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Hebrews ch 4.

The law of God is His perfect righteous standard. It reveals how holy and perfect He is. That even with all the ordinances of the old covenant...those who depended on those ordinances...were still not worthy to come into the rest of God.

There is something about our striving to be holy and worthy enough by our own actions toward God that is absolutely repugnant and grievous to His Spirit. Obnoxious, but not in the meaning of the word from John Owen's day which meant "under obligation, subservient, liable, exposed to, vulnerable".

Anything we lean on or trust in other than Jesus for salvation, the Father for His everlasting love and adoption, and the Holy Spirit for His wonder working ways in our soul and life is an unpleasant, repugnant odor to God. We can stink as filthy rags to God. Thank God He does not leave us there to continue to earn our own rest, but works with and in us. He takes up the towel and washes our feet. He shows us where those places are that still needs healing, and then proceeds to heal. Is there an "if"? Some argue no, God in His sovereignty does it all. He is the one who calls and saves...that there is no part men or women have in salvation or sanctification...in their reconciliation or redemption. This is a mystery to me. All that I can say on the matter is if any part of this spiritual life is dependant on my own right choices or will, then I truly fear I will be lost for all eternity. I cannot keep myself in any state of holiness. If there is some part that I am not consciously aware of that the benefits of the gospel are reliant upon my decision...then I have made the mistake of giving God all the credit for causing me to believe. And I don't think He would find that view obnoxious at all...but would find it pleasing that I see myself as obnoxious (John Owen's meaning) toward Him in all things. He is the One who saves, heals, and keeps. He is the one who brings peace beyond understanding and a faith that rises up in my own heart knowing full well how lost I would be without Him. Call it choice if you will, but I can not. I'd much rather call it the mystery of the benefit of the gospel...God reached down to me, a sinner, and from the miry clay saved me—and is shaping me into a vessel pleasing in His sight. Try as I might, I just cannot see things any other way.

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Heb 4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

4:1-4/13 talks about the rest of God. And then 14-16 is about finding mercy and grace in time of need.

The rest of God is found in His glory. How He works all things together to reveal the love He has for us. Through the trials, pain, suffering, confusion...and through times of prosperity and blessing...our rest is in believing that all things are meant to ultimately show this great love, or glory of God. How He makes Himself able to be known to each of His children through any circumstance they find themselves in. God shows His glory even when half a life may be lived without truly understanding what He is doing. But, when He decides to wake a soul to that knowledge of Him, they either enter into His rest...into that confidence or assurance that He will be glorified in and through them...or they turn away from Him and toward their own glory. Ever striving to reach a place of peace that is impossible to find outside of the desire to live in this love—this glory of God. This rest is delighting in Him because He is worthy of all the credit...all the honor and glory...because these present trials are light compared to how He will reveal His love (glory) through it. We may not see it at the times of trial, but as we pray "Father keep me through it. Dont let me go astray. Keep my song fixed on giving You glory, honor and praise. When the way is rough or smooth. When there are ebbs and flows...leep me in Your rest so my life can be lived as a testimony..a revelation..of Your great love and care (glory). Thank you Father for Your love manifested through Jesus. Amen."

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Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.

Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Heb 4:4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

Heb 4:5 And in this *place* again, If they shall enter into my rest.

Heb 4:6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:....

Heb 4:11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Heb 4:13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

I wonder why they did not have faith to mix with the good report of Jacob and Caleb? Why was there unbelief? In what way are we to strive to enter into God's rest and not to fall into disobedience? What does the Word of God being a two edged sword have to do with belief and obedience?

These are the questions and meditation for today.

Also, we can get so wrapped up in thinking about correct doctrine and theology...about doing those good things that the communion or enjoying God can be missed entirely. So busy thinking about God that there is no time left for Him...in our physical life or mental-inner life. So, today, I am going to be like Mary and just be with Jesus. The questions can wait. The good works can wait. The study can wait. But this waiting on Him cannot. Thank you Jesus. Amen.

