

## 58-Hebrews-01-Transcript

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well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and tonight we begin a brand-new book we're going to be studying the book of Hebrews this is a very complex book a difficult book a lot of Christians actually shy away from it but we don't shy away from the Word of God and so we're going to dig into this book and there's just a lot of wonderful lessons for us to learn especially just coming out of the book of Revelation which was also a very difficult book because of the apocalyptic nature of that book when we put these two books together it delivers a very compelling message of faithfulness to the Saints so I'll fail a word of prayer and then we'll jump right into the study Heavenly Father we just want to thank you so much God for your mercy and your loving-kindness and your your just benefits to us father we thank you for your Holy Word we thank you Father for these studies that were able to do we think even technology that enables us to do these studies and then just create an online community of believers that really want to understand your word we pray father that you will bless so understanding and that we will learn from these just as their personal epistles from Christ to the early church that this very personal appeal to the Hebrews that we will learn from it father and be able to apply it to our lives and be able to please you and please Jesus Christ we pray in his most holy name amen so I just wanted to mention that we are now broadcasting on roku as well and if

you're on roku you can just search for CGI digital network and you'll be able to catch these Bible studies on the Roku network as well I also want to mention that next week we will have a Bible study on Monday night I apologize I'm going to be traveling next week so we'll have the Bible study on Monday night just next week only and then will be soon back to our Wednesday night Bible studies so next week Monday night if you if that's not convenient then on Wednesday night you can catch us in the archive so we are studying Hebrews and just before we get into the book of Hebrews I want to just open with a comment about the book and that the column that I want to make is this actually let me first read the scripture and then make the comment in first Corinthians 10 the Apostle Paul said this that these things happened unto them that is ancient Israel for examples and they are written for our admonition so it happened to them but it's written down for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come and this really is the lens through which I want us to study the book of Hebrews that there was something happening to this Hebrew community back in the first century and and there is this thing has been written down for us upon whom the ends of the world have come now the argument of the book of Hebrews and the author is unknown if you ask me my opinion is that Paul the Apostle Paul is the author of the book of Hebrews and the very earliest records we have manuscripts bundled Hebrews with Paul's epistles and in fact if you have a King James Bible they might even say the Epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Hebrews it's modern scholarship that has

really taken a strong line to say it's not the author the author Paul is not the off

I think the first scholar to say that or to question Pauline authorship was Origen and he didn't question that the content came from Paul in fact he actually said he believed that it was Pauline content but he didn't believe that the writing was paused it was it's too sophisticated Greek it's a almost classical level Greek as opposed to clinically the common Greek that everybody spoke this is a very high level Greek and because of that he leaned more towards Luke as the author which is possible and I'm gonna say no but certainly he acknowledged that it was Pauline content and Pauline thinking and Pauline theology and so that's well that's what really matters and to a certain extent Hebrews is more like a sermon that has been then written down and so it's quite possible that Paul gave the sermon Luke took really good notes and then you know together they collaborated to put it in a letter but if you hear me say Paul it's because my belief is that it is Paul there are some other theories of other people who may have written it none of them really called water the main argument against Paul II and authorship is the the sophistication of the Greek language and then there's another argument which will come to near the end of our study where Paul seems to separate himself well I'll get to it they seem so I should say he includes himself with those who receive the message from the Apostles and they believe that Paul would never do this because he was quite adamant that he received the gospel directly from Jesus Christ so we are looking at this through

the lens of it's an example for us upon whom the ends of the world common certainly everything that we're just coming from in the book of Revelation you want to bring all of that knowledge into the book of Hebrews now the argument in Hebrews I think is best captured in this verse in chapter two and so we're going to read chapter one and chapter one there's an argument that's being made by the author that that is concluded in the first part of chapter two and it's really the argument for the whole book and he says this therefore we ought to give the more the more earnest heed to the things which ye have heard lest at any time we should let them slip and so this is the argument of the book of Hebrews what's happened is this Jewish community the student the Jewish Christians who are in Rome and who are facing intense persecution most likely by Nero the Emperor Nero and this persecution is intense and it's in it's getting hotter and Christianity is basically an illegal religion but Judaism is not Judaism is a religion that's actually sanctioned by the state and so as this persecution is heating up these Hebrew believers are pulling away from the Gentile believers and they're actually pulling away from Christ and they want to resort to or revert back to Judaism because it's basically it's the same God the god of Judaism is the same god of the New Testament however they would not have to suffer persecution and so they're going backward or they're being tempted to go backward to adopt Judaism which is the sanctioned religion to reject Christ and the worship of Christ and in that way escape persecution and and the author here which I believe is

