

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 12:1-3

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WE'RE LEAVING NOW – 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 the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

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Hebrews 12:1-3

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. **3** For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

1.) Because we're leaving together

vs. 1a

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

vs. 1a

Hebrews 12:1a

Therefore we also, since

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 having not yet experienced what they have.
Cloud	grk: nephos (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.
Witnesses	grk: martus martyrs, eyewitnesses, having a testimony, those who are experiencing God (this of course in the realm of Him being The Redeemer)

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."

-- Where this Great Cloud of Witnesses Resides is Awesome?
Don't You Ever Wonder What Going to Heaven Is Going to Be Like

Isaiah 6:1-4

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

Psalm 18:10-13

And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies. 12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire. 13 The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire.

Psalm 104:13

He waters the hills from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

Psalm 99:1

The LORD reigns; Let the peoples tremble! He dwells between the cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

Ezekiel 10:20-22

This is the living creature I saw under the God of Israel by the River Chebar, and I knew they were cherubim. 21 Each one had four faces and each one four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. 22 And the likeness of their faces was the same as the faces which I had seen by the River Chebar, their appearance and their persons. They each went straight forward.

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1 Corinthians 2:9-10

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things yes, the deep things of God.

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

1c.) There is anticipation within us

vs. 1c

Verse 1c

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

RFK Jr. is advocating for every American (youth) to get in shape by his campaign –
“Make America Healthy Again”

It’s hard to run with a burrito in your mouth
It’s hard to run with a stake in your mouth
It’s hard to run with a pizza in your mouth

(There is a great example from our military boot camp)
“Get out of the bus”

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.

Acts 20:22-24 ESV

And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

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 wait for 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

7 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.

A P P L I C A T I O N

Question: So what do I do pastor jack about all that?

Answer: Start Running - - Get Ready Now to Leave

2 Timothy 4:1-7

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers. 4 and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. 6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

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 wont 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.

End of Study

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