12/8/23

I wonder why they did not have faith to mix with the good report of Jacob and Caleb?(a)

Why was there unbelief?(b)

In what way are we to strive to enter into God's rest and not to fall into disobedience?(c)

What does the Word of God being a two edged sword have to do with belief and obedience?(d)

a) No humility. They were a stiff necked people only looking out for what they thought would benefit them. There was a man who needed a miracle who approached Jesus. Jesus asked if he believed. The man replied "I believe, help my unbelief." That man was honest and humble toward the Lord. "I do not know if I have enough faith or if I even believe to the degree that is pleasing to You, Jesus, but I do know that You can help any unbelief that is found." This type of prayer is absent, except by Moses, during the time of the example of God turning the Israelites away from His rest. They had sunk so far into futility that they did not have even the smallest grain of faith to cry out to God as that man did to Jesus. God always honors this type of honest heart cry: "I do not have what it takes, Lord. But I believe You have all the faith I need to believe. It all comes from You. Work in me the degree of belief or faith that it takes to be pleasing to You." This was not the heart condition of those Israelites who had hardened their hearts toward Him.

b) --For those who have went a little farther in the study of God...God is all sovereign and He makes one vessel for honor and another for dishonor. He keeps one vessel pliable while hardening another. As Romans says "The clay does not have the right to question the ways or intention of the potter". He is God—we are not. This fact does not negate the reality of sinners (all of us) needing to repent of that hardened heart. It is the workings of the eternal Godhead by the way and missions of each Person of the Godhead for the revealing of who He is to His creation. That is the big picture view. The narrower view, the one that as humans we must keep close at hand, is that we are sinners in need of a Savior. Our faith is weak, but His is strong. He

will judge all souls according to how they judged (believed or not believed) in Jesus. Those who keep Him in their hearts as their all in all—providing even the faith to believe—find themselves entering the rest (peace, love, provision, correction, sustainment) of God by His Holy Spirit.

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In what way are we to strive to enter into God's rest and not to fall into disobedience?(c)

If I earnestly desire something, then that is what my effort will be focused on. Striving to obtain the goal that I have determined will make me happy...which happiness is actually peace experienced.

But, how to obtain this rest (peace) of God?

It must be the desire of our heart

Ps 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Delight means to be *soft* or pliable, not hardened. Which speaks of a humbleness toward Him.

Some say the only way to enter this rest of God is through obedience of the law of God. Which is true and is shown from the Word of God. But how to be obedient? Seriously now, if the Israelites were unable to uphold the law even when they promised to do so...then how are we to proclaim to the Lord "I will obey Your commandments. I will delight in Your law and Your ways."—and actually be perfect in doing so?

What does the Word of God being a two edged sword have to do with belief and obedience?(d)

The Word of God is the tool used by God to convict our hearts of anything that is not like Jesus. Anything that is hardened in sin. 1Cor 13 spells out what love is. Anything in us that does not live up to that standard is sin. Period. That means if patience is not practiced 100% of the time—we have failed in obedience to the Word of God. How about envy? Or boastful? Are we able to not be those things ever? Maybe there are super Christians out there that are perfected in keeping the law—the commandment of love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength...and while your at it love your neighbor as yourself. But I am not one of them. I fail many times, but my *desire* is to obey. To delight in Him. To be changed into what looks more and more like love.

This way of living is totally dependant on God to do what He commands in and through me. If He doesn't cause me to walk in His rest, then it just wont happen. There is simply no amount of striving in my own self that will make it happen. The only striving that can come close to being of benefit is to delight myself in the Lord. To come to Him telling Him what my desire is...to tell Him I want to delight in Him and be pleasing in His sight. Then thank Him for working those miracles of peace, hope, love, faith—rest—into my heart and soul. Thank you Jesus. Amen

1/2/24

I'm going to break a rule today and speak about how my own experience has shown me something of the rest of God. I am absolutely sure that examples and proof texts are in the Word of God about these truths I have found. But today, I am going to just talk about God's rest rather than list chapter and verse from scripture.

