well brethren welcome back to Wednesday night vile studies sorry very much for the difficulties the technical difficulties think we do help them sort it out now we will get into this study Hebrews chapter three just opened with a board of prayer asking God to bless our understanding to deepen our conviction to deepen our faith and appreciation and gratitude and respect for our Lord Jesus Christ

we're in Hebrews chapter 3 and it opens there for holy brethren and whenever we see the word therefore we have to ask ourselves what it's there for and we began in chapter 1 with the Apostle establishing the superiority of Christ that is superior to Moses he's superior to the Angels he's superior to the creation and then we went into chapter 2 with it therefore and I was there to say because Christ is defeated superior therefore we ought to pay the more earnest attention to this calling to this salvation this great salvation that we've been called to and now after his logic in Chapter 1 and his logic in chapter 2 now he comes to chapter 3 to save therefore because chapter 1 Christ is superior in chapter 2 we ought to pay the more earnest heed to to this calling to this great salvation that we've been called to therefore holy brethren partakers of the heavenly calling consider the Apostle and high priest of our profession Christ Jesus now we need to take some time with this fact would just briefly look at the Greek and when we look at the Greek here there's just something I want to point out where he says often therefore Adelphi add the OI

this is the holy brethren he's speaking to the Brethren that have been set apart and here he says clay osios at Pollini Oh meta meta koi so he's saying here those who share in the heavenly calling the holy brethren the beloved brethren who pens the part who part who are participating in the heavenly calling these are the ones that he's asking to consider to to to really deeply think about what it is they have heard what it is he's asking them to consider that he's saying to them you you need to think about this this is something so so we ourselves now this is this is for our benefit we ought not to read over this we ought to deeply consider this who are the holy brethren and I think I want to touch on this for a for this part just for a couple of reasons one is this once saved always saved you can't believe in once saved always saved and believe in the Bible at the same time so so here's the holy text that he's not speaking to kind of false believers and true believers and those who will accept this doctrine of once saved always saved along with it goes this understanding that there are the apostles and the prophets and they are speaking to the congregation but within the congregation there are two categories of people in one category of people in the congregation are the true believers and the other category of people in the congregation are false believers there is sort of the tares let's say they're not they're not the true believers so whenever he's speaking in a way that says hey you could slip up you could miss out on everything those comments are not directed to the true believers those comments are directed to the false believers we can't reconcile

that positioning with the book of Hebrews throughout the book it's all about it's it's it's Hebrew it's a Hebrew the Hebrew of the Hebrews speaking to the Hebrews this is an insider conversation it's written down vou know did we believe it was a sermon that's been transcribed but it's written down so now we who are grafted in or even if we were not grafted in if we're just Gentiles we're not even in the church we could pick this up and read it and kind of eavesdrop into a private conversation between Hebrews facing a crisis now we who are grafted in this is addressing us because all of these things are written for our admonition so it is it's it's the holy brethren and to be more specific the holy brethren who are participating in the heavenly calling that's who he's addressing and so we cannot reconcile once saved always saved with the scriptures what we can reconcile it with is Greek philosophy so if we look at and just give me a moment here if we if we look at we'll just look at Hebrews here so if we look to here in under Gnosticism this notion this category of people called the pneumatics this is coming from Gnosticism and Gnosticism was very very influential we see the influence of the Greeks everywhere and and these philosophers who bought into Gnosticism and brought Gnosticism into christianity they have they have really warped our understanding of the scriptures because they're imposing Greek philosophy into the scriptures notice this regarding pneumatics in in Gnosticism the pneumatics that is the spiritual the pneuma were in Gnosticism the highest order of humans all there are different.

orders of humans so with in Gnosticism the prophets and the apostles these are the highest order of humans the other tube there's three orders of human beings the other two orders being psychics and hilux pilots are our matter there they're the lowest they're the basest humans psychics can go either way so psychics can become pneumatics or they can become hilux so these are the ones that the pneumatics are preaching to the psychics can become the true believers the Hilux can so the psychics now they're the ones that can be once they're saved they can be always saved because once they're saved they become part of the pneumatics whereas the Hilux they are destined for damnation so the the other side of the coin of once saved always saved is once condemned always condemned and this is the the sovereign God you'll also hear people who believe in once saved always saved use this terminology of the sovereign God and what they mean by that is no one can resist his will whatever he wills that's it so if he wills you to be saved nothing can stop that you're going to be saved no matter what you can go and murder rape kill steal and this is what Christians believe who accept this once saved always saved that they can do whatever they like and they're going to be saved on the other hand the Hilux no matter what they do they can never be saved so it is the pneumatics who escape the doom of the material world this is all Greek philosophy via the transcendent not transcendent knowledge of Sophia's divine spark within the soul so they have this divine spark and because that divine spark belongs to God and it's going back to God the pneumatics can never be damned

they're there they have escaped all of this now hopefully we understand and we can see very clearly this is all nonsense

