58-Hebrews-08-Transcript

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well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study I missed all of you it's been a couple of weeks here we are we're going to be continuing in Hebrews chapter 6 we did begin to cover just the first part of Hebrews chapter 6 just before the break and so we'll continue and what I want to do is just a little bit of review just so that we can all catch up and be on the same page and I also just want to remind us as to why we are studying the book of Hebrews this is not a book that we're studying academically just another book of the Bible to study where this book of Hebrews is in the context of the book of Revelation which we have just finished studying in and in that book there's a blessing for anybody who keeps reading that prophecy and those who keep hearing that prophecy you know so from this point forward we're all about revelation and Hebrews now is an extension of Revelation where we can learn from the first century brethren lessons that we can apply here in the 21st century so we'll open with the word of Prayer quickly view and then we'll get into Hebrews chapter 6 our Heavenly Father we come before you father and just praise you we thank you so much for the opportunity to study your word line-by-line we thank you for the understanding that you give to us and how your word is consistent that all of your prophets all of your people have been following the same narrative of the Bible and we just thank you now is these 21st century Christians that we can follow the same narrative and have this understanding we pray father that you'll

deepen our understanding that you'll deepen our faith that you'll deepen our conviction and that we will endure to the end we praise you we ask this blessing in the whole of our Lord and our Savior Jesus Christ amen so let us begin with a little bit of a review and that's gonna take us actually before we go into the review what I'd like to do is just go back to will go back to Revelation where we'll just remember this warning and an encouragement at the end of the book he that overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son so this is the promise that is extended to us in the book of Revelation that basically we we have a choice we are to be overcomers or not and the not he covers in verse 8 where he says you know the overcomers me he'll be our God and we'll be his son but the furfle and unbelieving and the abominable and murderers and whoremongers and sorcerers and idolaters and all Liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone which is the second death now what I want to call out here is just the importance of us making the right choice and understanding what it is were a part of so he says here notice that the fearful and unbelieving are the highest priority of those who are thrown into the lake of fire so it's the Fertile before is college before criminals and it's the faithless before the filthy and so worked there are many abominable people there are many murderers are many whoremongers and sorcerers many idolaters many many Liars but the priority of who goes into the lake of fire first it's the fearful and the unbelieving so we're involved in something very very

profound and it's eternal that he is going as long as we are overcomers he will be a god and we will be his son and so we have to decide which is a door a lord or B are we are we going through the overcomers door or are we going to be

be for come and that's what the book of Revelation is all about it's all about overcoming and so we come out about book now coming into Hebrews which is giving us some very practical lessons as to how we become all overcomers and looking at those in the first century who are facing quite a plight and that we are facing now in this 21st century a very similar if not worse more intense plight and we know this from the prophecy here in Timothy where Paul writes this know also that in the last days perilous times shall come so what the Brethren in Hebrews in the first century were facing they were facing perilous times we are facing perilous times and it's going to be a level of intensity that the world has never seen before and so this is why the book of Hebrews is so dear to us now I was in the UK for a bit of vacation and as you know prior to that I was speaking about Tommy Robinson which is an independent Reporter over in the UK so I was interested when I was over there to see you know how people were reacting to the news of his incarceration and you know what for the most part though were not reacting because the mainstream media was not reporting on it there were basically no news about Tommy Robinson in the mainstream media you have to be following alternate media in order to find out what is really happening over there so for the most part everybody that I mean 95% of the people that I