Paul is making a very powerful argument of the superiority of G Christ and he's going to name a number of things that in the Judaic ethic and belief system are highly regarded and then he's going to show them how Jesus Christ is higher Jesus Christ is better Jesus Christ is superior so what are you going back to they stand and face whatever you have to face and this is a very relevant message for us upon whom the ends of the age have come and and why is that well let's just read a little bit here where in Revelation 1 3 you remember and I emphasize this many times that blessed is he that reads and they that hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand so we have to be careful lest at any time we let these things slip and so we have been given a great gift and you know Hebrews best understanding we have is it was written before 70 AD because the author never mentions the destruction of the temple and in fact he speaks about the sacrifices and the worship in the temple that that shows that the temple was still extent that the temple was still standing and yet we know that all of that was was destroyed and after that about two decades later John was given the revelation of Jesus Christ and so if this argument is being made to the Hebrews that what they have they better hold on to because it is superior than anything that has come before how much more does the argument in Hebrews apply to us who have the revelation directly from Jesus Christ so let's keep that in mind as we go through this study he said and notice this this is red-letter in the King James he says I am he that lives and was dead and

behold I am Alive for evermore so he he  
went through it he's not asking us to do  
something he hasn't done but he lives  
now he's firstborn from the dead he was  
dead and he's alive forevermore  
amen and he has the keys of hell and of  
death of the grave and of death and he  
says this right these things which you  
have seen and the things which are and  
the things which shall be Hereafter  
so John who is being asked to write he's  
being asked to write these things and so  
even though the book of Revelation is  
really it's a book that's written to us  
we have to understand that much of it is  
red-letter much of it is the actual  
words of Jesus Christ that that John  
penned for us and then the whole thing  
is the revelation of Jesus Christ that  
John penned for us so we need to have  
that very very clearly in mind that  
where it says right and we have this  
written book it is actually the Word of  
God directly so here Hebrews begins and  
it says God who at sundry times said at  
various times and in divers manners in  
different ways in time passed a spoke in  
time past unto the father's by the  
prophets so God actually has a  
relationship with man and he has a  
relationship with Israel and so he has  
spoken in time past unto the father's  
that is the nation of Israel God does  
not you know there's some doctrines out  
there that says that God has prophets  
that go to every nation and that's all  
nonsense God has a covenant with Israel  
and all the prophets come through Israel  
and so he spoke to the father's by the  
prophets has in these last days spoken  
unto us by his son and that's why I was  
saying earlier you know if this was true  
for the believers in 17 before 70 AD how  
much more true is it for the believers

after 95 ad after the revelation has been given to John and we have the whole corpus we have the whole body of text with all the prophets and this the the the final the buckle on the belt as I called it that pulls everything together the book of Revelation given to Jesus Christ when given to us directly from Jesus Christ as in these last days spoken to unto us by his son whom he appointed heir of all things by whom also he made the world's and so Jesus Christ is the heir he he is the heir of everything he is the one that inherits the whole universe in fact the whole he created everything and everything was created for him and so this is this is how great Jesus Christ is he is he has been appointed heir by God of all things by whom also he made the world's now back to Revelation here 22 the book ends by saying and he that is Jesus Christ said unto me these sayings are faithful and true this is reality if you ever in you know there's so much of fake news and all this sort of different interpretations and and different ideologies if we want to know what the reality is it's the book of Revelation and so this study that we've just come through this helps us understand reality and the God that the creator of all the whole universe says these sayings are faithful and true and the Lord God of the Holy Prophets is it's one God it's one boy so in various times in different ways he's spoken to the prophets never giving any of them the whole story all of them have a part of the puzzle revelation coming from Jesus Christ allows us to put all the pieces together

and see that it truly is one God with one voice consistent throughout but it is the son who gives us the whole picture the prophets who are inferior to the son they they only had a part of the picture so he's the Lord God of the Holy Prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants things which must shortly be done so we have an understanding of what the future holds

of the revelation again notice the red letter these are directly words spoken directly from Jesus Christ behold I come quickly blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book and so this is the connection between revelation and Hebrews the Hebrews and we'll see shortly in our study that that the Apostle Paul illegit is says to them you have not yet resisted unto blood so Nero was was the Emperor he was heating up the persecution of Christians but none of them had yet been martyred so they were in front of the martyrdom just as today we are in front of the martyrdom it is though the world is turning and it's turning against Christians and Christians are being persecuted there there they're getting the short end of the stick there they're being certainly al who I'm speaking of the West actually this is not true in the east in the east they are actually being martyred but here in the West our freedom of speech is being curtailed but we have not yet resisted unto blood where we're in front of the martyrdom just as the Hebrews were in front of the martyrdom and the challenge for the Hebrews was not to let the things that they the revelations that they had received from the son not to let them slip and this is exactly where we are today that we've been given these



precious precious words of God and and  
God is telling us do not let them slip  
I'm telling you everything beforehand so  
that you can hold on to it and be  
faithful so he says blessed is he that  
keeps the sayings of this prophecy of  
this book so remember how the book began  
is the revelation of Jesus Christ this  
revelation belongs to Jesus Christ that  
was given to him by God the Father to  
show his servants things which must  
shortly come to pass and these things  
which must shortly come to pass  
initially they're ugly and then they get  
uglier and then they get really really  
really ugly and then there's beauty for  
eternity so this this spot in the middle  
it's like a small inconvenience  
and Jesus Christ is saying to us hold on  
hold on to eternal life put up with the  
inconvenience because the glory that I'm  
going to reveal in you is beyond  
comprehension and it's eternal it's  
beyond comprehension and it's eternal  
hold on so he says here he John bear  
record of the testimony the Word of God  
in the testimony of Jesus Christ and of  
all things which he saw so all of this  
is faithful  
now we studied Luke earlier listen to  
how this ties in and again we want to  
make sure I wanna make sure that people  
is relevant Luke 21 7 they asked him  
saying master but when shall these  
things be he's giving them the prophecy  
that we got in full detail in the book  
of Revelation but prior to revelation  
Lian Matthew 24 the Olivet prophecy and  
here is repeated in Luke 21 and they  
want to know what wins all of this  
didn't happen and what sign will there  
be when these things shall come to pass  
and he said be careful take heed that  
you be not to see so Satan as the

