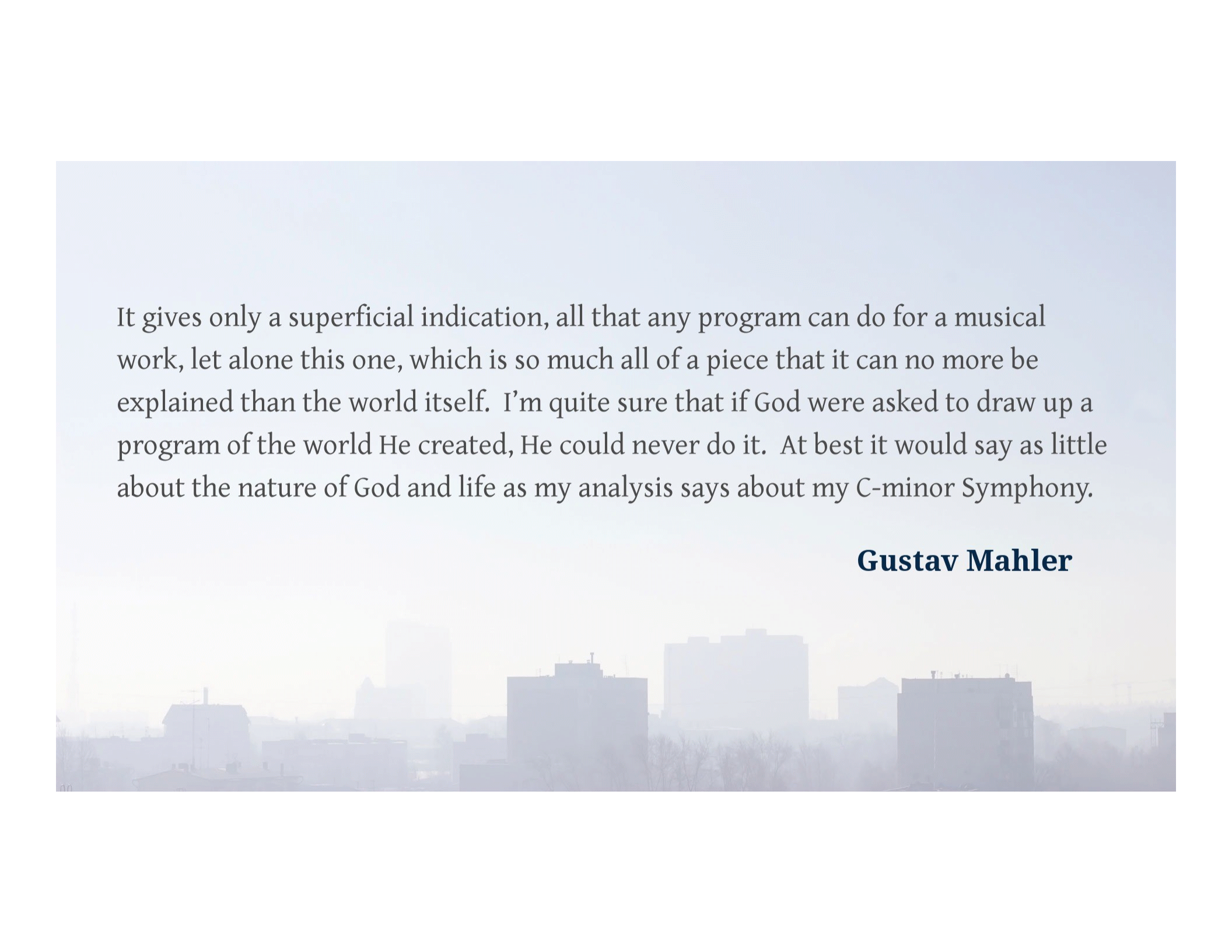


Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

Complete in Every Good Work
Lesson 22
Hebrews 13:20-25

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It gives only a superficial indication, all that any program can do for a musical work, let alone this one, which is so much all of a piece that it can no more be explained than the world itself. I'm quite sure that if God were asked to draw up a program of the world He created, He could never do it. At best it would say as little about the nature of God and life as my analysis says about my C-minor Symphony.