We tend to think about the gospel as only showing sinners their sin, and the wide gulf there is between them and a holy God. But there is much much more to what Jesus did in his death and resurrection than the initial saving of a person's soul. Oh, Lord, raise up preachers who would preach the whole gospel...that they and Your people would enter into your rest of the gospel of Jesus.

God rests in the finished work of Jesus. *He rests in that place where Jesus said "It is finished"*. Jesus is the only place where God's rest can become our rest. But what is this rest that He calls us into? It isn't only a single thing, but it is an all encompassing thing. Different perspectives or truths of it:

-The rest of salvation. This rest is the one that God gives when we simply come to Jesus believing He paid the price for our sins. There is a certain rest in believing there is nothing I did to save my own soul. He did it all.

-The rest of justification. I can be saved but still feel unworthy to come to God. Still feel like my sin has separated me from a holy God. But there is a rest of justification available to those who believe that He has removed sin as far as the east is from the west. And Jesus drapes His robe of righteousness on me so I can rest in the truth that there is nothing I can do to be righteous before a holy God. He does it all.

-The rest of sanctification. Oh, goodness. Where to even begin to try and convince of this rest of God? In this place where there are discrepancies between who I am and who Jesus is...there is a war. But the fiercest battle doesn't lie in convincing myself of that discrepancy, or the need to repent. No, the war is in self improvement. "I will do better. I can fix this." I, I, I. Now, what I am about to say could be heard as scandalous, but I don't care. Until I reach the end of striving to change myself...there is no rest of God. Until I meet Him there in the finished work of Jesus and cry out "If You don't change me, I won't be changed. Do it miraculously all at once or miraculously little by little...either way You get the credit and the glory for this in my life...the turning from this thing that is not of You, and the creating new is all from You. You are doing it all. In Your time and way." I keep giving it to Him and He keeps on washing and creating new. Only He makes me holy. Even when I can't feel it or see it I...

-rest in the sovereignty of Almighty God. This is that all encompassing rest that the gospel opens my eyes to. He is sovereign...which means in charge of, but it is much more than that. He is responsible and more than able to bring to pass *everything* that He wills. That includes salvation of my soul, Justification because of the righteous robe of Jesus on me that allows me to talk with God, *He* is in charge of (responsible for-sovereign over) my own holiness or sanctification or looking more and more like Jesus or being changed into His likeness from glory to glory or smelling and tasting more like "Love God with all you are and your neighbor as yourself". That I

simply cannot do. But He can and will because He is sovereign and mighty and able...and He loves me.

And that is only the rest of God *internally*. In my internal spiritual world where the finished work of Jesus meets my inner man and heals every wound, opens my blind eyes, sets me free from striving to save myself, make my own self good enough, and keep myself in His presence--in His rest. When I say "I can't"...He says "I am and I will". He is the author and finisher of my faith. That "faith" means He is the beginning and end of my salvation, justification and sanctification. Thank you Jesus.

There is another place His rest has been shown to me through my experiences with walking with Him. I'll continue on tomorrow...

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The gospel of Jesus brings us into a rest of our soul. Where the Holy Spirit does His work continually internally spiritually in my heart. That is the greatest miracle ever performed. Amazing mercy and amazing grace.

But, I can be saved and justified and being sanctified and still be bound up in worry or wanting control of my own life circumstances. I can try to manipulate situations to how I think they should go. I can rely on my own understanding, logic, education, and get 'er done ability. I can make it happen...until those circumstances or situations prove to me that the control I thought I had was only an illusion.

Here is the sovereignty of God: He ordains everything that happens in my life. Every circumstance-good and bad-is meant to drive me into a deeper relationship, trust, and rest in God. The things that happen to me are the vehicle that He uses to show me who He is. So many times I have failed and those situations became the vehicle for unrest in my soul...a futility...rather than the rest He intended. Even this has its purpose because in this life...if I didn't experience what it was to be without His rest...I am sure I would not value it as high when He does bring me into it.