however it creeped into our crept into Christianity through these philosophers and then John Calvin really popularized this once saved always saved in in the the mid to the what am I thinking here the medieval times sort of the the middle the middle of the century around fifteen sixteenth century so this big dispute between Calvinism and Arminianism and and both of them are weak philosophers they're both rooted in Greek philosophy and it has nothing to do with the Hebrew covenant of God God has covenant it with the Hebrews in the covenant isn't if then if you obey my voice

then you will inherit the promised land and you will inherit all these blessings but if you

break the covenant if you disobey my voice then all these curses will come upon you and so when the Apostle opens this letter with in times past God spoke to our fathers by the Angels it almost sounds it almost sounds complimentary it almost sounds complimentary but hey were the special ones you know God didn't speak to the Africans and the Arabs and the Chinese no he spoke to us he spoke to our fathers all of the prophets there's no such thing as a Chinese prophet there is no such thing as a Hebrew prophet there is no society as a as an Arabian prophet there is no such thing as an African prophet there's no such thing as an Indian prophet and if we belong to any of these categories of races or ethnic groups and get over it get over it and rejoice that there are prophets that God has opened a path to

salvation but it is through his covenant that he has made with Israel and the northern tribes of Israel were divorced the only tribe that was left with the Covenant was the South the tribes of Judah Judah Levi and Benjamin this is where the Covenant is and even even Israel the northern tribes have to come into the Covenant through through through the Judaic than through the Jews it's the Jews that salvation is of the Jews no such thing as a prophet from any other ethnicity and some religions are teaching that God sent 120 thousand prophets through all it's all nonsense it's all nonsense and these are not special but that the real idea was a man like us he had passions like us these are just men that were chosen to deliver the message so he when he says in times past God spoke to us through the father's it sounds like a compliment it's a condemnation it's a condemnation because the father's even though they heard from God they turned their back on him and God is moving now to say don't be like your father's now the voice you're hearing is not through angels it's not through Moses it's to Christ himself it's true God himself and so we cannot be like the fathers we have to be faithful so this once saved always saved it's terrible it's an evil doctrine because the root of it or the fruit of it the fruit of once saved always saved is basically nothing to do here we really don't have to do anything now that we are quote-unquote saved and in our Deacon John gave a wonderful sermon a few weeks ago on the process of salvation that salvation is a process you can't say oh I remember on February 12 1982 when I was saved this is

nonsense

salvation is a process through the covenant and we are we are we being faithful fighting to be faithful for the faith once delivered so that he who endures we are enduring we are struggling to endure he who endures it to the end shall be saved it is a process with an outcome at the end and what once saved always saved does the fruit of it is hey nothing to do here now that I'm saved it's really just a matter of rewards if I do nothing in fact if I do evil I'm saved once saved always saved the sovereign God has saved me and so I'm gonna do nothing in fact I'll do evil and I'll still be in the kingdom I just won't have a reward or I won't have a great reward this is nonsense we are being brought to salvation as the Hebrews to be a priesthood a priesthood means we are going to instruct others all these folks all billions of human beings in darkness in stupidity in immorality they have no clue they they can't know that they don't know it like a Jonah when he was sent to Nineveh and God says should not have mercy on these people who don't know their left hand from their right hand we're surrounded by people who don't know their left hand from their right hand and God loves them God God wants to be merciful to that but he has a process and so he's calling people today he's calling the Hebrews today the church the covenant people partakers in the heavenly calling to educate us and good doctrine results in good behavior so this doctrine that we have we do it we don't just we don't just intellectualize we here and we do and we change and we learn we learn the beauty and the power of God's ways and

because we are learning we can now teach and when Jesus Christ returns we're not going to be saying to the world to mankind at that time we never did any of this but you need to do it we're going to be saying to them the process you're going through right now we went through this we can be empathetic priests to you because we've gone through it the same way Christ can be empathetic with us because he came to earth and he went through it so let us not be safe so there's two things we need to address here one is this pervasive it's called the perseverance of the saints this Calvinism this once saved always saved which is causing complacency rather than us realizing as the this letter to the Hebrews is trying to encourage us hey take heed pay attention make an effort focus apply yourself treat it with a sense of urgency instead you know what we have in the churches and I don't mean CG I mean the Church of God broadly is a sense of complacency a sense of self-satisfaction and it's very hard to reconcile this self-congratulatory we are the called ones you know we are the chosen ones it's very hard to reconcile this with the letters of Christ to the church to the churches the epistles of Christ where he's not really congratulatory his eyes are like a flame of fire and there's two edged sword coming out of it all of symbolism for him communicating to us in a way that is saying take this seriously pay attention don't let this slip away and this sense that hey were saved and you know we don't have to do anything that's that's we've got we've got to expunge this from the church secondly we're in an era of syncretism we're in an era really you know we

