

The Sufficiency of Jesus Christ

Luke 21:26 (KJV) — 26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

ἀρχηγός (*archēgos*)

αρχω (*archō*)

ἡγέομαι (*hēgeomai*)

Mark 10:42 (KJV) — 42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule (*archō*) over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

Luke 22:26 (KJV) — 26 But ye shall not be so:
but he that is greatest among you, let him be
as the younger; and he that is chief
(*hēgeomai*) , as he that doth serve.

***archēgos* “one who has a preeminent position, leader, ruler, prince.” (BDAG)**

Acts 3:15 (KJV) — 15 And killed the Prince (*archēgos*) of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Acts 5:31 (KJV) — 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince (archēgos) and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 2:10 (KJV) — 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain (*archēgos*) of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV) — 2 Looking unto Jesus the author (*archēgos*) and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

PATHFINDER: Pioneer who opens the way for others, hence guide or hero.

THE SOURCE: Or founder, hence author, initiator or beginning.

THE RULER/LEADER: Hence captain, prince king.

Colossians 1:16, 17 (KJV) — 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

John 3:3 (KJV) — 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 1:23 (KJV) — 23 Being born again,
not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,
by the word of God, which liveth and abideth
for ever.

His nature was without the taint of sin. As the Son of man, he prayed to the Father, showing that human nature requires all the divine support which man can obtain that he may be braced for duty and prepared for trial. As the Prince of Life, he had power with God, and prevailed for his people. This Saviour, who prayed for those that felt no need of prayer, and wept for those that felt no need of tears, is now before the throne, to receive and present to his Father the petitions of those for whom he prayed on earth. (*Gospel Workers*, 1892 Ed., p. 29.1)

Like Nicodemus, we must be willing to enter into life in the same way as the chief of sinners. . . . Through faith we receive the grace of God; but faith is not our Saviour. It earns nothing. It is the hand by which we lay hold upon Christ, and appropriate His merits, the remedy for sin. And we cannot even repent without the aid of the Spirit of God. The Scripture says of Christ, “Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.” Acts 5:31.

Repentance comes from Christ as truly as does pardon. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 175.4)

Men who dare to assume the responsibilities of receiving the word from the mouth of God and giving it to the people, make themselves accountable for the truth they present and the influence they exert. If they are truly men of God, their hope is not in themselves, but in what he will do for them and through them. They do not go forth self-inflated, calling the attention of the people to their smartness and aptness; they feel their responsibility, and work with spiritual energy, treading in the path of self-denial which the Master trod. (*Gospel Workers*, 1892 Ed., p. 139.2a)

Self-sacrifice is seen at every step, and they mourn because of their inability to do more in the cause of God. Their path is one of trial and conflict; but it is marked by the foot-prints of their Redeemer, the Captain of their salvation, who was made perfect through suffering. (*Gospel Workers*, 1892 Ed., p. 139.2b)

John 16:33 (KJV) — 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.