth, He has the absolute right of Lordship over every portion of our lives. We are sons and servants, slaves to His love, and nothing you face will ever shake that fact, and nothing you face is EVER anything but Him working out the perfect plan He has always held for you from the very beginning.