-The rest of God's love is where I am absolutely convinced of His love and care for me and my loved ones. Even and especially when bad things happen where I have no control over. Seeing God's sovereignty in futility means an unbelief of His love and care and promise of working all things together for His glory and my good. It is more of a resignation that the servant with the one talent had. He buried that one coin in the dirt because he saw the Master as a harsh and hard man. How we view God's hand when hard situations-tragedies, pain, trials-come tells a great deal about if we have entered into the rest of God's love internally or not. Perfect love casts out fear of our future. It casts out the fear of circumstances and situations, and places our inner man in the place of knowing and resting in the truth that God is sovereignly working everything out for good because He is love. This rest happens when I say as Jesus said "Not my will but Yours be done Father. I believe you have a good and perfect plan in this to reveal Your love in a greater way. Hold me in Your promises as I rest this coin in trust of Your great and perfect love rather than futility. Thank you Jesus. Amen"

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The opposite of holding the sovereignty of God in futility is holding the sovereignty of God in hope. Even when I do not understand or fully see how He is weaving all the pieces of thread together for my good and His glory...the mere fact that He is brings hope.

All these promises of God are absolutely stunning. There is something, though, both on the side of not seeing the promises fulfilled and on the other side...a common thing. Could it be that even the great promises of God whispered to our hearts about our future or the ones written in His Word could become an idol? Then how about when those very things are fulfilled...could we somehow hold those things up higher than we do God Himself. Worshipping the things of His hand...the works that He does...instead of God Himself and who He is? These acts that He accomplishes are meant to show us Who He is in all His glory not to become the thing of our affection. We appreciate and enjoy these good and perfect gifts as...gifts. When we hold loosely to the blessings of this life and hold Him close something much more fulfilling happens. His very presence beyond description satisfies every longing...the greater Portion. The Perfect Promise of being at peace and rest with this holy God where all that is desired is to be still and know He is God.

God Is Our Fortress

Psa 46:1 For the music director; by the Korahites; according to the *alamoth* style; a song. God is our strong refuge; he is truly our helper in times of trouble.

Psa 46:2 For this reason we do not fear when the earth shakes, and the mountains tumble into the depths of the sea,

Psa 46:3 when its waves crash and foam, and the mountains shake before the surging sea.
(Selah)

Psa 46:4 The river's channels bring joy to the city of God, the special, holy dwelling place of the Most High.

Psa 46:5 God lives within it, it cannot be moved. God rescues it at the break of dawn.

Psa 46:6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms are overthrown. God gives a shout, the earth dissolves.

Psa 46:7 The LORD of Heaven's Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob is our protector!
(Selah)

Psa 46:8 Come! Witness the exploits of the LORD, who brings devastation to the earth!

Psa 46:9 He brings an end to wars throughout the earth; he shatters the bow and breaks the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

Psa 46:10 He says, “**Stop your striving and recognize that I am God!** I will be exalted over the nations! I will be exalted over the earth!”

Psa 46:11 The LORD of Heaven’s Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob is our protector! (Selah)

I like the way the NET translates "be still and know that I am God": Stop your striving and recognize I am God!

Resting means placing all those promises...our hopes and dreams...squarely into His hands and recognizing even as those 3 Hebrew boys that This God will save from the fiery furnace...but even if He doesn't I will not bow down to clamour after even good promises that I hope for. I will not strive after those things He will bring to pass in His time and way. I will not strive because He says not to, and even this "not to" is only possible because of the Holy Spirit's ability to cause me to be still. Even this—is not by my own doing. Thank you Jesus. Praise You Father. Glory be to Your name above all names.

2/7/24

Hebrews 4:14 So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe.