thought communism died in the in the late 80s it didn't they went underground and now it's it's surfacing and it's flexing its muscles and its global the Marxists are in control of everything they are long-term strategic thinkers and they're flexing their muscles now and one thing we know about Marxist is they hate Christ they hate Christianity because Christianity is the major obstacle to their objectives and so they have to expunge Christianity out of the judeo-christian cultures so that they can have their way and because of that they are promoting anything in everything that is against a white patriarchy which is code for Christianity because Christianity although it's a Middle Eastern religion in the seventh century the tale if Omar basically slaughtered all Christians slaughtered them subjugated them exiled them and all of those churches that we read of in Revelation they're all Muslim cities now there's no congregations there so the Middle East North Africa Middle East rather than that being the hub of Christianity which it was it's now the hub of when we say Middle East everybody thinks Muslim so fortunately Paul went west and took Christianity into Western Europe and from Western Europe then these societies went into England and into America and Canada Australia and South Africa and they took their judeo-christian values with them and so we see most people think now Christianity as a white man's religion no it's not it's the truth and it used to be a middle-eastern black man religion in North Africa in the Middle East but they were all slaughtered and so when we say white peach when when the Marxists say white patriarchy what

they're saying really is it's code for Christianity let's destroy Christianity so let's promote everything against Christianity including Islam let's bring the Muslims over and you know let's promote Islam in school let's promote Islam everywhere let's give freedom to Islam but not to Christianity not to Christianity and so one of the things and you know here were 2018 it's just a matter of time before we have to deny the divinity of Christ and that's what Hebrews is so powerful because it is clear that Christ is God and we're going to be accused of div' ISM and binitarianism and hey we just read the scriptures and God reveals himself to us in the scriptures and throughout the scriptures to Genesis right to Daniel through here in Hebrews in Revelation in the Gospels all over it becomes crystal clear to us that this God who loves mankind and is working with mankind has revealed himself to us through his son God has a son God is a family and he's not limited so there's God and if you haven't heard van Stinson sermon on the one God you've got to hear that he explains this just so crystal clear and we all have to be able to understand this and articulated and defend it defend the divinity of Christ that God is a family and he's building a family and the partakers of the heavenly calling are part of this family project God wants a family follow their son these are we are his brethren now we're going to be born again we're gonna be born into this family will never marry Christ it's all family construct and we need to understand this and so here we are 2018 I don't know how far in the future this is going to be but hopefully this will still be

available so I'm speaking to the Brethren in the future who hopefully have access to this archive to say read Hebrews and do not turn back that what you if you turn to Islam and you say okay yeah philosophically and it's all just Greek philosophy the same thing that we see here with the Hilux and the psychics and the pneumatics it's in Islam that the prophets are the pneumatics they're their holy people and and they're their sinless and they're a special category of mankind and then there are the Muslims who accept that the teaching of these pneumatics and then there are the kafirs who can never be saved and God just wants to burn in but created them to burn in hell it's the same once saved always saved doctrine it's the same Greek philosophy and Mohammed he wasn't a Greek philosopher but he learned Christianity from the Gnostics who fled from Rome into the desert and and that's the access to Christianity that the Arabs had it was Gnosticism and and Mohammed used to go to the market and learn from a Christian boy if you read the life of Mohammed if you read his biography it tells you right in here that he learned his Christianity from a Greek god from a Greek Christian Christian boy a Gnostic who had flawed understanding of Christianity and so we must understand that Jesus Christ is God he is very God he is the creator and that's what we'll learn here in in Hebrews as we study Hebrews so he says therefore oh who is he speaking to it's a Hebrew speaking to the Hebrews these are the brethren who are set apart who are partakers of the heavenly clock this destroys once saved always saved this is talking to the holy brethren partakers

of the heavenly calling and then he says consider consider it means we need to really deeply think of meditate on this what is this all about take time to understand this meditate on what the Apostle and high priest of our profession

Christ Jesus so we have to think about the Apostle all Christ is an apostle and this is the only place where Christ is called an apostle in the New Testament but that's important information he's an apostle he was sent who was he sent by while here in John 20 verse 21 he says then said Jesus to them again peace be unto you as my father has sent me even so I send you

so the apostles were sent by Christ but Christ himself was sent by the father so Christ is the Apostle that means he was sent for a purpose he was sent with a message and that message in that purpose come from the father so Christ if the apostle but he says here to consider not only the apostle but also the high priest of our profession so a priest facilitates a relationship between man and God and that's what Christ is our high priest and we're gonna get more into that because he's in he's a high priest of the order of Melchizedek and that's a whole new Catalan level of understanding that we'll get to later in the book but here I believe it's in Chapter 7 but here he says consider the high priest of what of our profession or hole he facilitated our profession and this is really our oath he is the one we took an oath with the father and he facilitated that relationship that covenant relationship so every one of us who were baptized into this : we made a profession we took an oath and Jesus Christ facilitated that the oath

is with the father and we have a high priest that made that possible through his blood so he's saying tip to to consider the oath that you made with the one that was sent from the father and was a high priest and could facilitate our repentance and our covenant with the father think about this because Christ is superior to everything and if the followers were so severely punished

because of their rebellion against the message that was sent to them through angels and through Moses how much more will we be punished if we turn our back on a message that came to us from one that was sent directly from God his own son who is God and who is also our high priest to facilitate the relationship the covenant relationship that we now have with the father so he says to consider why should we consider this man this apostle this high priest well remember when we studied Luke that Christ was on a mission was a man on a mission and he quoted Isaiah 61 and he did everything to fulfill the Scriptures but he was marching from Galilee to Jerusalem and he was just set I must go to Jerusalem and why was he going to Jerusalem to be slaughtered and he says here in Luke 9:22 saying the son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders the father's the chief priests and scribes the people who are supposed to facilitate a relationship with God God comes to earth and he must be rejected by them but not just rejected by them it goes further he must go to Jerusalem to be slain he was a man on a mission it was a mission to redeem Israel and in order to redeem Israel he had to come in the shoes of Israel fulfill the Covenant that God