deceiver is gonna be deceiving for many shall come in my name saying I am Christ so in the in this final hour this final time Christ is going to be the topic of conversation Christianity is going to be the issue

it's what version of Christianity is the true version and we have to be careful not to be deceived and revelation gives us the whole plan so that anybody who does not speak according to the whole counsel of God we reject but there are going to be people who've been claimed to be speaking up on behalf of Christ claim that Jesus Christ is a prophet claim that you know they believe in Christ and all the prophets but they're deceivers and so he says here maybe I'll come in my name a lot saying I'm Christ and the time draws near so it's gonna be clear that the world coming up to the end do not go after

don't follow them you know it's the same message in in Hebrews don't go backwards hold on to what you've been given be faithful to the end don't get distracted don't go the wrong way do not go after them but when you shall hear of wars and commotions a lot of civil unrest are you hearing about that have you heard about war in Syria my you America might attack Syria a Russia might get involved or constantly in the knee every time you turn on the news there's different wars and rumors of wars and also unrest it's almost like every every country has civil unrest do not be terrified it's gonna be terrifying for those who don't understand what's going on for us we mustn't be terrified so it's a it's an age of terror that the Christian must not be terrified for these things must first come to pass but the end is not yet

so everybody thoroughly thinking it's  
the end it's the end everything's  
falling apart and there's actually going  
to be people saying Christ is the  
Messiah and the end is now is him  
they'll go after them the end is not yet  
then he said unto them nation shall rise  
against nation and Kingdom against  
Kingdom and great earthquakes shall be  
in different places and famines and  
pestilences and fearful sights and great  
signs shall there be from heaven this is  
the sixth seal this is what we're  
looking for to say okay now Christ is  
coming but he says but before the sixth  
seal before all of this what's going to  
happen  
there's the martyrdom of the saints  
there's the persecution of the saints so  
before Christ returns so we're gonna  
have these wars and rumors of wars these  
the four horsemen are galloping all over  
the earth particularly in the Middle  
East but it's not yet there's gonna be  
this persecution of the Saints before  
Christ acts and we saw that when we  
study  
six but before all these they shall lay  
their hands on you and persecute you  
delivering you up to the synagogues of  
the Assemblies and into prisons being  
brought before kings and rulers from my  
namesake so this is in red-letter this  
is reality this is what Jesus Christ  
tells us is going to happen that if we  
thought the persecution of the Hebrews  
was were facing was intense in this  
final hour when Satan knows he's running  
out of time this is when it is extremely  
intense and Christ says you know what  
this is an opportunity it's gonna be an  
opportunity for you it shall turn to you  
for a testimony so Jesus Christ is the  
faithful witness John was a faithful

witness he bore witness of a record of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ names on the Isle of Patmos because of the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ and the Saints are martyred because of the testimony of Jesus Christ and they gain the victory over the Beast

and over the devil because of the testimony of Jesus Christ this is our highest honor this is our whole purpose is to testify to be witnesses of the divinity the prophethood the deity of Jesus Christ so it's going to be an opportunity for testimony because of that because we understand just how powerful this is how meaningful it is how much it's valued by God because of this settle it therefore in your heart's not to meditate what before what you shall answer so we are not going to be terrified we're gonna hold our course we're gonna hold our testimony we're gonna keep these things that have been given to us lest at any time you should let them slip he says for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries shall not be able to gain say

resist and this is exactly if you read Acts six to eight we we actually studied acts if you go back and maybe review chapter 8 where Stephen was given this mouth and none of his adversaries could resist him and it was a testimony for him and it resulted in his martyrdom so we just we cannot be these types of Christians who are trying to hang on to this physical life which we know it's appointed unto all men wants to die we know this and yet we're trying to hold on to it know what we're trying to hold on to is the truth of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ this is how we

gain victory and so he's gonna fill us with the Holy Spirit and fill us with wisdom and the ability to testify to the reality and that's why we have to be a workman studying the Word of God so we can put all of this together and be able to testify to the Word of God and you shall be betrayed both by parents and brethren it's such a frightening time that everybody just starts thinking for themselves just trying to stay alive parents will betray children children will be paid free trade parents and brethren will be betraying one another he tells us that in Matthew 24 as well and Kim's folks and friends and some of you shall they cause to be put to death you shall be hated of all men for my name's sake so some of us will be martyred and again we're in front of the martyrdom now just as the Hebrews were they had not yet resisted unto blood we have not yet resisted unto blood although in the Middle East that's that's very different though they are being slaughtered in the Middle East right so if there are any believers over there there are certainly resisting unto blood but there saw not a hair of your head perish so martyrdom is not the end the physical death is not the end we will sit as we saw in Revelation 20 we will sit on Thrones and we will reign with Christ and we will be with him for eternity so this is about eternal life not not physical life not this physical existence in your patience possess your souls and we understand that from Revelation that in the patience of the Saints is understanding the judgment of God so so John says the same thing that these things I've spoken unto you that you should not be offended they're gonna put us out of assemblies the time comes

