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As we continue considering the different names and titles of the Lord Jesus, tonight we observe the title “Captain of Salvation.” The title reflects the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Original Word: ἀρχηγός **Transliteration:** archégos

Definition: founder, leader **Usage:** originator, author, founder, prince, leader. (Captain)

Arxēgós – properly, the first in a long procession; a *file-leader* who *pioneers the way* for many others to follow. (*arxēgós*) does not strictly mean "author," but rather "**a person who is *originator* or *founder* of a movement and continues as the leader** – i.e. 'pioneer leader, founding leader' " <https://biblehub.com/greek/747.htm>

❖ The Greek word ἀρχηγός is found in four verses in the New Testament:

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

Acts 5:31 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.

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Heb. 12:2 Looking unto Jesus **the author** 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.

❖ As we consider Heb. 2:10, we observe the following:

I. THE CONTROVERSY OF GOD, “For it became him...”

1 Tim. 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Jn. 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, **yet learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered;

Heb. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was **in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

- ❖ The Lord Jesus' incarnation was the crowning moment of the ultimate example of leadership.

II. THE CHARACTER OF GOD

- ❖ The reference to “all things” sets forth the high sovereignty of God, and His power without exception.

Prov. 16:4 **The LORD hath made all *things* for himself:**
yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

Rev. 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Jn. 1:3 **All things were made by him;** and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Col. 1:16 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.**

18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

Rom. 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.

Rom. 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

- ❖ As the Creator of all things, “...he is before all things...”
– the ἀρχηγός.

III. THE COMMAND OF GOD “...the captain of their salvation...”

- ❖ The Captain of Salvation led Joshua to victory under Moses, as well as defeating Jericho and conquering the Promised Land.

Josh. 5:13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but **as captain of the host of the LORD** am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

15 And **the captain of the LORD'S host** said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Joshua did so.

❖ The example to “loose thy shoe” was established under the Mosaic law.

Deut. 25:5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her.

6 And it shall be, *that* the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.

8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and *if* he stand *to it*, and say, I like not to take her;

9 Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.

10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

❖ The removal of the shoe was a testimony of acquiescence to NOT fulfill the duty and obligation for his brother.

❖ The kinsman removed his shoe and gave it to Boaz as a testimony of relinquishing his obligation.

Ruth 4:7 **Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things;** a man plucked off his shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbour: and **this *was a testimony in Israel.***

8 Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy *it* for thee. So he drew off his shoe.

9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and *unto* all the people, **Ye *are* witnesses this day, that I have bought all that *was* Elimelech's, and all that *was* Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.**

10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, **have I purchased** to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: *ye are* witnesses this day.

❖ The Captain of Salvation required the loosing of the shoe for Joshua to acknowledge his subordinate role in leading the children of Israel.

Josh. 6:2 And the LORD said unto Joshua, **See, I have given into thine hand Jericho**, and the king thereof, *and* the mighty men of valour.

SUMMARY

- ❖ The Captain of Salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ who is the ultimate originator, author, founder, prince, leader and Captain.

CONCLUSION

1 Tim. 6:14 That thou keep *this* commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

15 Which in his times **he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;**

16 **Who only hath immortality**, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: **to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.**