spoke to had no idea who this man is and what his plight was and yet while I was there there was a significant demonstration which kind of shows you or shows me the loosening of the grip or the influence of mainstream media because a lot of people don't know about his flight and they were out there protesting and it was quite a significant conflict that they had with the police the police now become political they become politicized they're there an arm of the government in a negative way and they're turning against their citizens and you know Christians wouldn't get involved in this kind of conflict but it was interesting that twenty thousand people were in London protesting and all around the world of post-edit protesting but in London twenty thousand people were protesting this wrongful incarceration of all you could even call it an abduction of this independent journalist and I see had nothing to say they were completely silent on the matter they just went on and on ad infinitum about this one year later of Grenville tower which was a terrible disaster in Inferno where a lot of illegal aliens were caught up in that fire more bodies were found and than they could count for but they had nothing to say about that but the main thing about this grand for Tower a lot of Muslims lost their lives and the fact that white Christians are losing their lives this is insignificant but when Muslims lose their lives it's a big deal they just go over and over and over ad infinitum about this loss which is a terrible loss but so is the loss or the rape of a million young schoolgirls that's something BBC has nothing to say about that so BBC late become and I was

listening to the news over there or the radio over there and it was just constantly Marxist programming everything every single word that was coming out of the BBC Radio four and then even on the television the news is just constant Marxist programming and this is something that has taken time to get here this is all about cultural Marxism and if you look at this if you study this man mark Max Horkheimer part of the the Frankfurt School when they started this process back in the 30s in in North America it has spread worldwide and he said here the revolution won't happen with guns rather it will happen incrementally it will happen incremental a year by year notice this generation by generation this is something that takes time and they've planned it for decades and want to understand what this is what they are doing what is the agenda because they are succeeding and it's when we come in as a generation we don't think about what happened to Jen before us or what's going to happen the generation after us but they do and they have been succeeding incremental a generation by generation we are a demoralized generation now we will gradually infiltrate their educational institutions and their political offices transforming them smoothly into Marxist entities as we move towards universal egalitarianism and that's exactly where we are now moving towards this Universal egalitarianism as these cultural Marxists and these Frankfurt School philosophers who have found the foundation of Western civilization today if you look up any of these people and what they taught you'll just see just how incredibly successful they've become in transforming our society from what

used to be a judeo-christian nation into this Universal egalitarian system that they're moving towards which is going to be a totalitarian system where there will be no freedom it'll be a system of slavery and we're falling for it we have become demoralized and the next step after demoralization is destabilization and that's where we're heading now we have to understand that this is just a grand chess game and and there they have been planning and strategizing and we don't understand what we're dealing with and so this chess game continues and we are the worst for it we don't understand what it is we're a part of what it is that's happening as this chess game continues and now that we're seeing in fact while I was over there as well watching the European news you see this this ship called Aquarius which the Italians wouldn't allow to land I think Spain finally took them and and you know it's just so important for us to have this perspective that's just growing into us day after day after day about these poor migrants look at all the blonde and children you know the aunt women children was really Syria so we have to help the women and children get out of Syria and and that's what we have to tell ourselves because the image in front of me looks like fighting age military aged men who do who are who don't understand Christianity don't believe in Christianity and we're just importing them by the tens of thousands hundreds of thousands by the Mormons even and this is part of the transformation of our society and then as they come into our society we of course has to be sensitive to their needs and their perspective and if they're offended by

the Bible then the Bible suddenly becomes hate speech and I love this quote that we live in a day where biblical truth is considered hate speech even among those who profess Christ and I can tell you that I've heard people who profess Christ even tell me I'm involved in hate speech he was loving to tell the truth no matter how much it may hurt the hearers and that's what that's that's how God is he gives us the truth but we are heading into a society is a grand chess game has been playing out we're heading into a society where there will be no freedom for hate speech and so we have to defeat we they need to freedom to define hate speech and then they can shut it down and so this is where we're heading into this perilous time where the Bible is hate the truth is the new hate speech the truth is hate to those who hate the truth and so that is exactly where we're heading and so let us in that and that understanding of where we're heading that these are perilous times let's just now do a quick review of Hebrews 1 to 5 as context for Hebrews chapter 6 there's some controversial or there is a controversial passage in the first part of Hebrews 6 which we touched on last time and we just go over again today and there's all kinds of wild interpretations around Hebrews 6 the first part first four verses because people want to believe that once you're saved you're always saved and and Hebrews six does not support this at all so there's all kinds of gyrations and gymnastics and twisting turning to try to get this scripture to fit into the idea the quite satanic idea of one saved always saved and people who do this try to

