**Jesus, Our Great High Priest**

**Hebrews: Hearing and Obeying God’s Son**

**The View From Heaven**

**Keeping an Eternal Perspective**

**Hebrews 13:7-25**

The View From Heaven, God’s “point of view”. . .

 Must be remembered and embraced as the Apostolic Gospel. v. 7

 For it is revealed in the Eternal Christ incarnate, Jesus. v. 8

 And is the grace-substance for which the Law and its sacrifices were only pale shadows. v. 9

(His dying outside the “religious capital” of Jerusalem shows God’s distancing Himself from this and all other mere religions, and reminding us that He has promised a New Jerusalem. This is why we offer Him praise and share with others.) vv. 10-16

 So you may confidently obey worthy leaders who are accountable to God for you. v. 17

(As we await the fulfillment of God’s Promise. . .) Please pray for us! And greet your leaders for us. And may Jesus, the Shepherd of the New Covenant, equip and enable your obedience. He gets the glory for all of this, forever. vv. 18-25

 ***Are you living for NOW or forEVER?***

 Hundreds of religions tell the world’s people thousands of things to do and believe, but it is only Jesus who represents the one true God, and it is through Jesus He has spoken. The book of Hebrews makes it abundantly clear that all who come to God must come through the Great High Priest, and that all of the promises will be fulfilled in and through Him in the eternal city. Are you living for that day?

*1. God’s point of view is that He has revealed Himself in Scripture.*

Jesus, the “Author and Finisher of our faith,” substantiates the TANAKH (Our “Old Testament”) by referring to the historical characters of Adam, Noah, Moses, David, and others. These are the same books which prophesy Messiah’s coming. Luke 24:27; John 5:39

*2. God’s point of view is that He has answered the question of pain.*

 The Gospel reveals God entering our pain in the Person of His Son, to take away the cause of pain and injustice forever. The moral “right” to question God is built into our natures, along with our responsibility to love and enjoy Him. He tells us why we oppose Him, and all He has done and will do about that, in Jesus. Jn. 3:31-36

*3. God’s point of view is that we must trust Him.*

The only thing fallen sinners can possibly give their Creator is their faith. When we trust God for time and eternity, we are testifying to His truthfulness and faithfulness to keep all His promises in Jesus. And in Him we have every reason to love God. Hebrews 11:6

*4. God’s point of view is that He has provided all we need to please Him.* Ephesians 1:3; Romans 8:32; Luke 12:32; Col. 2:9, 10