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Overview

Hero Record

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A skilled warrior chosen to be King Regis's personal bodyguard. He is known as "Cor the Immortal" by friend and foe alike for his unflinching ability to return from the brink of death.



THE CRY OF THE SOUL OF

Nehemiah

Last week's message:

*Nehemiah points forward to Christ -
In his name, intercession, and role
Nehemiah 1:1-11*

Nehemiah points forward to Christ in his name

Hacaliah
“waiting for
God”

400 years of

Simeon
righteous, devout,
looking/waiting

Nehemiah
“The LORD
consoles”

waiting

Jesus
“The consolation
of Israel” and
“The Lord’s
Christ”

Nehemiah points to Christ in his intercession

“LORD God
of Heaven”

Nehemiah -
“confessing the sins
of the people”

The people of
Israel

Nehemiah points to Christ in his intercession

“LORD God
of Heaven”

“Father”

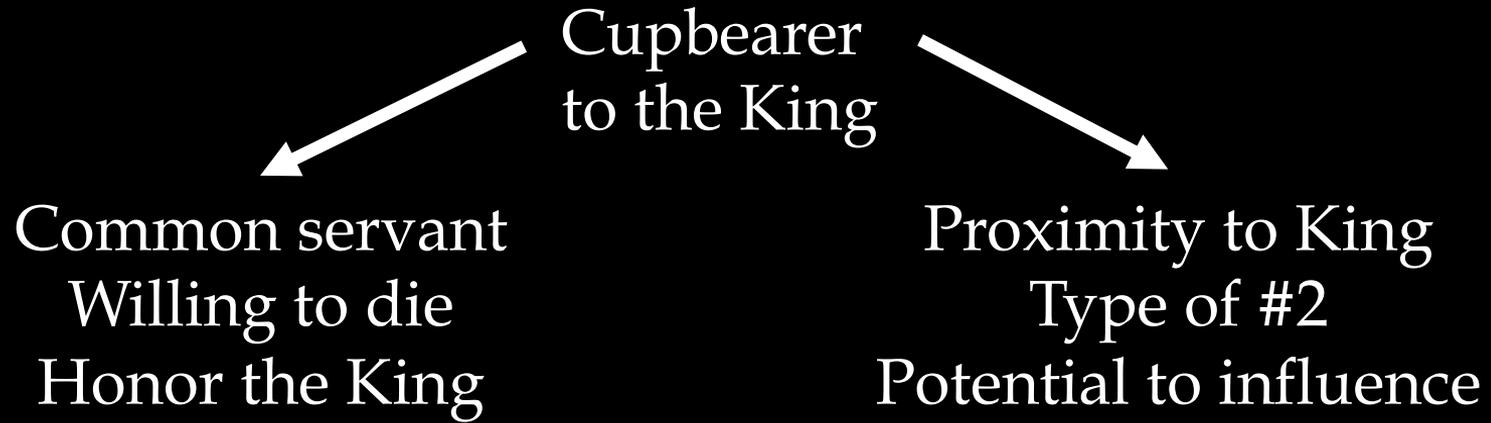
Nehemiah -
“confessing the sins
of the people”

Christ -
“forgive them for
they know not
what they do”