treat Hebrews six in isolation as if it stands by itself but Hebrews six is part of a letter it's part of a train of thought that the Apostle is sharing with his Hebrew listeners and so let us go back through Hebrews one to five and I've sort of stripped out the the asides when Paul speaks he has a style where he elaborates and goes on these tangents but then comes back to his many points about main point but let's just follow his main threat of thought as he leads into Hebrews 6 so that when we study Hebrews six we have the threat of thought but we stay in his - his train of thought as we come into Hebrews 6 so he begins by saying God who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in time past unto the father's by the prophets has in these last days spoken to us by his son and this is the whole point this this is sort of the the keynote of the entire sermon or the entire letter that God spoke to the fathers in time past today he's speaking to us in time past he spoke to the fathers through prophets but today he's speaking to us through his son through his son but the fathers were a disaster the fathers were faithless that the father's corrupted themselves even though God spoke to them now God is speaking to us through a much superior messenger that is his son how will we fare will we be faithless like the fathers or are we going to be faithful like the son this is this is the key note of the letter this is Paul's great concern as to whether the Hebrews that he was speaking to with what charge the right path Paul never spoke to these Hebrews Osorio you're saved you always say

by now he really was trying to drive

this lesson home that you've got a choice to make and it is a choice with eternal consequences you better make the right choice and so this is the keynote of the letter Who am L so he but through whom he's the heir of all things by whom also he made the world and he goes on then to show just how superior Christ this to the prophets and to the Angels and to any other messenger that has come before him therefore because of Christ's superiority therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which one have heard lest at any time we should let them slip there's no line saved always saved here so we have to be honest here because there is this risk this this chance this probability that we could allow what we have heard from the Sun to slip from us if that was chapter two now in chapter three he says therefore so so because we have to be many paying attention and because Christ is so superior to the Angels and to even to Moses and to Aaron because of the superiority of this messenger therefore holy brethren is he talking to he's talking to the holy brethren there's no category of these Gnostic notions of different categories of human beings and and there's a human beings that are condemned to damnation because that's just what the sovereign God has willed for them and there are other human beings that are just destined for for victory because that's what the sovereign God

has has ordained for them he is talking to the holy brethren and he's saying because of the superiority of Christ therefore holy brethren partakers of the heavenly calling consider the Apostle and high priest of our profession Christ Jesus so he's asking me to consider two things here one is the Apostle that's the one sent and so up to now that's exactly what we've been considering he's been showing how this one that is sent these last days is a superior apostle to all of the other messengers that have been sent but not only introduces this other notion of Christ as our high priest and he wants us to spend time considering that as well and those are reason for that and so there's two considerations here one is the superiority of the messenger the other was the superiority of the high priest and he's going to spend the next few chapters just elaborating on the superiority of Christ as the high priest just as he has been elaborating in these first four chapters on the superiority of Christ as as a messenger so he says so so we are to consider him as our high priest the high priest of our profession so he continues in Chapter three take heed brethren lest there be in any of you in not letting some of you not in a certain category of you he's talking to the whole congregation and saying be careful lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief this is the issue this is the root cause this is why with the book ends now this is the particular yes circumstance with the Hebrews but by extension is speaking to all of us believers and we just read it in the book of Revelation ending with the unbelieving being thrown into the lake of fire

but God dismisses the unbelieving God does not have any regard for the unbelieving so take hankerin lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the Living God so because of the persecution of the first century Hebrews were facing a way

out would be just to go back to Judaism which was a sanctioned religion in Rome the beast hour at the time and now to continue in Christianity to turn their back on Christ but somehow think that they're still pleased in God and and and Paul wants to make it very clear to them without faith it's impossible to please God so he says while it is sent today if you will hear his voice harden not your hearts