made with Israel and then instead of taking the reward take the punishment that Israel deserved so that God who is a just God does not have to go back on his word the Covenant is the Covenant in the covenant stance and through Christ all the conditions of the Covenant are fulfilled both negative and positive and so he must be slain and then be raised the third day so Christ looked to the resurrection and he came with a sense of purpose and we must consider this oath that we made who is the high priest of this oath

who is the apostle that was sent to facilitate this oath think about him we call ourselves Christians this is not just like a nice thing to say oh I'm a nice Christian it means that we are followers of the way Christ came and showed us the way and we are following his way and what that means is we are so full of love for God so full of for the Covenant that God has with Israel that his love for Israel that nothing can separate us from this love of God and he tells us the worst that men can do ultimately is just to kill us and then after that there's nothing more that they can do but then they have to face God who after death he has the ability to raise the dead and then to throw the wicked into the lake of fire where they were truly perished and to bring the righteous into everlasting life he says he has the keys of death of hell and of death he can open the grave so we have to consider our high priest and apostle and so the true here's an example of true Christians here in revelation 6 when we were there look at the cry of the martyrs and when he opened the fifth seal I saw under the altar the souls of

them that were slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held and that's the whole purpose of the book of Revelation is to get us to understand the testimony of Christ and to hold on to it no matter what because he's showing us the whole story and so we can see straight through to the finish line and we're like yes we are gonna be there when Christ returns will he find faith on the earth yes yes he will in us it might be very few but we have seen that we've seen the end of the story and so we will have this conviction and we will hold on to the testimony of Christ and if we are slain we are slain what an honor what an honor to suffer for Christ what an honor to be slain for Christ is there anything that Christ could ask us to do and we say you know what Christ you just asked me a little too much now when we who were nothing had nothing where were words are slaves of sin he came he redeemed us from that and he's given us this glory this it's real it's nitch it's right around the corner and it's ours

is there anything that he could ask us to do and we say no that's too much and so these Saints were willing to be slain in order to hold on to truth the Word of God and the testimony of Christ and they cried with a loud voice saying how much longer how long will the Lord holy and true do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth and white robes were given unto every one of them that they should rest yet for a little season until their fellow-servants also and their brethren should be killed as they were should be fulfilled consider the high priest and these brethren these holy brethren who were considered faithful and who have

the honour to stand up for Christ and loved not their lives unto the death these are true Christians and there are true Christians because they have considered they have thought deeply about their high priest and they have considered it in detail they've lived lives they've sort of studied his life and the outcome of his life and and people are gonna say all kinds and they're gonna hate us and we're gonna be accused of blasphemy as I said early for church was what we understand you know what let's look at the fruit let's look at the fruit you who do you want us to follow greatly just tell us who you want us to follow and we're gonna examine their life and we're going to examine the fruit of their teachings and we can spot falsehood not yeah you got lovely narrative and rhetoric and you to make philosophy sound one way or another Christ told us don't bother with all of that look at the fruit and then we can look at the life of Christ the pure life of Christ and we can look at the transformational impact of his teachings on his followers and we can see people's lives being purified and people being brought up to a holy calling to a higher level and we can look at the fruit and we can say yes Lord you know they're gonna throw all kinds at us and all kinds of accusations we're gonna study the word and we're gonna look at the fruit of the word and we're gonna say yeah we're good you you do your work you do whatever you want because you're following perversion and corruption and by their fruits you shall know them because they're gonna sound like sheep and they're gonna look like sheep but inwardly they are ravening wolves and ravening wolves have the fruit of

ravening wolves but he says here you are a chosen generation so we're not called for our sake were called into service we're a chosen generation a royal priesthood a holy nation a peculiar people that we should show forth the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light this is the plan for Israel from the very beginning in Exodus 19 verse 6 that when God covenant it with them it was to make them a holy nation a kingdom of priests and that's what we are this is now he's doing it a different way at first he did it with the father's with the Old Covenant and that failed and so now he has the New Covenant and that's what we're called into and this is what we have to consider when we consider our high priests because were called to be priests continuing in verse to consider our high priest consider the Apostle in the high priest of our profession the oath that we took advantage a who was faithful to him that appointed him as also Moses was faithful in all his house so we have to consider him we have to think about him think about his life think about his faithfulness right up to the very end his love for Israel right up to the very end how he faced the indeed undiluted hatred of the devil and how he conquered the devil through love that he went as a lamb a silent to the slaughter and he did that because of his love for Israel and the Satan is throwing the worst at him at the height of Satan's hatred love triumphs and he comes out of the grave because of his power of love consider this and now that spirit is in us and it is not a spirit of cowardice it's a spirit of power it's a spirit of love it's a spirit of a sound mind we

