

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS CHRIST - THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

HEBREWS 4:1-7

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, BELIEVE!” – PART 2

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:

rest, atonement, salvation, redemption, sanctification, justification.

Hebrews 4:1-7

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: *“So I swore in My wrath, ‘they shall not enter My rest,’”* although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: *“And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”*; 5 and again in this place: *“They shall not enter My rest.”* 6 Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7 again He designates a certain day, saying in David, *“Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said: “Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”*

1.) Because God made you a promise vs. 1-2

Let’s remember this Christian – the God of the Bible cannot, by nature, change His mind nor His word of promise! (He is Immutable)

1a.) A promise to offer you rest vs. 1

1b.) A promise to reach you with the Gospel vs. 2a

1c.) A promise to tell you the truth vs. 2b

2b but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

profit grk: opheleo

(did not) benefit, (did not) do good, (did not) accomplish/ing,
(did not) help/ed, (did not) value. (did not) result in progress.

heard grk: akouo

to hear proclaimed, preached, to be within the realm or area of being able to hear what is being announced. (hearing what is being proclaimed but not listening to it)

mixed grk: sugkerannumi

to blend together until mixed, to make one with or unified, made homogenous, of one composition. (biblical unity)

Luke 8:18

“Therefore, take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

Mark 4:24

Then Jesus said to them, “Take heed what you hear.

This is yet again - another proof that we are in The Last Days!

Why Is this such an important thing?

Why is this such an issue in our day today?

So what are you personally gonna do about it?

James 1:22-25

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

The Truth Is...

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Think of this – every single promise that God has made to Israel will be fulfilled even though they rebelled against Him – God remains faithful to His Promises.

Psalm 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Why is this true? Because...

Psalm 138:2c

For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Matthew 5:17-18

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

By The Way - There Is Absolute Truth

This puts the liberal-progressive, seeking to be spiritual - into a tailspin!

One jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

Senator Josh Hawley and Cal-Berkeley Professor Khiara Bridges

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G0PmSWfN_WE

Revelation 22:18-19

For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32

You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it... 32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.

Proverbs 30:6

Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

In our last time together – I wanted us to turn in your Bibles to...

Matthew 13:1-23

On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. 2 And great multitudes were gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. 3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" 10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand and seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 18 "Therefore hear the parable of the Sower: 19 When anyone hears the word

of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!”

2.) Because God gave you a gift

vs. 3-5

2a.) It's free but not cheap

vs. 3

3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: “*So I swore in My wrath, ‘they shall not enter My rest,’*” although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

There is a rest available for our human soul.

Please forgive me in advance when I say this but,

it's possible that those of you who have been struggling with the rest of God for decades, may just well keep on struggling on because of unbelief!

But to those of you who are the next generation, you're filled with unbelief. You've been conditioned to not believe (except in the wrong stuff) you are the ones that I want to make sure that they hear this...

You've got to be exhausted.
You've got to be weary and at the point of giving up.
Have you thought why your generation is such
a suicidal generation of feelings and phantoms?

A Personal Plea for Those Adrift

(1) It's because nothing you've tried works. And **Tragically** for many of you (2) it's your own **family** - your mom or dad have been **Horrible** Christian examples. (3) Your teachers have been buffoons and so you have “**Zero**” respect for them. (4) The authorities in your life have let you down. – **So what's left for you?**

Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

“On Your Mark, Get Set, Believe!” Because God Gave You A Gift.

2b.) It’s right here but you must take it

vs. 4-5

4 For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: *“And God rested on the seventh day from all His works”*; 5 and again in this place: *“They shall not enter My rest.”*

Genesis 1:31

Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.
So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1-2

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Meaning to be finished with a task and to be satisfied with it.

rest heb. Shabath to cease as in to stop, to make an end to, to repose as in a state of leisure.

To complete something and then to repose before it.
To look at a job well done and to be glad about it!

For some 40 years the children of Israel, having left Egypt

under the protection, power and visible providence of God failed to “stay with Him” or to “Rest in His Abilities” to do what He said.

When we do not trust Him to do as He has said,

We’re not only offending Him, but we’re declaring Him to be impotent, and unable to keep His Word.

Here’s the Amazing Thing;

Israel was commanded to Trust Him from the moment they encountered Him. Their rest in Him should have only gotten just more restful.

The Christian should almost be in a state of Sleepwalking.

wherever we **walk** in our lives - every day - we should be possessing a greater **peace / calm / rest** as we move along toward home...

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3.) Because God stands at the door vs. 6-7

Excerpts are now brought out from Psalm 95,
A psalm attributed to King David

3a.) He extends His offer to you vs. 6-7a

Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, 7a again He designates a certain day,

Notice the Great Separation, the Great divide being made clear.

3b.) He waits patiently for you vs. 7b

7b saying in David, *“Today,” after such a long time, as it has been said:
“Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts.”*

Revelation 3:14-20

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, “I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’ - and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked - 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

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