John Owen commentary of Hebrews v4 p400

"This the word of exhortation unto it plainly intimates. It is “*injectâ manu fortiter retinere*,”—to “lay hold of a thing, and to retain it with all our might,” as if it were ready every moment to be taken from us with a violent and strong hand; it is to keep a thing as a man keeps his treasure when it is ready to be seized on by thieves and robbers. This argues great opposition, and no small hazard thereon ensuing. So our blessed Saviour informs us, Matt. 7:25. When men hear the word, they build a house by profession. This all who make profession do, whether they build upon the rock or upon the sand. And when this house is built, “the rain will descend, and the floods will come, and the winds will blow and beat upon it.” Profession will be assaulted and pressed by all manner of hazardous and dangerous oppositions. And if the house be not well secured, it will fall,—if our profession be not well guarded, it will be lost. What our Lord Jesus told Peter with respect unto this very matter, is even so concerning all professors. When he was led to speak with much confidence,—which his present convictions of duty and resolutions for its performance prompted him unto,—that he would abide in his profession, and never forsake him, whatever other men might do; he answers, “Simon, Simon, Satan hath sought to winnow thee,” Luke 22:31, 32. He minds him, that although he had called him Peter, for the unmovableness of that Rock which his faith was fixed on, yet he would appear in himself to be but Simon still,—a man, exposed to danger, and easy to be prevailed against; and therefore he might do well, in the midst of his confidence, to consider his dangers and the surprisals that he might be overtaken withal. And the same is the condition of all professors, the best and meanest, the strongest and weakest.

From this opposition, our continuance in profession is called “enduring,” Matt. 24:13,"

What am I trusting in to keep me physically, spiritually and mentally? Am I depending solely on my relationships with others to meet my needs? When the rains come and the winds blow...those relationships may get caught up and swept away leaving a void where they once held. The only true solid foundation is in God through Jesus. He is the rock that never moves. He may bring others along side to aide through lifes storms, but He is the cornerstone...the foundation. The other helps are as vessels used by His hands. In this way we do not place our whole trust and faith in the help, but in the One who sent the help.

"Father, thank You for providing every help I need. That You cause the hands and feet of Jesus to come alongside during all the ebbs and flows of life. But, keep my eyes focused on Jesus. The author and finisher of my faith. The true foundation that will not be washed away. Thank You Lord for this stability. Amen."

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Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Looking back on my life I see more and more that it has been God holding on to me more than me having a death grip on Him. Humans are so unstable and easily distracted it is a wonder that any of us can hold on to anything for any length of time. Prone to wander ...before we even really realize it...our minds can so quickly lose focus on what is important and find itself holding onto things of no consequence. Then those things begin to become what is trusted in or looked upon as what can fulfill the void in our heart. Whether that be a spouse, children, career, good works, a fun project...our own creativity, or a number of other good things. Because those blessings of God bring us a certain amount of happiness...a feel good emotion...we tend to become distracted from the True Vine. The One who actually fulfills us. Almost like "worshipping the creation rather than the Creator."

In those times in my life, God has proven time and time agsin that He was the one holding onto me. He is the One who kept me, is keeping me, and will keep me. He is faithful even when I temporarily become distracted. I am held in the palm of His hand, or maybe a different word picture...held between His pointer finger and thumb. Where He determines never to let go of me. A place where His arm is not too short to save, and nothing is to heavy or hard for Him. Like me holding a pencil between my fingers, He holds my life. Secure and safe tethered—not by the cords of my own thread—to the hem of His robe, but by the cord of His blood and Spirit. Held forever in the hand and will of God. Even if I lose my way at times or seem to become less enamored by the things of God. He does not lose a vessel He has run after to find even if that vessel feels dry and hard pressed...those emotions or feelings are the very things that prove God is squeezing or tightening His cord of faithfulness around our soul. He is faithful to refocus our wondering hearts, minds, and souls back on Him. Thank you Jesus. Amen

There is an even playing field in the economy of God. No matter if life is beating us down or if we find ourselves in a place of prosperity. There is the same temptation or bend to our heart. To find the thing that will satisfy or fulfill our soul. All the "bad" things are used to ease our pain...drugs, alcohol, sex, food (on and on)—and even the "good" things can be used to that end of bringing some relief to a grieving broken heart. **But**, what about the one who finds themselves in a comfortable place? Where all needs are met, and prosperity is their current lot in life? This place can be just as dangerous of idolatry as the other. Where the physical blessings or gifts of God can quickly become our main focus instead of God Himself. Like a child who receives a gift forgets the parent who gave them the gift...and squanders the thing given to them by looking to it to fulfill their soul...thus laying the foundation on sinking sand rather than building the house on solid rock. "Unless the Lord builds the house the builders labor in vain."