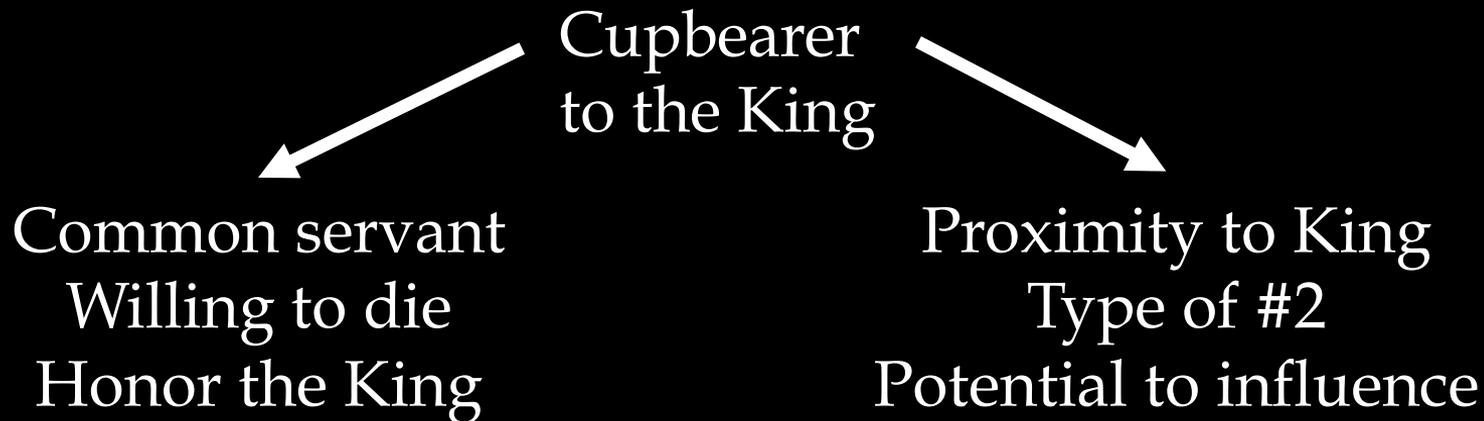
The people of
Israel

The people
observing his
crucifixion

Nehemiah points to Christ in his role



Nehemiah points to Christ in his role



Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death — even death on a cross! Phil. 2:5-8

This week's message:

The One Sent by God

The One Sent by God

Nehemiah 2:1-3

1 In the month of Nisan in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I took the wine and gave it to the king. I had not been sad in his presence before, 2 so the king asked me, “Why does your face look so sad when you are not ill? This can be nothing but sadness of heart.” I was very much afraid, 3 but I said to the king, “May the king live forever! Why should my face not look sad when the city where my ancestors are buried lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?”

Previous decree from throne of Artaxerxes

Ezra 4:18-22

¹⁸ The letter you sent us has been read and translated in my presence. ¹⁹ I issued an order and a search was made, and it was found that this city has a long history of revolt against kings and has been a place of rebellion and sedition. ²⁰ Jerusalem has had powerful kings ruling over the whole of Trans-Euphrates, and taxes, tribute and duty were paid to them. ²¹ Now issue an order to these men to stop work, so that this city will not be rebuilt until I so order. ²² Be careful not to neglect this matter. Why let this threat grow, to the detriment of the royal interests?

The One Sent by God

Nehemiah 2:4-6

4 The king said to me, “What is it you want?” Then I prayed to the God of heaven, 5 and I answered the king, “If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it.” 6 Then the king, with the queen sitting beside him, asked me, “How long will your journey take, and when will you get back?” It pleased the king to send me; so I set a time.

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Nehemiah 2:7-10

7 I also said to him, “If it pleases the king, may I have letters to the governors of Trans-Euphrates, so that they will provide me safe passage until I arrive in Judah? 8 And may I have a letter to Asaph, keeper of the royal park, so he will give me timber to make beams for the gates of the citadel by the temple and for the city wall and for the residence I will occupy?” And because the gracious hand of my God was on me, the king granted my requests. 9 So I went to the governors of Trans-Euphrates and gave them the king’s letters. The king had also sent army officers and cavalry with me. 10 When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard about this, they were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites.

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Nehemiah 2:11-16

11 I went to Jerusalem, and after staying there three days 12 I set out during the night with a few others. I had not told anyone what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem. There were no mounts with me except the one I was riding on. 13 By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. 14 Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool, but there was not enough room for my mount to get through; 15 so I went up the valley by night, examining the wall. Finally, I turned back and reentered through the Valley Gate. 16 The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, because as yet I had said nothing to the Jews or the priests or nobles or officials or any others who would be doing the work.

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Nehemiah 2:15-20

17 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?" 20 I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

PREACHING CHRIST from the OLD TESTAMENT

PREACHING CHRIST in ALL of SCRIPTURE

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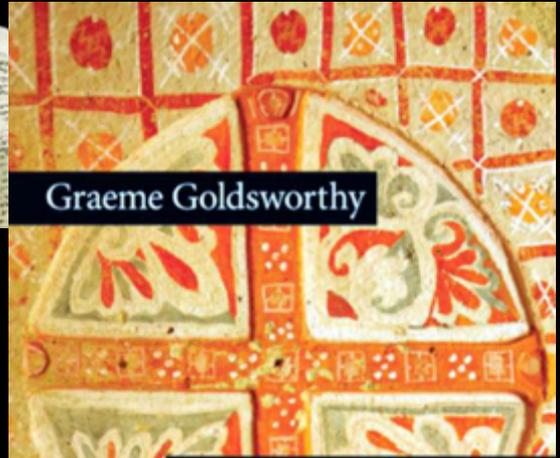
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EZRA AND NEHEMIAH

