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THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 3:7-19

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“The Suicide Of Unbelief” – Part 6

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all sufficient and eternal priest. In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the law, being centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

The better sacrifice, atonement, salvation, redemption, sanctification, justification.

Hebrews 3:7-19

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: *“Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, “They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.’ 11 So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.’ ” 12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could (would) not enter in because of unbelief.*

“The Suicide of Unbelief”

1.) And the Holy Spirit

vs. 7a

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says...”

Acts 7:51-52

“You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 For to which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?”

And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,

List these 3 verses as well for future study,
Leviticus 26:41, Isaiah 63:10, Deuteronomy 10:16

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom (the Holy Spirit of God)
you were sealed for (or unto, as in reserved for) the day of redemption.

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2.) This sense of urgency

vs. 7b-11

“Today, if you will hear His voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. 10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, “They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.’ 11 So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.’ ”

“This Sense of Urgency”

2a.) The human responsibility and the grace of God

vs. 7b

Verse 7b

7b “Today, if you will hear His voice

According to the Bible and according to God Himself,
there is the God ordained, natural-supernatural responsibility
designed into us, the human machine.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

meaning – the fuel is there, like the dry grass of summer,
all that is missing is a spark to ignite the dead grass...

“Today” as in right now!

“If” placing the proactive-choice (reaction, decision response) of salvation on us. (we can choose)

“Hear” as in listening - listening for His voice!

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2b.) The human propensity to run from God

vs. 8

Verse 8

*8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
in the day of trial in the wilderness,*

“As In The Rebellion”

This has been interpreted to describe Israel’s 40 years of wandering in the wilderness as well as specific events regarding their rebellion.

To King Saul God Spoke thru Samuel the Prophet...

1 Samuel 15:23

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.”

The Gravity of Rebellion is equal to Witchcraft. And Stubbornness as to Idol Worship or Paganism.

But notice here “the indictment” that God files against King Saul.

(it is) Because you have (personal responsibility) rejected the word of the LORD,
(Saul’s true desire is granted) He also has rejected you from being king.”

Hearing His Voice is a Matter of Life and Death – forever!

Psalm 95:6-11

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. 7 For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. (hearing his voice & obeying his

leadership is implied) Today, if you will hear His voice: 8 “Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 When your fathers tested Me; they tried Me, though they saw My work. 10 For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, “It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways.’ 11 So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.””

Our Takeaway is This...

When are we most vulnerable, prone to hardening our hearts?
“in the day of trial”

What is the day of trial for?
To expose who is authentic in their faith.

Where does that hardening of our hearts most often take place?
“in the wilderness”

Conclusion

It’s in the “wilderness” that you find His voice.

“And This Sense of Urgency”

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2c.) The curse of human independence

vs. 9-11

Verse 9

*9 where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years.
10 Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said,
“They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.’*

Tested grk: peirazo = to prove, put to the test because of unbelief, to contradict, to tempt away with the intent to reject.

Tried grk: dokimazo = to analyze, examine, to put through or to run through a gauntlet.

Saw grk: oida; - to have seen or perceived, one who is able to bring eye-witness testimony, to know by experience.

“I do not deny His existence as much as reject how He does things.
In a word – I know better than God does. I can run
the universes better.”

2 Timothy 2:16-17a – 1 Timothy 6:20-21a KJV

But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer... 20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: 21 Which some professing have erred concerning the faith.

Verse 10b-11

*“They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.’
11 So I swore in My wrath, “They shall not enter My rest.’ ”*

1 Samuel 15:22

So Samuel said: *“Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.*

Proverbs 9:10-11

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. 11 For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.

Luke 11:27-28

And it happened, as Jesus spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, *“Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!”*
28 But He said, *“More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!”*

I'm concerned for some of you who ask me *“O pastor Jack I have heard this prophet from Omaha or have you seen that miracle-worker from Calcutta or that amazing tele-evangelist from Peru?”* Nope. I don't want to.
I have my Bible.

John 10:2-5

But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. 5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

“The Suicide of Unbelief”

3.) Do not become set in your ways

vs. 12-19

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: *“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”* 16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could (would) not enter in because of unbelief.

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3a.) What is inside will come out

vs. 12-13

Verse 12

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Beware grk: blepo = be on guard, be on the look-out, be wide-eyed, vigilant, be careful and cautious.

Evil Heart grk: poneros = crimes in the heart, evil wanting to get out, wanting an opportunity, to be in a state of hidden envy, desiring to come out. announcing your wickedness.

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3b.) What comes out will be seen

vs. 14-15

Verse 14

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, 15 while it is said: *“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”*

Partakers grk: metochos = partners, companions, associates,
a traveling companion.

“If we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end”
Our First Love & The Doctrine of Abiding is Found Here

“Do Not Become Set In Your Ways”
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3c.) What is not of faith will fail

vs. 16-19

Verse 16-17

16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

Verse 18-19

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not (would not) enter in because of unbelief.

After the 12 spies had returned from the land of Canaan, the Promised Land, the report was given to Moses regarding the beauty of it all, it's fruitfulness and those who lived in the land.

Joshua and Caleb were the only two spies to give a positive report.

The 10 others – they saw GIANTS. They rejected what God had said, so they were filled with fear, they lost their faith, became unbelieving and set their way to be intimidated, terrified wimps & whiners – victims!

Numbers 14:1-4

So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?” 4 So they said to one another, “Let us select a (loser) leader and return to Egypt.”

End of Study

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