"Oh Father, keep me focused on the anchor of my soul, the firm foundation of this house rather than the things You have given to decorate it. Keep me in humble gratitude for the *things* You give to furnish it...and in worship and praise and focus on You who has provided all things for Your glory. Thank you Jesus that it is Your blood and the Holy Spirit who keep me tethered to or grafted into the True Vine. Praise You Father that You never let me go beyond a place that You cannot reach...and run after me even when I am running away. Draw me ever closer to You so You can draw closer to me so I can testify like Paul: no matter if I am in pain, grieving, persecution, poverty, trials, temptations, being hard pressed on every side, or in wealth, prosperity, easy and comfortable waters....through it all I am content because You are the One who brings meaning, purpose, satisfaction, joy, peace and rest to my soul. This is Your great demonstration of Your love for me. This is the great wealth of Your economy. Thank you Jesus. Amen

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John Owens commentary of Hebrews V4 p405

They find that even the duties themselves wherein their profession doth consist are so weak, so mixed and imperfect, as it is hard for them to conceive how they should obtain acceptance with God. Their endeavours are weak and faint, their strivings against sin uneven and uncertain, their prayers oftentimes languid, and a fading is on all their duties. And say they often in themselves, 'What ground of hope is there that a profession so made up will be accepted with God, and rewarded by him?'

But against all these considerations believers have relief in their relation to this high priest; for in this matter lies the principal part of his office. As such he hath undertaken to render our persons and duties accepted with God. This he respects both in his oblation and intercession; by which two ways he dischargeth the duties of this office:—

[1.] By them he gives acceptance with God unto our persons. For as he hath "made reconciliation for our sins," Heb. 2:17, so he hath "brought in everlasting righteousness," Dan. 9:24. Yea, he himself is "our righteousness" Jer. 23:6. "In him have we righteousness and strength," Isa. 45:24; he being "made of God unto us righteousness," 1 Cor. 1:30; having been "made a curse for us," that the blessing of faithful Abraham might be ours, Gal. 3:13, 14; who "believed God, and it

was imputed unto him for righteousness,” Gal. 3:6. So that although we have no such righteousness of our own as on the account whereof our persons may be accepted with God, yet upon the account of him and his who is ours, we shall not fail thereof.

[2.] He dealeth so likewise in reference unto our duties: for, as he “bears the iniquity of our holy things,” Exod. 28:38, that they should not be rejected because of any sinful imperfections cleaving to them; so he adds unto them the sweet incense and perfume of his own righteousness, Rev. 8:3, 4, which causeth them to come up with a grateful and acceptable savour before the Lord.

And these few things have I mentioned as instances of the encouragements that we have to abide in our profession in the midst of all hazards and against all oppositions, from the consideration of this one thing, that we have a high priest;

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"[Ex 28] 31-33. the robe of the ephod all of blue—It was the middle garment, under the ephod and above the coat. It had a hole through which the head was thrust, and was formed carefully of one piece, such as was the robe of Christ (Joh 19:23). The high priest's was of a sky-blue color. **The binding at the neck was strongly woven, and it terminated below in a fringe, made of blue, purple, and scarlet tassels, in the form of a pomegranate, interspersed with small bells of gold, which tinkled as the wearer was in motion**"

I had always pictured the pomegranates and bells being attached at the hem—sewed on maybe a couple inches at the end of the robe. But here it says they were actually attached to and secured by the binding at the neck that was securely woven so it would not tear.

[Isa 53:4](#) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

[Isa 53:5](#) But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

[Isa 53:6](#) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

[Isa 53:7](#) He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

[Isa 53:8](#) He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

[Isa 53:9](#) And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

[Isa 53:10](#) Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

[Isa 53:11](#) He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

[Isa 53:12](#) Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Mat 9:20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment:

This woman was one of those bells bound to the neck of her Savior.