that whoever kills you will think that he does God's service and so that's very very important for us to understand that whoever kills us will think that he does God's service and that that is what's happening right now it's it's happening next go to church have Muslim kids throw stones at you the new Europe is it soon to be the new Canada

chronic Opia end a bit of show have a look at some of these pictures now this is what happened Muslims have been attacking Christians attending a Catholic celebration in southern France okay this is where the Dom Bosco celebration its Catholics who are just coming out of church and there's a feast then and so on and once again I mean you know the religion of peace once again proves it really is that Muslim to look at these kids they're throwing stones at people coming out of this celebration they're welcomed into France they're given all the benefits of living in a very civilized beautiful country like France and people had simply coming out of a Catholic Church and Muslim teens are throwing stones at them religion of peace take care god bless goodbye you know Alexander Solzhenitsyn made this incredibly insightful quote about ideology and Alexander Solzhenitsyn I would credit him with you know single-handedly bringing down the communist system because of this book that he wrote The Gulag Archipelago which just exposed what was really going on behind the Iron Curtain and and so many people in the West were thinking that communism was good it was you know such a great thing to support but he memorized everything that was going on and wrote this huge book or vol 3 volumes and exposed it but look at this

incredibly insightful comment that he made a quote that he's he made here regarding ideology he says ideology that is what gives evil doing its long sought justification and gives the evildoer the necessary steadfastness and determination thanks to ideology the 20th century was fated to experience evil doing on a scale calculated in the millions and i would say thanks to ideology the 21st century is fated to experience evil doing on a scale calculated in the billions it's going to be in the billions human human life will mean nothing but in order to kill on this level

it requires ideology he says this is what gives evil doing its long-sought justification and gives the evildoer the necessary steadfastness and determination without ideology you know you maybe you can kill a couple of people and and then you stop a cycle can kill a few people I killed 10 people but with ideology you can kill people in the thousands hundreds of thousands millions and billions because this is the right thing to do and you got everybody around you supporting you because they're all governed by this ideology he says they shall put you out of the synagogue's yes the time comes that whoever kills you will think that he's doing God's service and again that comes from ideology so there needs to be an ideology that people are driven by to persecute Christians and all over the world we're seeing this ideology spreading and all over the world wherever it spreads we are seeing this this focus on the persecution of Christians so buckle up we have not yet resisted unto death we've not yet resisted unto blood just as the Hebrews

were in front of the persecution we also  
are in front of the persecution and  
whoever kills us will think that he does  
God's service and these things they will  
do unto you

why because they have not known the  
father nor me the entire book of  
Revelation and by the way there's no  
Trinity here it's the father in Christ  
and because they don't know the father  
and Christ this is why there they are  
turning to persecute us and I will say  
that we are heading into a time of  
syncretism and we all have to figure out  
how to get along and the way that we're  
all going to get along is to come up  
with a religion that everybody can  
accept and and so the only way we can do  
this is to deny the divinity of Jesus  
Christ as long as we can just say that  
yeah Jesus Christ is just a prophet you  
know he's just a man he's just an  
ordinary prophet but I mean he's a  
prophet we want to honor him then we can  
all get along but we can't because Jesus  
Christ is God

Jesus Christ is the creator Jesus Christ  
is superior and so this is who we are  
holding on to no matter what and that's  
why Hebrews is beginning by saying okay  
lest the things that we had about them  
slip and it end tragically for us but  
Christ has told us these things ahead of  
time why so that when the time comes we  
remember that he told us of them and he  
didn't tell at the beginning because he  
was with them but truly truly he says  
you shall weep and lament this is in  
red-letter this is the words of Jesus  
Christ this is what we have to face you  
shall weep and lament but the world  
shall rejoice and you shall be sorrowful  
but your sorrow shall be turned into joy  
so let's now come back to Hebrews with



that as the background as a backdrop  
let's now give into this book of Hebrews  
that says God who had different times  
and in different ways spoke in the past  
unto the father's the Israel fathers in  
Israel by the prophets has in these last  
days spoken unto us by his son so that  
the arguments being set up here the  
superiority of Jesus Christ that in the  
past it was through these different  
prophets who all had a piece of the  
puzzle and in different ways some  
visions some in dreams some indirect  
revelation but now it's by the son who  
has the whole the whole picture whom he  
appointed heir of all things by whom  
also he made the world and notice now  
what Paul says in Romans speaking of  
this inheritance that we are children  
and if children then heirs heirs of God  
so we also are going to be inheritors  
and and joint heirs with Christ so  
Christ is the heir but we will be joint  
heirs with him if so be that we suffer  
with him  
that we may also be glorified together  
so this is the whole argument in in  
Hebrews is hold on  
don't don't trade for some lesser you  
know you like Esau turn return his back  
for a bowl of soup and the Hebrews were  
in danger of turning away from that  
which is superior and going backward to  
that which is partial and an inferior  
hold on to what we have in even joint  
heirs in Galatians he says when the  
fullness of the time was come God sent  
forth his son made of a woman made under  
the law to redeem them that were under  
the law that we might receive the  
adoption of sons and because you are  
sons God has sent forth the spirit of  
his son into your hearts crying Abba  
Father so we know from the spirit that's