must have this clarity of vision and this the way he was faithful to him who appointed him we need to be faithful so these Hebrews think they can turn back to Judaism and be faithful and the Apostle is saying no you are being unfaithful Judaism was pointing to Christ and now Christ came and now that you have Christ if you go back to Judaism you're being unfaithful but okay you exalt Moses let's talk about Moses ves Moses was faithful but he was faithful in all his house and this is an illusion that we'll talk about in a moment but he stayed okay Moses yep Moses Moses his bed Moses is a big deal and every Jew understands Moses is a big big deal but let's let's put him in context he was faithful in all his house for this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses so consider the high priest Jesus Christ he is counted worthy of more glory he's superior to most you want to turn back to Moses he's superior to Moses in as much as he who has built the house his superior he who has built the house has more honor than the house so he never will talk about that so though the one who built the house has more honor than the house so Moses was faithful in the house Christ built the house and since he built the house he has more honor than the house that Moses was faithful in and so this faithful of faithfulness of Moses in the house is an illusion

to numbers 12 when Miriam and Aaron accused Moses they spoke against them because he married a crocheted woman and you know they were Israelites him as a bit of racism taking place here and they were accusing him of marrying this chrisite woman and they said as the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses you know

wise Moses such a big deal here look at he's gone and married a cockeyed woman has he not spoken also by us and we have this in the church to this day where God appoints elders he selects us to be in the church first of all nobody can be in the church unless God draws us to Christ but within the church he appoints elders and he appoints deacons and these are handpicked by God for for the edification of the church and yet within the church will always have the murmurers who are like as God only is only speaking through the elders God God speaks to all of us we don't need elders well there's a reason why God picks elders and it's not for the Eco gratification of the elders the elders in fact sacrifice and and when I look at the work load of the elders and most of the elders in CGI are volunteers but we do this voluntarily I was gonna say off the side of our desk but often it's right in the center of our desk in our vocation is on the side of our desk so I see the sacrifice of my fellow elders and yet I see them here the murmur is I was God why why do we have to listen to the elders well in the same way they did this to Moses as he not spoken also by aren't we all elders and the Lord heard it now the man Moses was very meek above above all men which were upon the face of the earth so they're throwing accusations at Moses and Moses it's like okay sure he's not very

he wasn't driven by ego he was driven by a deep sense of duty and a great love for Israel and the Lord spoke suddenly unto Moses so this suddenly gives us that sense of his anger and unto Aaron and unto Miriam she spoke to all three of them

come out you three unto the tabernacle of the congregation and the three came out and the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle and called Aaron and Miriam so the three of them were called out to speak with God and then Arian Aaron and Miriam were singled out and they both came forth and he said hear now my words so they were full of words and our God says hear now my words if there be a prophet among you I the Lord will make sell make myself known unto Him in a vision and will speak unto Him in a dream my servant Moses is not so who is faithful in all mine house so they're accusing him of being unfaithful because he married this crocheted woman and God says no he backs him up Moses has done nothing wrong and I think sometimes people would teach that you know once an inter marry the Bible doesn't teach this we mustn't have interfaith marriages but Moses did nothing wrong and so he says Moses is faithful in all my house he everything he does is faithful he has not disobeyed me so so this is the illusion that the Apostle is making in Hebrews that Moses is faithful in all my house with him will I speak

mouth to mouth or face to face so other prophets he's speaking through dreams and vision with Moses he's speaking face to face even apparently just obviously and not in dark speeches and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold therefore then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses so Moses was faithful in all his house so the father should have respect for the position of Moses but the Apostle is saying Christ is superior to Moses and the anger of the Lord was kindled

against them and he departed so they spoke against Moses these Hebrews are thinking of speaking against Christ and turning their back on Christ and the Apostle is saying look look what happened Moses was faithful in all his house look what happened and we'll just read here the cloud departed off the tabernacle and behold Miriam became leprous white as snow and Aaron looked upon Miriam and behold she was lepers so consider Miriam as we consider our High Priest consider Miriam and how she rejected Moses and the anger that fell upon her then consider them young Moses was faithful God did not tolerate this murmuring against his faithful servant and yet the Apostle is saying basically yeah Moses deserves respect but he's nothing compared to Christ and if you're going to murmur against Christ if you're going to turn your back against the high priest of your oath consider Miriam and what happened when she turned her back on Moses who was faithful in all his house and Aaron said unto Moses alas my lord

