

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 3

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 12:1-3

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

Hebrews 12:1a

Therefore we also, since

1a.) Because there is unity among God's people

vs. 1a

1b.) Because there is glory ahead of us

vs. 1b

1c.) Because there is anticipation within us

vs. 1c

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

2.) Because we've made ourselves ready

vs. 1b

Hebrews 12:1b

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

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

BECAUSE WE'VE MADE OURSELVES READY

2a.) We're ready to be pure in spirit

vs. 1b

Hebrews 12:1b

Let us lay aside every weight,

The Word Picture Here

Is that of an Olympic wrestler getting prepared for battle.

Stripped to nothing more than the loin cloth – the combatants rubbed down with olive oil.

“There must be continuity between what we profess to believe – with how we live out that belief.”

The Christian's Internal Desires will be Realized.

Matthew 6:33-34 NLT

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. 34 “So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Being Pure in Spirit is Not a Future Appointment – It's a Present Benefit.

Psalms 37:4

Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

**WE'RE LEAVING NOW
BECAUSE WE'VE MADE OURSELVES READY**

2b.) We're ready to be pure in action

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

and the sin...

**“Idle hands are the devil’s workshop”
is a wordily proverb but it’s packed with biblical meaning.**

**Assuming you all know that the blatant sins are being taken into consideration, I press upon
the lesser but equally sinful sins of apathy.
slothfulness, laziness, directionless, profitless, procrastination.**

1 Peter 5:7-9a

**7 Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your
adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist
him, steadfast in the faith,**

- Casting** grk: epiipto
The throwing away from you or the casting of a stone into the sea.
to get rid of an object.
- Sober** grk: ne'pho
to abstain from cloudiness, fuzziness or drunkenness – buzzed.
to keep yourself clear-minded.
- Vigilant** grk: gregoreuo, gray-gor-yoo'-o
to keep awake, watchful, on-guard.
- About** grk: peri'pa'teo
To walk or to pace in and around. (meaning - demonic entities, satan being the
chief among them) search for, press upon, peer in to, seek out an opening or
opportunity = temptation is the manifestation that a demon is at work around you,
near you, or upon you.
- Devour** grk: ka'ta'pi'no
to drink down or to suck moisture from. to swallow or drink your life away from
you. (many who have encountered demonic activity report that there is a
manifestation of weight or pressure & a pulling of breath or the sucking of air out
of the lungs)

Resist grk: anthistemi
to be set in battle array against an invader, to withstand, repel, to be in direct – face to face opposition to the enemy. (woke wont work)

**Satan and his workers cannot endure “The Sword of the Spirit.”
It is without fail and always spiritually lethal.**

Psalms 119:11-12

**Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
12 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.**

Hidden heb: tsaphan
to treasure up, to fill up or to pack or stuff to the full.
to keep secret to keep stored up, to bank. (to deposit upon a deposit)

Matthew 6:19-21

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**WE’RE LEAVING NOW
BECAUSE WE’VE MADE OURSELVES READY**

2c.) We’re ready to be pure in love

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

...which so easily ensnares us,

How to NOT become ensnared...

1 John 1:5-10

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

3.) Because we're almost to the finish line

vs. 1c-3

WE'RE LEAVING NOW BECAUSE WE'RE ALMOST TO THE FINISH LINE

3a.) Every race has its beginning

vs. 1c

Verse 1c

and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Part of Getting Ready to Leave is Being Willing to Go!

Luke 12:40

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Negative Side

Luke 12:42-46a

And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? 43 Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. 45 But if that servant says in his heart, "My master is delaying his coming," and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, 46a the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware.

Psalms 55:22

Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

Psalms 37:4-5

Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

**WE'RE LEAVING NOW
BECAUSE WE'RE ALMOST TO THE FINISH LINE**

3b.) Every race has it's highlights

vs. 2

Verse 2

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.

The Throne of God

Is the most hotly contested reality there is on earth and in heaven.
(Satan wants it really, really bad)

Psalms 45:6

**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.**

Psalms 11:4

**The LORD is in His holy temple,
The LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.**

Revelation 4:1

After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

Revelation 4:2-6

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. 3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

Revelation 20:11

Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

Isaiah 6:1-5a

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. 5a So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone!

**WE'RE LEAVING NOW
BECAUSE WE'RE ALMOST TO THE FINISH LINE**

3c.) Every race has it's finish

vs. 3

Verse 3

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

Consider grk: analogizomai
Settle your thoughts upon. think deeply.

Endured grk: hu'po'me'no
To stay under the pressure of, (3), patiently endure(1), perseveres(1), persevering(1), remained(1), stayed behind(1).

Hostility grk: anti'logi'a
rejection, rebellion, to refuse, to dismiss, to not take seriously, to brush off.

Weary grk: kam'no
worn out, fatigued, sick as in exhausted in body or mind.

Discouraged grk: ek'lu'o
to be loose, to be untied or released from the moorings, to grow tired, weak, faint.

The Christian does not have the Authority to Quit, Give Up or
Surrender. - - None Whatsoever !

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