within us that God is our Father  
therefore you are no more a servant but  
a son and if a son then an heir of God  
through Christ this is the superiority  
of Christ that he will inherit all  
things and we will in we will be joined  
heirs with him what are we turning back  
to what are we turning away from we have  
one one direction and that's forward and  
we have one vision and that's the  
marriage with Jesus Christ the eternal  
covenant with Jesus Christ and we will  
not be distracted by anything we will  
not be tempted by anything we certainly  
will not be tempted by a synchronistic  
made-up nonsense religion that tries to  
discredit Jesus Christ

continuing Hebrews who being the  
brightness of his glory and the Express  
image of his person this is who Christ  
is the Express image of God and  
upholding all things by the word of his  
power so he is and we saw this in  
Revelation

God the Father is on his throne Jesus  
Christ is on the throne beside the  
Father he sits enthroned with the father  
they are in complete control of the  
whole universe what are we worrying  
about he says not a hair of our head  
will perish we just have to trust him  
and see through the lens of Revelation  
what's going on around us and be  
encouraged here by this book of Hebrews  
when he had by himself purged our sins  
and again we saw that in Revelation John  
wept because nobody could unseal the  
scroll and nobody could enact what was  
in the school because nobody was worthy  
and then Jesus Christ the lion appeared  
and he was worthy because he's the only  
one that was able to purge us from our  
sins and wash our sins away from us in  
his blood in his righteous sacrifice but

notice that when he had purged when he had by himself purged our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high so you know the Jews would understand this that the Levitical priests they never sat down they were constantly working straining themselves it was constant work lift cutting chopping it was effort breaking a sweat constantly Christ came purged our sins and sat down and sat down behind it at the right hand of God in fact the only time we know lead that document he stood up is when Stephen was being martyred Stephen said he saw Christ standing beside God but if he sits down to say so the work is done our sins are fully purged being made and this is the argument we're going to see so much in Hebrews the superiority of Jesus Christ being made so much better than the angel so first he's better than the prophets because they only got part of the message and they were just prophets but Christ is the son and he has the whole thing and he's the heir of all things and now he moves to the Angels that Christ being made so much better than the and in fact in this time in Jewish custom they really regarded the Angels very highly to the point that some might even accuse them of worshipping angels but they held angels in a high high regard because the angels were the messengers of God and they brought the revelations of God and so who you know this Jewish nation understood that they had interaction with the angels of God and they regarded them very highly and and Paul comes along here and says Christ is so much better than the Angels as he has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than all the angels so he

he is by inheritance as it were obtained  
this name that's by fact in Philippians  
2 when we study Philippians we saw that  
God gave Christ a name that is above  
every name and that every knee will bow  
to Christ but he is superior and so he  
has a more excellent name than the  
Angels and then he continues the  
argument it says for unto which of the  
Angels said he at any time when did he  
ever say this to an angel  
so as great as these angels are you know  
think Michael think mchale Gabrielle  
think of all these different angels when  
did he ever say you are my son when did  
he ever say this to an angel you are my  
son this day I have begotten you and  
again I will be to him a father and he  
shall be to me a son but when did God  
ever say that to any of the Angels as  
great as they are as mighty as they are  
as powerful as they are when did God  
ever give them this honor  
never and then here he's quoting Psalm 2  
where in Psalm 2 David writes I will  
declare the decree the Lord has said  
unto me you are my son this day I have  
begotten you this is a prophecy of  
Christ that this is it God says this to  
Christ now Paul actually quotes Psalm 2  
when he is  
oh he caught some too when he is in  
weaves actually studied this in the book  
of Acts when in Chapter 13 he's quoting  
Psalm 2 he says and when they had  
fulfilled all that was written of him  
they took him down from the tree and  
laid him in a Sepulchre but God raised  
him from the dead and he was seeing many  
days of them which came up from with him  
from Galilee to Jerusalem so many  
witnesses saw him in Corinthians he says  
over 500 and this is this is just  
reality Jesus Christ is the one that was

