

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

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

Hebrews 11:30-40

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

YOUR LIFE - ON FAITH – PART 5

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 the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings. Gods' faithfulness.

Hebrews 11:30-40

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35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains,

in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Last Week; We left off with the challenge for All of Us;
That is to {Worshipping Warriors} for that is what we have in the witness of
Joshua & The Children of Israel...

The Same Is True Of Us Today

YOUR LIFE ON FAITH

1.) Will face impossible situations

vs. 30-31

Hebrews 11:30

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“WE ENDED LAST TIME WITH THE READING OF
JOSHUA CHAPTER 5:1-12”

Welcome to biblical Christianity 101
(which is - - moving on into discipleship)

Matthew 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, *“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

The Beautiful & Glorious Secession of Believers
Down Through the Millennia - - Tonight!!!

Daniel 11:32c

“...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

Great Exploits heb: chazaq
to be being (as in advancing forward.) to be growing more firm, to be becoming stronger, to be becoming more courageous, more mighty, more resilient, more effective – to grasp in hand the victory.

{ Taking Hold Now of The Victory That Is }

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who (meaning all ranks of people and human authorities) **can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him**

up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

*“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.” – ps. 44:22*

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Real Biblical Faith will Require of Us - The Disciple of Waiting

Please Take Note:

Their waiting involved worshipping, marching & trusting & waiting

Galatians 1:15-18

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

Psalms 27:14

Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

Lamentations 3:25-26

The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. 26 It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

Isaiah 30:18

Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him.

Isaiah 40:31

But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Do Not Faint Spiritually Speaking

WARNING / HIGH ALERT = Apathy, Laziness, Carelessness Kills

31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace.

The Account of Rahab the Hooker
is one of the most unlikely cast members for this film.

Yet – It's Perfect. It's about **“Her Life on Faith”**

Her actions or works proved that her faith was real.

She will – By the way, will go on to be recorded in the
human genealogy of Israel's Messiah & Our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Joshua 2:1-11

Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out two men from Acacia Grove to spy secretly, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there. 2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, “Behold, men have come here tonight from the children of Israel to search out the country.” 3 So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the country.” 4 Then the woman took the two men and hid them. So she said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. 5 And it happened as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. Where the men went, I do not know; pursue them quickly, for you may overtake them.” 6 (But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order on the roof.) 7 Then the men pursued them by the road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as soon as those who pursued them had gone out, they shut the gate. 8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, 9 and said to the men: “I know that the LORD has given you the land, that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you.

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

(For some people – this brings up the issue of lying. Is Rahab lying here?)

“Her Faith was a Real Life Active Faith
Her Faith was Proven to be a Verb in Her Life.”

James 2:25

**Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works
when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?**

The Bible says that Rahab's Actions were the Actions of a Living & Active Faith – Well Pleasing to God.

To God – There is obviously a difference between what Rahab is doing here verses committing the sin of lying.

The 9th Commandment

Exodus 20:16

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“So if you were to wake up in the middle of the night to find someone in your home saying; “I’m going to murder you and then I am going to do the same to your wife & kids from oldest to the young. But I need you tell me in which bedrooms should I start?”

1 Timothy 5:8 NKJV

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied (in a state of denying) the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Compare The Actual Bible to a Conversational Translation

1 Timothy 5:8 NLT

But those who won’t care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied (in a state of denying) the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

- Yikes – think about the man who fathered a child and then walked away.
- Yikes – think about a neglectful parent starving their child of all including food.
- Yikes – think about an adult child neglecting their elderly parent.
- Yikes – think about a person who refuses to plan ahead for their family (voting).

YOUR LIFE ON FAITH

2.) Will not ever have to stand alone

vs. 32-34

Verse 32-34

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Verse 32a

32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon....

Malachi 3:16

Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; so a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.

Let's Visit Gideon's "Impossible Situation" that Taught him
That He "Would Never Have to Stand Alone."

Judges 7:4 -7

But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, that of whom I say to you, "This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." 5 So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, 6 "Everyone who laps (pulls up to the mouth) from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets down on his knees to drink. 7 Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped (pulled up to the mouth) I will save you,

Men - Few in Number – but Vigilant Men of Heart & Spirit.

Ya Know Who I Want Around Me in Ministry?

Men - Few in Number – but Vigilant Men of Heart & Spirit.

Of Barak Judges 4-5

Judges 4:8

And **Barak** said to Deborah, "*If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!*"

Of Samson Judges 13

Judges 13:24

So the woman bore a son and called his name **Samson**; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

One bizarre Man who was Called by God –

Of Jephthah Judges 11

Judges 11:30-31, 34-39

And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, "If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, 31 then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house

to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering....” 34 When Jephthah came to his house at Mizpah, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing; and she was his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter. 35 And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, “Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low! You are among those who trouble me! For I have given my word to the LORD, and I cannot go back on it.” 36 So she said to him, “My father, if you have given your word to the LORD, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, because the LORD has avenged you of your enemies, the people of Ammon.” 37 Then she said to her father, “Let this thing be done for me: let me alone for two months, that I may go and wander on the mountains and bewail my virginity, my friends and I.” 38 So he said, “Go.” And he sent her away for two months; and she went with her friends, and bewailed her virginity on the mountains. 39 And it was so at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with her which he had vowed. She knew no man.

Jephthah's daughter would have been dedicated to the service of the LORD for the rest of her life as a Burnt Offering was. The lamentation was that she would have no husband nor child – also ending Jephthah's lineage to pass on his name.

Of David a Bulk of the Old Testament

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

Of Samuel The Prophet - King Maker

1 Samuel 1:10-11

And Hanna *was* in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, “*O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.*”

Of The Prophets The Voice of God to Israel & Beyond

There is no more of a lofty nor powerful calling upon a human life than to be that of a Prophet of the Living God.

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A Moment of Healing Over This People

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight enduring unbelievable physical pain & hardship.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight living one day at a time as God gives it.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight having to bear the pain of an unbelieving spouse.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight laboring to make ends meet day by day - month to month.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight abused, beaten, trafficked & enslaved in this world.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight coming alive day by day by the power of God's Word.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight trusting The LORD with their very lives.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight devoted to Obeying God no matter what happens.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are tonight no longer of This World, but of the Kingdom of God.

I want to tell of those who through faith...

Are now living Above Themselves in Christ Jesus.

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