I beg you lay not this sin upon us wherein we have done foolishly and the Hebrews are about to do foolishly and wherein we have sinned let her not be as one dead of whom the flesh is half consumed when he comes out of his mother's womb and the Lord sent so that was one of rebellion another rebellion that that is alluded to here is the rebellion in numbers 26 when the people just perverted themselves and didn't believe God and the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people and much of the people died therefore the people came to Moses and said we have sinned for we have spoken against the Lord and against you pray

unto the Lord that he take away the Serpent's from us and Moses prayed for the people so he was a priest for the people and facilitating the relationship between the people and Christ for this man was counted worthy of the result so back to Hebrews 3 this man be in Christ is countered worthy of more glory than Moses so we have to understand when the people stood against Moses the wrath that came upon them and what the Apostle is saying now is if you reject Christ consider the wrath that came upon those who rejected Moses and Moses is inferior to Christ for this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses in as much as he who has built the house has more honor than the house so Christ is the Builder of the house he is the builder of the church and so he is Moses was faithful in the house but Christ built the house so he says in as much as he who has built the house has more honor than the house for every house is built by some man but he that built all things is God and and again there is this movement to say that Jesus Christ is not God but if both was making it very clear very very clear crystal clear that Jesus Christ is God in fact Christ Himself introduces himself as God when in in Revelation when he's described as him which is and which was and which is to come the Almighty the Almighty in revelation 1 he said he's the Almighty here he is God he built everything and Moses verily was faithful in all his house as a servant so that's all Moses was Moses lived in the house and he was a servant so the same way that the master would ring a bell and say I need you in the bathroom I need you in room 4 ok now go to room 5 and the servants up and down the house

going wherever the master tells him to go that was Moses he was a servant in the house as Moses verily was faithful in all

house as a servant for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after so he was pointing to something but Christ as a son over his own house so so yeah Moses was faithful in the house Christ built the house and Christ is over the house Christ is the head of the church but Christ is the son over his own house whose house are we noticed this who's the week who's he talking to remind me again how did how did the chapter open holy brethren the Brethren who've been set apart for holy use holy brethren partakers of the heavenly calling this is who the letter is addressed to and he says now whose house are we we are we are part of his body we are part of the church if we hold fast the confidence and rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end there is going to be opposition and again this is 2018 when I'm recording this I don't know when you'll be listening to this in the future but sometime in the near future and and from what I can see and based on my calculations it's somewhere in the next 7 to 35 40 years that Christianity is going to be in a lot of trouble in the West and there's gonna be massive defection and syncretism and people backing off of the holiness of Christ backing off of the deity of Christ and all I can say is whose house are we if if whose house are we if we hold fast this is oath we took an oath of confidence if we hold fast the confidence who is he talking to the holy brethren this is conditional if we hold fast the concert and the rejoicing of hope of the

Resurrection if we hold if we endure to the end we shall be saved if then if then do not turn your back on Jesus Christ and you know what those who turn their back on Christ and said you know we're just going to go back to the temple go back to our meaningless rituals we have Christ but we're gonna go back to the ritual the temple was destroyed in 70 AD so what did they go back to all of that was was no longer required since Christ came so in the same way now we this is all written for our admonition we must hold fast that's what revelation is all about that blessed is he who reads it and keeps reading it and they who hear it and keep hearing it and keep those things which are written therein that just as John was faith the faithful witness he followed Christ the faithful witness we must be faithful witnesses we must declare the testimony of Christ and so we hold if we hold is this this word if get rid of this once saved always saved and just accept the scriptures do not negate the Scriptures and have a sense of urgency let's have a certain sense of urgency about us but let's clean up our lives let's let's be like people who really believe that Jesus Christ is coming to earth and he's not happy he's full of Wrath but he wants to marry us he wants to covenant with us forever and so he addresses his church first he walks in the midst of the candlesticks correcting what he sees so that the church will not be subject to his wrath and do not be complacent and as an elder and I know my pastor a co pastor Murray and all the elders that are elder work with me here and all the elders that are faithful we are concerned about the complacency in the

church and we want to see brethren who have this hope of rejoicing in the end who look forward to his appearing not nothing I'm not afraid of his appearing so he is it says here that he's the Sun over the house he's the Sun over his own house whose house we are and he says in the beginning so he made everything in the beginning was the word and the Word was with God and the Word was God the scripture is very clear you know believe whatever you want to believe we believe in the scripture so we open the scripture we study the scripture we accept the scripture Jesus Christ is God he's the son of God and he's come to redeem man so he was with God and he was God the same was in the beginning with God so this is what Scripture is telling us and it's all over the Bible all things were made by him he is the creator the Almighty and without him was not anything made that was there's nothing created that we can look at and say oh yeah but somebody else created that or the father created that but Christ wasn't involved the father delegated the creative project to Christ he is the law boss and he created everything with his word so everything that's made was made this is why he's superior to the whole creation because he created it all and so he's over at all and here he's over the church in 1st 1st Corinthians 11 it says but I would not I would have you know that the head of every man is Christ and that have you know the head of every man is Christ and the head of the woman is the man and the head of Christ is God so God is over Christ Christ is over the man the man is over the woman this is the divine order of love not abuse not

abuse self-sacrificing love service service service and servant leadership therefore he says as the Holy Spirit says so this is what the Holy Spirit says he who has an ear let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches therefore as the Holy Spirit says today this is a different day than yesterday yesterday the spirit spoke through the angels to the prophets to the fathers and the fathers rebelled against that message but that was yesterday

okay that's over today in these last days God has chosen to speak to us through his son who is superior by orders of magnitude

than anybody else that brought any other message that all those messages anywhere were pointing to Christ so today if you will hear his voice again the scripture does not support this unconditional salvation there are conditions of faithfulness of endurance he who endures to the end will be saved today if you will hear his voice the voice of the son harden not your hearts don't don't go there brethren don't don't be stubborn don't allow your heart to harden who is he talking to the Holy brethren the Covenant community the partakers of the heavenly calling this can happen to anybody