dead but now he's alive and he's alive  
forevermore the resurrection is what  
Christianity is all about and we're  
gonna resist anybody who tries to tell  
us that Jesus Christ was not resurrected  
he was seen many days he was around for  
many days of them which came up with him  
from Galilee to Jerusalem who are his  
witnesses unto the people so they have a  
testimony and we declare unto you good  
news how that the promise which was made  
unto the fathers God has fulfilled the  
same unto us their children in that he  
has raised up Jesus again as it is also  
written in the second Psalm so he's  
quoting now this Psalm so he's saying  
this is the way it was written in the  
song you are my son this day I have  
begotten you so we now understand what  
this Psalm is all about because of  
Paul's preaching here in acts and as  
concerning that he raised him up from  
the dead now no more to return to  
corruption he said on this wise I will  
give you the sure mercies of David so  
let's look at this song that Paul was  
quoting and that quoting in acts but  
also we believe he's the author of  
Hebrews or the author of Hebrews is also  
quoting let's look at the whole psalm  
here why do the heathen rage and the  
people imagine a vain thing so so these  
people are raging they're angry they're  
resisting the will of God they hate the  
plan of God  
and they have another idea they don't  
want what God wants which is that all  
the whole world will come to him through  
Israel and it's impossible to come into  
the New Jerusalem unless you come in  
through one of the gates of Israel so  
you have to belong you have to attach  
yourself to a tribe of Israel in order  
to come to God and God will be known for

ever and ever and ever as the God of  
Israel he identifies itself as the God  
of Abraham Isaac in Israel for ever and  
and this is very upsetting to a lot of  
people there there's there's ego  
involved and and there's just it Just's  
just sticks in their craw they can't  
stand it why did the heathen rage and  
the people imagine a vain thing the  
kings of the earth set themselves and  
the rulers take counsel together they're  
all of one mind that are coming together  
let's figure this out how we can  
overthrow the son against the Lord and  
against his anointed so they they they  
hate God and they hate Christ and what  
are they saying let us break their bands  
asunder and cast away their cords for us  
this is the insanity that the Satan that  
the devil implants in their minds they  
actually believe they can overthrow God  
and frustrate his purposes he that sits  
in the heavens shall laugh the lord  
shall have them in derision in confusion  
then shall he speak unto them in his  
wrath so he's gonna act and that's what  
we'll talk about the second Passover and  
that the book of Revelation is all about  
us claiming the blood of Christ so that  
this wrath passes over us and the  
plagues that come with this wrath will  
only be upon the heads of the wicked and  
vex them in his sore displeasure yet  
have I set my king upon my holy hill of  
so they cannot frustrate this this this  
is going this is the way this is reality  
God is the God of Zion I will declare  
the decree the Lord has said unto me you  
are my son this day have I begotten you  
so this is in the context of the  
Gentiles trying to resist God's will and  
they came out the father and the son  
have a plan they have a council they  
have an agenda

no one can frustrate it he says to  
Christ ask of me and I shall give you  
the heathen for your inheritance so he  
said he's the heir of all things  
beginning with all things on the earth  
ultimately the whole universe and the  
uttermost parts of the earth for your  
possession  
the earth is the Lord's and the bounty  
the fullness thereof you shall break  
them with a rod of iron and this is  
necessary this is the only way to get  
them to stop worshipping the devil and  
acknowledge the God of Israel you shall  
break them with a rod of iron and you  
shall dash them in pieces like a  
Potter's vessel and that speaks to the  
wrath that God will have upon these  
people for their wickedness Revelation  
says he you know he that is filthy let  
him be filthy still and he that is  
righteous let him be righteous still but  
these are the true words of God and you  
know woven to them who choose to be  
filthy when God is calling to  
righteousness he shall dash them in  
pieces like a Potter's vessel be wise  
now therefore o you Kings be wise be  
instructed you judges of the earth you  
you powerful mighty men of the earth  
smart enough serve the Lord with fear  
and rejoice with trembling and this is  
our message and this is our testimony  
that God is king he is king of the earth  
and he's coming and serve Him with fear  
and with you and rejoice with trembling  
I love this verse kiss the son lest he  
be angry and you perish from the way  
when his wrath is kindled  
but a little and his wrath is gonna  
be unbridled if it is this the the wrath  
that this uh the wine press and the wine  
of the wine press it's gonna be without  
mixture undiluted this this is the wrath

that's coming to you smarten up kiss the  
son lest he be angry and you perish from  
the way when his wrath is kindled but a  
little blessed are all they that put  
their trust in him amen this is really  
what the author of Hebrews is saying to  
the Hebrews just put your trust in him  
and you'll be blessed don't go backwards  
don't let go

continuing Hebrews he says and again  
when he brings in the firstborn into the  
world he says and let all the angels of  
God worship Him so the Jews are there  
thinking how great the angels are and  
God says let all the angels of the of  
God worship this is how great he is and  
of the angels he says who makes his  
angels spirits and his minister or his  
ministers or servants a flame of fire so  
again this is how how great and mighty  
these angels are these spirits are like  
Oh a flame of fire but they're just  
angels unto the Sun but unto the son he  
says your throne O God is forever  
so that there's a big difference now  
between the angels who are servants and  
the son who has a throne and eternal  
throne with God but unto the son he says  
your throne O God is for ever and ever a  
scepter of righteousness is the scepter  
of your kingdom

you have loved righteousness and hated  
iniquity and this is this is what you  
know these false religions they love  
iniquity and we can always tell them you  
can always spot these false religions  
because they're full of iniquity they're  
full of sexual immorality they're full  
of pedophilia they're full of adultery  
fornication which is all worship of the  
devil and we can spot them but here God  
says that that Christ loves  
righteousness and this is this is the  
hallmark of true doctrine it results in