Gustav Mahler

Hebrews

- ▶ The “program” of God revealed in “bits and pieces”
- ▶ The “program” of God is clearly revealed in Hebrews
- ▶ Hebrews presents the Person and Work of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Two Covenants – the main structure of the book
 - The Mosaic Covenant – old, first, Law
 - The Everlasting Covenant – new, second, better, eternal

“Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever, Amen.”

Hebrews 13:20-21 NASB

Outline of Hebrews

- ▶ Introduction (1:1-4)
- ▶ Jesus Christ, God/Man (1:5-2:18)*
- ▶ Jesus Christ, Faithful Apostle of our confession (3:1-4:13)*
- ▶ Jesus Christ, High Priest of our confession (4:14-8:6)*
- ▶ Jesus Christ, Mediator of a new covenant (8:7-13)
- ▶ Jesus Christ the one sacrifice forever (9:1-10:18)
- ▶ Jesus Christ, Author of the new and better way (10:19-13:19)
 - A response to the new and better way (10:19-39)*
 - A great cloud of witnesses since the beginning (11)
 - A call run the race with endurance with eyes of faith on Jesus (12:1-17)
 - A tale of two cities (12:18-29)*
 - An acceptable life (13:1-19)
- ▶ The Benediction (13:20-25)
- ▶ *5 pauses to warn (2:1-4; 3:7-4:13; 5:11-6:20; 10:26-39; 12:25-29)

The New Covenant

- ▶ Introduction (1:1-4)
- ▶ God has spoken – by prophets first; now, by His Son
- ▶ God appointed His Son the heir . . . then created . . .
- ▶ The Son of God sustains and saves creation
- ▶ The Son of God is exalted at the right hand of God

The New Covenant

- ▶ Established before creation
- ▶ Deity of the Son of God
- ▶ Humanity of the Son of God
- ▶ High Priesthood of the Son of God
- ▶ An eternal covenant
- ▶ The Sacrifice of the Son of God
- ▶ A transaction in heaven by the Son of God
- ▶ An effect in the heart of man
- ▶ The Body of the Son of God
- ▶ A new and living way through the Son of God

The Old Covenant

- ▶ Established at Mount Sinai
- ▶ High Priesthood of Aaron – fallen man
- ▶ The sacrifice of animals
- ▶ A transaction on earth in the tabernacle or temple
- ▶ Temporary cleansing of the flesh – not the heart
- ▶ No access to God

A New Covenant Needed

- ▶ A new covenant with the houses of Israel and Judah
- ▶ “New” – two Greek words
 - *kainos* – new or different, but not new in time
 - *neos* – new in time; not previously existing
- ▶ The promise to the nation was for future restoration
- ▶ It is the “old time religion” – Hebrews 11
 - Justification by faith (10:37-38)
 - Living by faith
- ▶ The grand illustration – 2 mountains (12:18-24)
 - Sinai – a “terrifying expectation of judgment” (10:27)
 - Zion – you have come to the city of the living God; to Jesus

The Benediction (13:20-25)

- ▶ The basis for the prayer – Person and Work of Christ (20)
- ▶ The request – Blessing of the Everlasting Covenant (21)
- ▶ Gustav Mahler's folly – “the nature of God and life”
- ▶ Personal comments (22-24)
- ▶ A final prayer (25)

The Basis for the Request (13:20)

- ▶ The God of peace
- ▶ Resurrected by the blood of the Everlasting Covenant
- ▶ The Great Shepherd of the sheep
- ▶ Jesus our Lord

The Request (13:21)

- ▶ Equip you in every good thing (work) to do His will
- ▶ Working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight

Personal Comments

- ▶ Listen to this word of exhortation
- ▶ Timothy – an example
- ▶ A community of saints

Grace be with you all

- ▶ God of peace is the God of grace
- ▶ Access to the throne of grace (4:16)
- ▶ A heart strengthened by grace (13:9)
- ▶ Praise and thanksgiving for the blood of the Everlasting Covenant