so today now that we've heard his voice don't allow your hearts to harden as in the provocation oh this happened before there was the the covenant community hardened their heart they heard the voice of God

but they hardened their hearts so don't do don't do what our fathers did harden not your hearts as in the day as in the provocation in the day of temptation in the wilderness something happened in the past and they hardened their hearts and they provoked God when your father's tempted me proved me and saw my works for 40 years for 40 years he was working with them and they saw it firsthand therefore

was grieved with that generation again he opens this book saying in times past God spoke to us Volk spoke to our fathers sounds wonderful but it's not because our fathers rebelled and so he's pointing to that engagement by God and the disaster that it was and he's saying to the Hebrews don't be like your father's

don't be like your don't do this let's be different than the father's so therefore God was grieved with the father's

I was grieved with that generation and said they do always err in their heart and they have not known my ways that this was God's evaluation of the father's that he spoke to worked with them for 40 years showed them miracles gave them instructions through Moses through the Angels and he says they always err in their heart and they have not known my ways

so I swore in my wrath God was angry with his people he was angry with the fathers they shall not enter into my rest they will not enter into my rest there was a promised land that they were to enter into it was given rest from all their enemies and they could fellowship with God and as the land flowing with milk and honey is a glorious land and he says you know what I'm done there I cannot have these people here people need to be holy they need to be pringted in this land and

they need to be priests in this land and I'm not gonna have this filth in Holy Land so I swore to them in my wrath they

shall not enter into my wrath rest your eyes so this is now Deuteronomy and and so he's a man he worked with the fathers he tried to work with them notice what it says here in Deuteronomy 4 verse 3 your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of bail P or so something happened at by all P or for all the men that followed but I'll be or this is the provocation that the father's tempted God with all the men that followed involve pure the Lord your God has destroyed them from you only thought so that's what happened to them they got involved in this sexual immorality so take heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen and that's the same instruction that we're seeing here in Hebrews don't forget what you've seen don't forget this heavenly calling that you're participating in the same way the father's in the wilderness were involved in this heavenly work that God was doing on earth and they forgot they let it slip away from them and what we're involved in is so much greater we cannot forget we cannot allow it to slip away from us so he says take heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently so there's a sense that this could slip away and so in same with revelation he's saying keep reading this book keep reading this prophecy and keep the things that are written in it unto the end don't let it slip away keep your soul diligently lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen so through John's eyes we've seen things we've seen what he saw and God is saying don't forget what your eyes have seen he says unless you forget the things which you your eyes have seen unless they depart from your heart all

the days of your life so this was a possibility in fact it was a reality even the children allowed this to slip away from them but teach them your sons and your sons sons and this is the condemnation of the West now who have the judeo-christian values we have not taught them to our children we have not taught them to our grandchildren sufficiently so we have a generation now that is growing up with no regard for judeo-christian values no regard for God young people who have the audacity to deny the existence of the creator who created them young people who have the audacity

to involve themselves in all kinds of Filth

with no regard for God's perspective we've done this because we haven't passed on the precepts to them and in fact now what's happening is if you look in the schools and you look at the curriculum in the schools they are teaching all kinds of Filth to the youth and damaging their minds and damaging their hearts and in almost ensuring that the Word of God will never make any sense to them because they're going to be so corrupted and so inwardly destroyed from from kindergarten they're pushing this filth into the minds of children and we the responsibility we have is to teach our children and our grandchildren and they would say oh you can't you can't teach Christianity to children that's unfair you're you shouldn't dictate to them what their religion should be they should be allowed to grow up and choose for themselves okay so we see we all backed off and said yeah okay let them choose for themselves and now the same people who said we mustn't do that

they're in the schools teaching homosexuality and transgenderism and all kinds of nonsense hey wait old us we shouldn't do that and the minute we backed off you swept in to teach filth well that's our fault and you know Christianity we're not going to kill somebody if they turn their back on Christ Christ we'll deal with them but our job is to teach that they have the moral grounding the foundation so that they can now judge a life of following Christ and they can see our example and the fruits of our life and then they can look around and look at people who are following all kinds of nonsense and no you know what I had a friend and they were talking about this wonderful transgender life and they killed themselves I thought it was wonderful why are they suffering from such high suicide rates why are they so full of anxiety when it's supposed to be a wonderful life when we who follow Christ were full of joy and determination and hope and all around us the world is falling apart and we are still joyful and you know what they turn away from the news they turn the news on and it's all bad news and they don't want to hear it

