

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 12:1-2

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

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 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Imagine With Me That We Have a Trip Planned.

(1) Where are we going? // (2) How do we pack? // (3) Who's going with us?
(4) How long will it take to Get There? // (5) When do we leave?

Am I Missing Anything?

yes - and on the day we get ready to leave – what do we ask each other before leaving the house?

(1) Did you go to the bathroom? // (2) Do you have your I.D.?
(3) Do we have our tickets?

But it almost always feels like we're missing something.

Once Lisa's family was on vacation and stopped to get gas and all 9 of them got out of the car to go to potty' -- then they all got back into the car and drove away -- not realizing that they had left #5 (Jerry) back at the gas station for over an hour! – but wait, the sheriff had to catch up to them and hit the lights & pull them over to announce, "hey you left your kid back at the gas station."

Church, We've Never Been This Close to Leaving on Our Trip

John 14:1-3

**"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
:2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to
prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and
receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.**

Location / Location / Location is Everything

Revelation 5:8-12

**Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell
down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the
prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll,
and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of
(this is not Israel nor Jews only – it's the entirety of the church) every tribe and tongue and people and
nation, 10 and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." :11
Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and
the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of
thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power
and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!"**

1 Thessalonians 1:10

**"Wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from
the wrath to come.**

1 Thessalonians 2:19

**For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our
Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?**

1 Thessalonians 3:13

**May He establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest
you sorrow as others who have no hope. :14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. :15 For this we say to you by the
word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no
means precede those who are asleep. :16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a**

shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. :18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Luke 21:34-36

“Be careful, because your hearts could be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of this life, and that day will close in on you unexpectedly like a trap. 35 For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Location / Location / Location is Everything

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

1.) Because we're leaving together

vs. 1a

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

BECAUSE WE'RE LEAVING TOGETHER

1a.) There is unity among God's people

vs. 1a

Hebrews 12:1a

Therefore we also, since

Since grk: kai
to be one with or united together, to accompany,
to be included, to be the same as.

It's Based Upon Verse 11:39-40

Hebrews 11:39-40

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.

“Not Apart from Us....”

All those of the past, in heaven – they are waiting for The End to Come.

(A Reunion for the Family of God in Total)

**WE'RE LEAVING NOW
BECAUSE WE'RE LEAVING TOGETHER**

1b.) There is glory ahead of us

vs. 1b

Hebrews 12:1b

we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses

surrounded

grk: perikeimai

be encompassed, to be ensconced or wrapped. to be wearing the same uniform as an identifier in battle. able to recognize a fellow warrior or team member on the field.

great

grk: tosoutos

so much greater, meaning that they have entered into glory and await the same for us. we have not yet experienced what they have.

Witnesses

grk: martus

martyrs, eyewitnesses, having a testimony, those who are experiencing God (this of course in the realm of Him being The Redeemer)

A Cloud (Nef-Os)

On a massive scale, beyond the ability to number or count, a large, dense multitude, a throng, the appearance of a crowd so great that they are mass acumination of people looking like clouds.

At The Second Coming – Not the Rapture...

Revelation 1:7-8

Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 “I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty.”

At The Second Coming – Not the Rapture...

Acts 1:9 -11

Now when Jesus had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

WE'RE LEAVING NOW BECAUSE WE'RE LEAVING TOGETHER

1c.) There is anticipation within us

vs. 1c

Hebrews 12:1c

Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us.

Lay Aside grk: apotithemi
to put off, the putting aside (of my flesh and my mind) to set off
and away from.

We need to have an aggressive and militant attitude toward our
sin and our ability to get into trouble.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Every grk: pas
All as in all kinds, all everything – the totality of all.

Ephesians 6:12-16

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Weight grk: ogkos
bulk, burden, load, any form of an encumbrance.

The quiet internal thoughts we have that kill...

Shame, embarrassment, fear, intimidation, a sense of unworthiness, emptiness, loneliness, personal value, meeting the bar.

Regarding the Future Believers during the 7 Year Tribulation Period

Revelation 12:9-11

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, *“Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the Accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

Sin grk: hamartia
to miss the mark or the missing of a target.
to be a sinner is to miss the bullseye.

“Satan is a big Cheerleader for Tomorrow!

Because if you're living for tomorrow – If you're going to start praying tomorrow, if you're going to start your diet tomorrow - - the problem is, tomorrow never comes because every day that arrives without action – we'll just do it tomorrow.”

Ensnarers grk: euperistatos
To creep or ease toward you and eventually around, to encircle you.
to become entangled by either standing still or rushing ahead.

Psalms 1:1-3

Blessed is the man

Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither and whatever he does shall prosper.

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Ephesians 4:22-24

And you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

What's Weighing You Down?

“Where do you think that’s going to go?”

“Where we’re going - you won’t need that”

“There’s no room for that in the car”

“It’s just gonna stink things up”

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Romans 7:15-8:1a

For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19

For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. 21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. 22 For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

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