

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 4

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.

**“The journey of a thousand miles
begins with one step.”**

Lao Tzu:

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

1.) Because we're leaving together vs. 1

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.) 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, and sin...

Weight grk: ogkos
(1) unnecessary weight, (2) bulk, (3) encumbrance, a (4) claim as in having a legal right, (5) to clip or hamstring, (6) that which keeps a wound from healing.

Application

Emotionally / Physically / Spiritually

What are the emotional wounds that we're carrying?

What are the physical pains that we're enduring?

What are the spiritual frustrations that we're unable to conquer?

Romans 8:1,28-29a

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, **28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. **29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son,

Image grk: eikon
similarity, likeness, representation or copy of, a statue in the likeness of (ie. Christ)

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is **formed** in you,

Formed grk: morpho
the shaping, formation, forming from one purpose and existence into another purpose and existence.

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. **2** Do not be **conformed** to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

WE'RE LEAVING NOW

BECAUSE WE'VE MADE OURSELVES READY

2b.) We're ready to be **pure in action** vs. 1b

Hebrews 12:1b

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

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.

1.) Because we're **leaving together** vs. 1a

2.) Because we've **made ourselves ready.** vs. 1b

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 **it's 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

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.

“I love this exhortation to be ‘**Looking**’”

Titus 2:13

Looking for the blessed hope and
the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Throne of God

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

- Author** grk: ar'che'gos
the originator or genesis in the fullest meaning of the word, the essences, founder, the creator, and the leader of it.
- Finisher** grk: tele'io'tes
the completer, the concluder, the closer, the perfecter.

Question to You

Who are you running from? // Who are you running toward?
What are you running from? // What are you running toward?

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

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 or rest your thoughts upon. to think deeply upon.

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).

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.

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 tried, weak, faint.

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

2 Timothy 4:6-8

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. **8** Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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