we turn the news and they don't want to hear it we turn the news on and it's all bad news and we see straight through it and we say like wow this is this is close Christ is coming and we are hopeful because we understand reality so he says here at Deuteronomy but your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did and here in numbers he says say unto them as truly as I live says the Lord as you have spoken in my ears this is these are the father's so will I do to you your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness and all that were numbered of you this is numbers all that were numbered of you according to your whole number from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against me doubtless you shall not come into the land concerning which I swear to make you dwell therein except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of nuni these were the two faithful men and we need to be like Caleb and Joshua that God looks at us and says see absolutely you're going to 12 with me yet in this thing you did not believe the Lord your God and this this is what angered God that they thought he was a liar what pleased God with Abraham was God God said in Abraham said of God says it's true because God cannot lie and he believed him and it was counted to him for righteousness we must be the same way we have the Word of God it's impossible for God to lie he said it we believe it but these fathers did not believe God and this is this this was their evil and and there's fruit associated with not believe in God and there's fruit associated with believe in God and so he says here in Deuteronomy one who went in the way before you to search you out a place to pitch it your tents in in fire by night to show you by what way you should go and in a cloud by day and the Lord heard the voice of your words and was angry and swore saying surely there shall not one of these men notice how God characterizes them for not believing his word there shall not one of these men of this evil generation not believing God is evil of this evil generation see that good land which I swore to give to your fathers so God says no way nope no and this is written for our admonition except Caleb the son

of Jephunneh he shall see it and to him will I give the land that he has trodden upon and to his children because he has wholly followed the Lord and we need to wholly follow the Lord and so back to Hebrews three take heed who should take heed take heed psychic's so that you can be with the pneumatics and don't be like the hilux that are among us all true believers take heed is that what this is saving Saint brethren Hebrews all of you Hebrews covenant community beware take heed lest there be in any of you I'm looking at the Hebrew congregation and I'm not looking at the congregation and say there are believed there are true believers and there are false believers and I'm talking to the true believers and the sovereign God has got them covered and so they know I'm talking to the whole community everybody no exceptions unless there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief that's how God characterized the father's in there not believing God he called them an evil generation we have the Word of God we have the book of Revelation that we've just studied together Christ ends it by saying these words are faithful and true this this is reality you know when you're dreaming and you have this really vivid dream and it's just like it's real and then you wake up and it's like where did that go that was just an illusion that's like life

this all seems so real but poof it's gone and reality is coming a permanent reality is coming in that reality is Christ and he says at the end of Revelation these words are faithful these words are true and we've heard these words and we believe these words so take heed brethren lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief that we say you know what I wasn't there I don't really know I know be careful in departing from the Living God and the Hebrews in going back to Judaism were actually departing from Christ the Living God and so here in Revelation we see we are given this revelation God gives it to Christ to give to John to give to us to show us so we can now see we can't say oh I wasn't very good John and how fortunate he was to receive this revelation from Christ and he saw it firsthand

but you know we didn't see it we saw it we saw it because it was given to John in a visionary way so that he could give it to us so the purpose of revelation is so that we can see that we've seen it we as we studied Revelation together we have seen it with our own eyes we've seen it and so we can't say we didn't see it so beware brethren lest there be in any of us an evil heart of displace where we say you know I didn't see it our eyes have seen it and John Berg bare record of the word of God and of the testimony of Christ and of all things that he saw so so John's eyes become our eyes the same way the father saw the works of God we've seen the works of God because we know the Word of God is true and John John was given this word to give to us so we could see what he saw so we've seen and Christ Himself now says he's Alpha and Omega and he says to John what you see John what you see write it in a book why should John right what he sees in a book unless there's something about what John sees which must be made permanent and throughout time all of the Brethren meet to see what John saw so we now the

Hebrews can say we've seen the father saw the works of God we've seen as well and so beware lest and and he's descended what he sees he's descended to the churches so he's to write it and send it so that all the churches can see and he's faithful he faithfully evening he says here that he is faithful of the Word of God the Testament of Christ and of all things that he saw he bear record of this so he wrote it in a book and he sent it to the churches so all of the churches through time until Christ returns we've seen what John has seen so exhort one another daily while it is called today lest again any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin sin is deceitful and when you're up against persecution the human brain can rationalize and all of a sudden we begin to sort of see that you know wow maybe we shouldn't take such a hard line on the divinity of Christ maybe we should not take such a hard line on the divinity of Christ we should you know with Christ is a good man and he certainly was a prophet and I think he lived a really nice life and you know well we can all get along as long as we don't make a big deal of Christ Christ is a big deal Christ is a big deal great praise is a really big deal he is God and he humbled himself and he became a man and he did that with a purpose he did that with a purpose so that he could redeem Israel and redeem mankind and so today let us exhort one another and that's why we need community that's why we shouldn't turn our back on the church turn our back on the Brethren and try to become this lone ranger Christian we need to be exhorting one another daily while it is called today lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of

sin so we started a little bit late but I'll finish now and we'll continue God willing with Hebrews three next week so this is just a wonderful wonderful book right for us to pair it with the book of Revelation so that what was given to the Hebrews in the first century we can now apply it in the 21st century and I'm telling you brethren this book is going to become more and more important and more and more central to our lives as we go into the future the future ultimately the future is very bright but in the interim wicked men will wax worse and worse worse and worse and the activity of the demonic powers is going to accelerate and intensify and this spells a wonderful opportunity for the people of God are takers of the heavenly calling to be faithful witnesses to say Jesus Christ is Lord he's the high priest he's the king he is the Almighty he is he was and he is to come