# 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 12:12-24

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

# **GROWING UP TOGETHER – 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:

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

#### Hebrews 12:12-24

Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. **18** For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, **19** and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,

and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

# **GROWING UP TOGETHER**

## 1.) In The House of The Living God

vs. 12-13

#### Hebrews 12:12-13

Therefore, strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, **13** and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

The Hebrew Believer

## Is immediately reminded of Moses, Aaron and Hur in the Day of Battle in Exodus 17.

Hebrews 12:13

**13** and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

The meaning is; "Stop Running in Circles." You will only Buffet yourself.

# **GROWING UP TOGETHER**

2.) In The House of The Loving God

vs. 14-17

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

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Hebrews 12:15

**15** looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

## Issue This "Weather" Warning – Icy Conditions Ahead

Ephesians 4:31

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

#### **Colossians 3:8**

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

#### Hebrews 12:16-17

16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

We have no biblical evidence that Esau was a physical fornicator however, we do know that he was very much a spiritual fornicator in the sense that he did not have the right heart toward God in his relationship with God.

## Genesis 25:27-34

So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents. **28** And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. **29** Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. **30** And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore, his name was called Edom. **31** But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day." **32** And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?" **33** Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. **34** And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

# Esau held spiritual things in low regard.

While at the same time, he valued the material things of life.

# **GROWING UP TOGETHER**

3.) In The House of The Holy God
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vs. 18-21

Verse 18

## Hebrews 12:18

For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,

#### Galatians 4:21-26

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? **22** For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. **23** But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, **24** which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar - **25** for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children - **26** but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Verse 19-20a

#### Hebrews 12:19-20a

and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. **20** (For they could not endure what was commanded:

Verse 20b-21

## Hebrews 12:20b-21

"And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." **21** And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.")

# **GROWING UP TOGETHER**

vs. 22-24

Verse 22-24

## Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, **23** to the general (celebrating) assembly (Israel) and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **24** to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

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