



Christ the High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek



Hebrews 2:9-15

Verse 11 - For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren...

Verse 14 - *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood*, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Sacramental inference - As we partake of the flesh and blood of Christ, we enter into a covenantal relationship and trust him as the Captain of our Salvation.

Hebrews 2:16-19

The Day of Provocation



Hebrews 1-13

Hebrews 3:1-11, 16-19

What is “the day of provocation?”

JST Exodus 34:1-2

Numbers 14:2-45

Hebrews 3:11-19

D&C 84:23-25

Enter into the Rest of the Lord



Hebrews 1-13

What does it mean to enter into the rest of the Lord?

“The ancient prophets speak of ‘entering into God's rest’; what does it mean? To my mind, it means entering into the knowledge and love of God, having faith in his purpose and in his plan, to such an extent that we know we are right, and that we are not hunting for something else, we are not disturbed by every wind of doctrine...

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We know of the doctrine that it is of God, and we do not ask any questions of anybody about it; they are welcome to their opinions, to their ideas and to their vagaries. The man who has reached that degree of faith in God that all doubt and fear have been cast from him, he has entered into 'God's rest,' ... rest from doubt, from fear, from apprehension of danger, rest from the religious turmoil of the world.”

Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, 58.

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Alma 12:32-37

Only as we repent and receive mercy through the Only Begotten Son of God can we receive a remission of our sins. This remission and forgiveness allows us to experience “the rest of the Lord.” We no longer “beat ourselves up” or feel the sorrow, pain, and anguish of separation from God. We feel redeemed and “encircled about eternally in the arms of his love.” (2 Nephi 1:15) This is the peace and rest which the Savior promised to all those who are truly his disciples (John 14:17)

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Robert Millet, *Within Reach*, 34.

“Truly, the rest of God is the spiritual rest and peace which are born from a settled conviction of the truth in the minds of individuals.”

This rest is available in **MORTALITY**, in **PARADISE**, and in the **KINGDOM OF GOD** after resurrection.

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Robert Millet, *Within Reach*, 34.

1. **MORTALITY** - To enter into God's rest is to enter into "the knowledge and love of God, having faith in his purpose and in his plan, to such an extent that we know we are right, and that we are not hunting for something else, we are not disturbed by every wind of doctrine ..." The rest of the Lord we gain in this life is thus "rest from doubt, from fear, from apprehension of danger, rest from the religious turmoil of the world" (Joseph F. Smith, *Gospel Doctrine*, pp 126, 58). See also **Matthew 11:28; John 14:27**.

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Robert Millet, *Within Reach*, 35.

2. PARADISE - Spirits enter the rest of God when they enter paradise, the abode of the righteous in the post-mortal spirit world at the time of death. This is a state of rest from all trouble, care, and sorrow (Alma 40:11-12)... Indeed, this is a place and a condition wherein men and women “expand in wisdom, where they have respite from all their troubles, and where care and sorrow do not annoy” (**Joseph F. Smith, Gospel Doctrine, 448**). Captain Moroni wrote to Pahoran, ... ye need not suppose that the righteous are lost because they are slain; but they do enter into the rest of the Lord their God.” (**Alma 60:13**)

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Robert Millet, *Within Reach*, 35-36.

3. KINGDOM OF GOD - A third dimension of the “rest of the Lord” is that which follows the resurrection and judgment, as we enter the celestial kingdom and receive exaltation... Abiding in the rest of the Lord in this life is in anticipation of the ultimate rest and peace to be had in eternal glory. The Savior promised the Three Nephites that they would have rest with him in his kingdom (**3 Nephi 28:3**).

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Robert Millet, *Within Reach*, 36-37.

4. FULNESS OF HIS GLORY WHILE IN MORTALITY - Here the rest of the Lord is equated with being received into the personal presence of the Lord while the recipients are still mortal (See **D&C 84:19-25; JST Exodus 34:2**).

Whether or not we have our calling and election made sure in this life, as “peaceable followers of Christ” we can enter into the rest of the Lord and enjoy that peace and rest “from this time henceforth until [we] shall rest with him in heaven.” (**See Moroni 7:3**)



Hebrews 4:1-6, 9-11

The Sabbath can be one way whereby we may experience “the rest of the Lord.” Like eating the “rest of the pie,” the Sabbath is a chance for us to experience greater blessings from the Lord by doing His work, not our own.

Genesis 3:2-3 The Lord established the Sabbath as a “day of rest.”

D&C 59:9-10 Rest from our labor by paying our devotions to God

Isaiah 58:13-14 Make the “Sabbath a delight” by turning away from doing our own labor and honoring the Lord by doing his work.

What can you do to be sure that your Sabbath allows you to experience the “rest of the Lord?”



Hebrews 4:14-16

Hebrews 5:4-10

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What is the “Order” of Melchizedek?

Order: Defined

1. Give an authoritative direction or instruction to do something. (verb)
2. A group or organization (noun)
3. Having a systematic arrangement or organization (adj)

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Hebrews 1-13

D&C 36:2

Tell the people to be humble and faithful, and be sure to keep the Spirit of the Lord and it will lead them right... They can tell the Spirit of the Lord from all other spirits; it will whisper peace and joy to their souls; it will take malice, hatred, strife and all evil from their hearts; and their whole desire will be to do good, bring forth righteousness and build up the kingdom of God.... If they will, they will find themselves just as they were organized by our Father in Heaven before they came into the world. Our Father in Heaven organized the human family, but they are all disorganized and in great confusion.

Joseph Smith, Jr. Journal History, 23 February 1847

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Hebrews 1-13

D&C 51:15

The first principles of man are self-existent with God. God himself, finding he was in the midst of spirits and glory, because he was more intelligent, saw proper to institute laws whereby the rest could have a privilege to advance like himself. The relationship we have with God places us in a situation to advance in knowledge. He has power to institute laws to instruct the weaker intelligences, that they may be exalted with himself, so that they might have one glory upon another, and all that knowledge, power, glory, and intelligence, which is requisite in order to save them in the world of spirits.

Joseph Smith, Jr., Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith, 354.



What exactly is the Order of Melchizedek?

Alma 13:14; 1-19

JST Genesis 14:25-36

D&C 76:56-57

D&C 107:2-4

D&C 84:19-26

The power of Godliness or entering into the presence and “rest of the Lord,” is found in the sacred ordinances of the Melchizedek Priesthood which bind us by covenant to Christ, the Great High Priest, to be “ordered” as He is.