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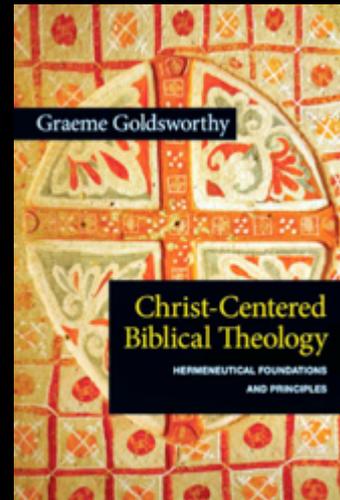


Christ-Centered Biblical Theology

HERMENEUTICAL FOUNDATIONS
AND PRINCIPLES

At the heart of the gospel is the person of Jesus Christ; he is the word of God come in the flesh. The nature of the gospel is such that it establishes Jesus Christ at the center of the biblical message. Biblical theology, then, is the study of how every text in the Bible relates to Jesus and his gospel. Thus we start with Christ so that we may, end with Christ; he is the Alpha and Omega (Rev. 22:13). Biblical theology is Christological, for its subject matter is the whole Bible as God's testimony to Christ. It is therefore, from start to finish, a study of Christ.

Graeme Goldsworthy. *Christ-Centered Biblical Theology: Hermeneutical Foundations and Principles* (Kindle Locations 322-329). Kindle Edition.



IMPORTANT POINT

Like Nehemiah, Jesus is One Sent by God

Similarities between Nehemiah being sent and Jesus being sent

Sadness over over the city (2X)
“place of my father’s graves” (2X)
“good hand of God was upon me”
“seek the welfare of Israel”
Arrived with officers of the army and
horsemen
Faced opposition
The secret reason for his coming
“No animal but the one I rode”
Actions mistaken for sedition/
rebellion
Sent to complete work

Jesus weeps over the city (Luke 19:41)
Jesus identifies Jerusalem as place where
prophets are killed (Luke 13:34)
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I
am well pleased” (Matt. 3:17)
“lost sheep of Israel” (Matt. 15:24)
Arrived with multitude of heavenly host
(Luke 2:13)
Faced opposition (throughout gospels)
The messianic secret (Mark 8:29-30)
He rode in on a donkey (Mark 11:7)
Accusations of rebellion against the king
(Luke 23:2)
Sent to complete work (John 17:4)

Critical difference between Nehemiah being sent and Jesus being sent

Pass through safely (2:7)

“Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!” (John 12:27-28)

Jesus is One Sent by God

John 1:14

14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Jesus is One Sent by God – more than 40X in John

John 3:34 34 For the one whom God has sent ^v s	John 6:39 39 And this is the will of him w last day. ⁿ	John 8:29 29 The one who sent me is with me; he ha	John 13:20 20 Very truly I tell you, whoever accepts anyone I send accepts me; and whoever me.” ^v
John 4:34 34 “ ^{ⲉⲓⲃⲏ} My food,” said Jesus, “is to do	John 6:44 44 “No one can come to me unles	John 8:42 42 Jesus said to them, “ ^{ⲉⲓⲃⲏ} If God were ; come on my own; ^ⲉ God sent me. ^s	John 14:24 24 Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hea Father who sent me. ^f
John 4:38 38 I sent you to reap what you have of their labor.”	John 6:57 57 Just as the living Father sent n	John 9:4 4 As long as it is day, ^u we must do the w	John 15:21 21 They will treat you this way because of my name, ^v for they do not know the one
John 5:23 23 that all may honor the Son just as who sent him. ^m	John 7:16 16 Jesus answered, “ ^{ⲉⲓⲃⲏ} My teach	John 9:7 7 “ ^{ⲉⲓⲃⲏ} Go,” he told him, “wash in the Poo home seeing. ^y	John 16:5 5 but now I am going to him who sent me. ^q None of you asks me, ‘Where are you go
John 5:24 24 “Very truly I tell you, whoever hea but has crossed over from death to li	John 7:18 18 Whoever speaks on their own man of truth; there is nothing fal	John 9:18 18 They ^h still did not believe that he had l	John 17:3 3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, ⁿ the only true God, and Jesus Chr
John 5:30 30 By myself I can do nothing; ^x I jud who sent me. ^z	John 7:28 28 Then Jesus, still teaching in th am not here on my own authorit	John 10:36 36 what about the one whom the Father s of blasphemy because I said, ‘I am God’s	John 17:8 8 For I gave them the words you gave me ^w and they accepted them. They knew and they believed that you sent me. ^y
John 5:33 33 “You have sent to John and he has	John 7:29 29 but I know him ^l because I am	John 11:3 3 So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “ ^{ⲉⲓⲃⲏ}	John 17:18 18 As you sent me into the world, ^q I have sent them into the world. ^r
John 5:36 36 “I have testimony weightier than l that I am doing ^h —testify that the Fat	John 7:32 32 The Pharisees heard the crow guards to arrest him.	John 11:42 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I you sent me.” ⁿ	John 17:21 21 that all of them may be one, ^t Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. ^u Ma may believe that you have sent me. ^v
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John 5:38 38 nor does his word dwell in you, ^l fr	John 8:16 16 But if I do judge, my decisions	John 12:45 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the	John 17:25 25 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, ^e I know you, and they
John 6:29 29	John 8:18 18 I am one who testifies for mys	John 12:49 49	John 18:24

