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Today's Word: Melchizedek

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Are You:

- Praying Morning and Night?
- Having Family Home Evening Regularly?

Today's Scriptures

Hebrews

Next Week:

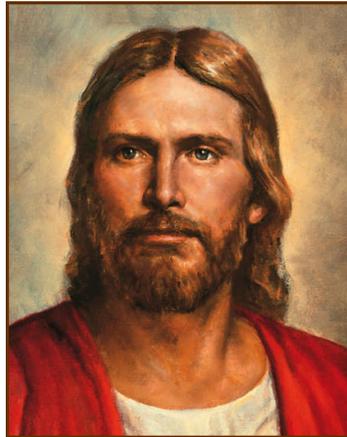
Lesson 39:

"Thou Hast Testified
of Me"

Acts 21-28

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Lesson 37: "Jesus Christ: The Author and Finisher of Our Faith"



“To all who may have doubts, I repeat the words given Thomas as he felt the wounded hands of the Lord: ‘Be not faithless, but believing.’ Believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the greatest figure of time and eternity. Believe that his matchless life reached back before

the world was formed. Believe that he was the Creator of the earth on which we live. Believe that he was Jehovah of the Old Testament, that he was the Messiah of the New Testament, that he died and was resurrected, that he visited the western continents and taught the people here, that he ushered in this final gospel dispensation, and that he lives, the living Son of the living God, our Savior and our Redeemer.

“John says of the creation that “all things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.” (John 1:3.)

“Can anyone who has walked beneath the stars at night, can anyone who has seen the touch of spring upon the land doubt the hand of divinity in creation? So observing the beauties of the earth, one is wont to speak as did the Psalmist: ‘The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.’ (Ps. 19:1–2.)

“All of beauty in the earth bears the fingerprint of the Master Creator, of those hands which, after they took the form of mortality and then immortality, Thomas insisted on touching before he would believe. . . . Doubt not, but believe that he is the Master of life and death. To the sorrowing Martha he declared his eternal power, saying: ‘I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

‘And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.’ (John 11:25–26.)” (Gordon B. Hinckley, “Be Not Faithless, *Ensign*, April 1989, 2).



Questions to Ponder

- How can we help each other become worthy to enter into God's rest?
- Why do we call the greater priesthood the Melchizedek Priesthood?
- How is chastening from the Lord “for our profit”?

Hebrews 8: 6:

“But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.



“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending.”