true behavior you know in Revelation we saw that they you know as much as Christ the Lamb unleashes his wrath and his plagues on mankind they would not leap of their murders and their sorceries and their theft and their fornication their sexual immorality because all of that has to do with the worship of the devil and their idolatry and they just wouldn't stop there this ideology has gotten such a hold of them it says so infected them that they can't shake it loose but Christ calls us to the righteousness that he loves and he hates iniquity and this is where we that's where we looked at the epistles from Christ to the church telling us through the seven churches what he hates what he hates and telling us that he's against us if we tolerate these things if we put up with these things if we associate ourselves with these things and you know what really shook me when we were studying revelation and he came to the back of the book when he warned that anybody who tampers who adds to the to this revelation he'll add plagues to them that that are in the book you'll add that to that and anybody who takes away from the book he'll take their bulk their name out of the book of life and this book is written to the churches so he's telling us that within the churches there will be evil men who want to Temple tamper with the Word of God who want to add to it who want to take away from it he wasn't assistant to the world this is an address to the seven churches which symbolized the Church of God and so within the Church of God we have to be careful that we are those who love righteousness and not among those who are who are tolerating iniquity we have

to hate iniquity because we love  
righteousness and because he loves  
righteousness and hates iniquity  
therefore God even your God has anointed  
you with the oil of gladness and so he  
is anointed as our high priest he's  
anointed as our King King of Kings and  
it's the oil of gladness notice this  
above your fellows so Christ is given a  
name

above every name and here he's quoting  
from David in Psalm 45 your throne O God  
is forever and ever the scepter of your  
kingdom is a right scepter you loved  
righteousness and hated wickedness  
therefore God your God has anointed you  
with the oil of gladness above your  
fellows so this is just the beauty of  
God's word that you know he's spoken to  
us by the prophets they didn't have the  
whole picture but what they had was true  
and when we bring in the book of  
Revelation we can now collect all of  
these prophecies and put them all  
together it's funny it's not really  
funny but I don't know how either out  
how else to say it but when the true  
last revelation of God comes to us the  
message to us is go and get all the  
other revelation that's come from God  
and study that so that you can  
understand this more fully when false  
revelation comes to us when people come  
to us and say this is the final Word of  
God and so you need to accept this and  
in accepting this reject all the other  
prophets and all the other prophecies  
burn them never look at them again have  
nothing to do with them  
they're now illegal and only use this  
final revelation quote-unquote from God  
that that's not sensible doesn't it make  
a whole lot more sense that God who is  
God never has to abrogate what he speaks

that he speaks and that's it it is his  
word does not return to him not  
fulfilling what he set out today is  
where does not return to him in vain  
that his counsel stands he's not  
guessing he's God and so he says this is  
the way it's gonna be and then when he  
gives his final revelation it shows you  
how everything that he ever said is  
going to be fulfilled and the idea is to  
go back and study all those prophets so  
that you can understand exactly what  
he's saying  
revelation just a wonderful you have  
loved righteousness and hated iniquity  
therefore God even your God has anointed  
you with the oil of gladness he was now  
quoting David with the Prophet David in  
Psalm 45 and you Lord in the beginning  
have laid the foundation of the earth  
and the heavens are the work of your  
hands they shall perish but you remain  
they shall all wax old as does our  
garments so this is amazing  
again revelation gives us insight into  
this that the earth and the heavens so  
he laid the foundation of the earth and  
the heavens are the work of his hands  
but they shall perish but you remain and  
they shall wax old as does a garment and  
I think we've all had the experience of  
having maybe a a piece of clothing that  
we've really enjoyed and we've worn it  
so much that it begins to fray and  
finally we have to give it up because  
it's just old well revelation tells us  
that this earth and the heavens are  
going to perish that they're going to be  
replaced there's going to be a new  
heavens and a new earth and this this  
current system is current Earth current  
heavens they're gonna wax old but God  
remains forever and here he's quoting  
from Psalm 102 look in the Prophet David

of old have you laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands they shall perish but you shall endure yes all of them shall wax old like a garment as a vesture shalt you change them and they shall be changed so there's another place where he says the earth abides forever but here is saying that they you know they're gonna wax old but they'll be changed it's not that the earth disappears it's that it's going to be changed some of the heavens disappear they're going to be changed but you are the same and your years shall have no end this is the God that we serve this is the Great God he says that he abides forever and that's what he said you know I'm he that lives and was dead and behold I am Alive for evermore forevermore and as a vesture you shall fold them up and they shall be changed so Dan quoting the it's one voice God is consistent his plan is consistent they shall be changed but you are the same and your years shall not fail but to which of the Angels said he at any time sit on my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool and this actually was quite an insult for any enemy so here you see a picture at the Assyrian King using an enemy as a footstool so they have to come and bow low before him and he puts his feet on them to show their absolute subjugation and when did God ever say to an angel sit on my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool but this is exactly what he said to Jesus in Psalm 110 David writes the Lord said unto my lord sit you at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool woe unto those who fight against Jesus