Why was Jesus sent?

- To represent the Father
 - To honor the Father
- To fulfill the will of his Father
 - To lose none
- To teach with authority
 - To return again
- To testify concerning God
 - To speak God's words
 - To set free
 - To set apart
 - To tell the truth
 - To showcase light
 - To finish his work

John 12:44-46, 49-50

44 Then Jesus cried out, "Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness...49 For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."



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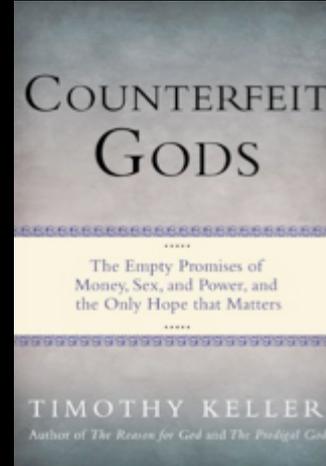
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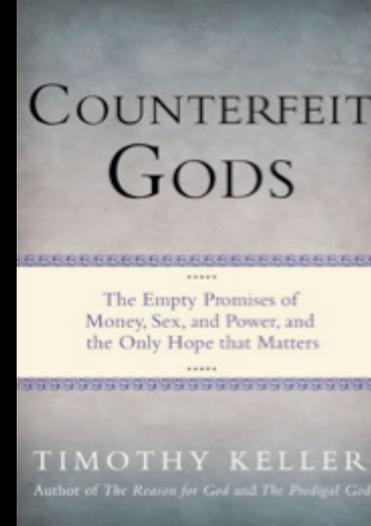
“Life only has meaning/I only have worth if...

- “I have power and influence over others.” (Power Idolatry)
- “I am loved and respected by ____.” (Approval Idolatry)
- “I have this kind of pleasure experience, a particular quality of life.” (Comfort idolatry)
- “I am able to get mastery over my life in the area of ____.” (Control idolatry)
- “People are dependent on me and need me.” (Helping Idolatry)
- “Someone is there to protect me and keep me safe.” (Dependence idolatry)



“Life only has meaning/I only have worth if...

- “I am completely free from obligations or responsibilities to take care of someone.” (Independence idolatry)
- “I am highly productive and getting a lot done.” (Work idolatry)
- “I am being recognized for my accomplishments, and I am excelling in my work.” (Achievement idolatry)
- “I have a certain level of wealth, financial freedom, and very nice possessions.” (Materialism idolatry)
- “My political or social cause is making progress and ascending in influence or power.” (Ideology idolatry)



The One Sent by God

John 3:27–30

27 To this John replied, “ A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.’ 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom’s voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less.”

We are thankful for you and the rest of Hope. We all make sacrifices for the Kingdom in different ways but I have become more and more convinced that what initially seem to be "sacrifices" often turn into huge blessings. Although we miss Hope, our family and friends, we are seeing very clearly that it is an incredible gift to be doing what we are doing.