Christ and woe unto those who turn their back on Jesus Christ we need to be sure that we are not among those who betray Jesus Christ the Lord shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion rule you in the midst of your enemies so these kings of the earth think that they're going into something great they're building this they're gonna build this incredible Empire and and we know looking at all of this it's all ten and this whole Babylonian system is going to be brought down and all of these powerful and mighty men are going to be the footstool of Christ when he sits in his throne and we will sit with him just as he sat with his father in his throne we're going to sit with him in history continuing Hebrews but which of the angel said he at any time sit on my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation sorry so these angels who are so powerful and so mighty you know what they're our servants and we're going to inherit salvation with the son and so the angels were below the Sun and the Angels are below us and so the student is Judaica understanding of how great the angels are Paul is coming along just chopping that down and just showing you the superiority of Jesus Christ and so with all of that argumentation he says therefore because of the superiority of Jesus Christ we ought to give heed we have to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip in this book Hebrews and the book of Revelation this these think they knock the the

doctrine of once saved always saved on  
the head that's out this is very very  
clear what you've got hold on to it  
don't let it slip and Jesus Christ gave  
us this revelation to show us everything  
that's gonna happen  
and in John 16 and in Luke 21 and  
Matthew 24 he's telling us ahead of time  
here the wicked will wax worse and worse  
that in the in the last times the spirit  
expressly says that some will depart  
from the faith giving heed to doctrines  
of demons and so Christ is telling us  
all of this ahead of time so that we can  
just be resolved ok I get it  
I see the devil has a short time  
to be like the Most High he's going to  
deceive the wicked they're going to in  
turn not only be the sieve but they're  
also going to deceive others and  
everybody's going to be worshiping the  
Beast but not us not us and we're gonna  
resist no matter what we are going to  
have the testimony of Jesus Christ and  
so all of this is given to us ahead of  
time so that we will fight the good  
fight and then he says he who endures  
him to the end the same shall be saved  
it's not yeah I don't worry about it  
relax don't worry  
you know a lot of people even once saved  
always saved their living in the lap of  
luxury they're not running for their  
life they're not seeing people  
slaughtered in the most brutal ways in  
front of them yeah this is Christ is  
telling us ahead of time no matter what  
hold on and that's the message right now  
because of the superiority of Christ  
we'd better not let go just as the face  
of persecution are we gonna let go no  
therefore because of the superiority we  
ought to give the more earnest heed to  
the things which we have heard lest at

any time we should let them slip and that's the whole contest who will hold on to the end for if the word spoken by Angels was steadfast and every service oh there's nothing that the angel spoke that had to be aggregated it was steadfast what they said was true and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward so sin was punished by these words by by this revelations understanding of God's law that was given to them and delivered to them by angels it was punished so if the word spoken by angels the steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation like its there anyway that what what excuse do we have if now that we understand this great salvation that we are called to that we are quote heirs with Jesus Christ then we are to inherit all things with him how on earth shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord so the Lord Himself spoke this salvation and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him and this actually is the in other words I said there were two big arguments against Pauline authorship of Hebrews one is the sophistication of the Greek and then Paul makes it very clear that he became all things to all men that by any means he might save some so Paul was a highly educated man highly educated Hebrew scholar a highly educated Greek intellectual he was the man for the job and he said he became all things to all men that by any means he might save some and so he would have the ability to talk on multiple levels so I don't think the sophistication of the Greek should

bother us all so it is quite possible  
that Lucas's assistant very educated man  
would have worked with the language just  
to make sure that was you know the  
highest caliber  
sure within no problem that still does  
not negate Pauline authorship the other  
big argument is this one that here Paul  
says that this salvation this good news  
that was spoken of by the Lord was  
confirmed unto us by them that her  
and this this goes against Paul's  
insistence that he didn't go to  
Jerusalem to receive the gospel that he  
received the gospel directly from Jesus  
Christ he was in no way inferior to the  
other apostles because he had a direct  
relationship with Christ but so they  
used this to say see it can't be Paul  
but I think that's just silly Paul is  
writing to if it is Paul he's writing to  
the Hebrews and he's identifying with  
them he's saying assess we the Jews but  
versus the Gentiles the this message was  
spoken by the Lord and it was confirmed  
unto us by them that heard him and he  
standing in many places through this  
book even though he's not on faithful he  
speaks about us and he identifies  
himself with the human community so this  
is Hebrews we've now covered chapter 1  
just a little bit of chapter 2 we will  
continue next week with chapter 2 and  
just again I want to make sure that as  
we study Hebrews it's not just a look  
back in history to see what happened to  
the early church and there was this  
Jewish community and they were thinking  
about apostasy that the revelation shows  
us that we are in for it a more intense  
persecution than what the Hebrews had to  
face and the prophecy tells us there's a  
great apostasy that there's gonna be a  
great fall in the way that before Christ



comes what will he find faith on the earth and so this book of Hebrews which is all about faith yeah I'm so glad the words really inspired to study this after studying Revelation now that we have the big picture or we need to fortify ourselves and we need to strengthened so with that I'll say good night God willing I'll see you on Monday night as we continue in the book of Hebrews Jesus Christ is Lord he's our Savior he's the king of kings to him be praised