in the provocation so in time past he spoke to our fathers our fathers were a disaster don't you be a disaster as well remember how the fathers hardened their heart out of unbelief they didn't believe in the promises of God well don't be the same so as you hear his voice today which is through a superior mechanism or through superior messenger the son don't do not harden your hearts and so the trap to continue in Chapter three and to whom swirl he that they should not enter into his rest so they hardened their hearts and he swore that they should not enter into his rest but who all of them except Joshua and Caleb who were the belief they they believed they loved the whole county they're the ones who continued and belief the rest harden their hearts and so he swore not that none of them should enter the rest but then that didn't believe they should not he swore he was so angry that he vowed they will never enter his rest so we see that they could not enter why couldn't they enter because of unbelief this this is the key insight that Paul is giving us about the fathers they failed they failed God because of unbelief and so if this is this is what why not to key into now and say we must not be unbelievers we must not be faithless we must understand the the

veracity of God's promises and and just how they must understand God's character and how faithful he is and we must believe in his word so chapter four then he says let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest any of you should seem to come short of it so this sort of overconfidence this hey I'm I'm called by God

I can I could never be lost it's just I'm just in period that goes against what Paul is saying to these Hebrews and by extension to all of us believers because we are all grafted into the Hebrew way he says let us us including himself therefore because of this understanding of the father's failing through unbelief and an understanding that God swore that they would not enter his rest because of unbelief let us therefore fear lest the promise being left us of entering into his rest that we should fall into the same condemnation that the fathers did that any not not some of you not a certain category of you let us clear all of us and that any of you should seem to come short of it though there's no exceptions here everyone is included and we need to fear and operate in such a way that we understand what is at stake and we understand what is at risk so he goes on in chapter 4 sin therefore it remains that some must enter therein there is this rest that is still outstanding for the people of God and there are the people of God that will inherit the rest and so the father's didn't inherit it he says seeing therefore remains that some must enter therein and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief let us labor therefore to enter

into that rest so there is a rest of God that is promised and it must come to pass and our forefathers failed but thought the promise is still outstanding so therefore we need to have this this like epiphany like wow this rest is for us and wanting to be laboring to enter into that rest we're not looking for rest now we're not looking for conflict now we understand this is the painful part this is the difficult part the rest will come after and so therefore we must labor to enter into that rest lest any man fall any man not a particular category not not the people who are condemned to to condemnation of damnation for the for eternity because that's just the sovereign God's will no this is all about covenant God has made a covenant and he's going to fulfill this covenant under way because God cannot PI this covenant will be successful but we have to labor to be included in that category of covenant people let us labor therefore to enter into that rest lest any man nor exceptions Paul himself worried that after preaching to others he himself would fall away there's no exception for this that this is not just a cakewalk this this requires vision faith and effort let us labor therefore to enter into that rest lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief as the father's fell any men none there's there's no exceptions here see you then that we have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens remember he asked us to consider Christ as the apostle but he's also asking us to consider Christ as our hype the high priest of our profession so he now is starting to come back to this notion of Christ as high priest and he says seeing

them that we have a height great you have a great high priest that is passed into the heavens he's successful he's in the Holy of Holies Jesus the Son of God he is the son of God because we have this high priest this is the mechanism this is the king moving to success because we have this high priest there is the high priest of our profession therefore let us hold fast our profession so we can hold we can get through wherever we have to get through no matter how difficult it is no matter how bad it is why because we have a faithful high priest because we have a superior high priest cuz we have a great high priest that cares for us that has gone before us that is the author of our salvation this is where our faith is and this is where our confidence is and this is why we can be patient so because we have this high priest the conclusion is we can hold on to our profession we don't have to let it go let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace and this is again a passage that is I mentioned this before taken out of context and use kind of loosely and generally speaking whereas it is speaking specifically of the need to endure tribulation it is speaking specifically of the need to endure trial to get through the most difficult of persecution we have a high priest he's gone before us he cares for us and because of his superiority as high priest we can have confidence in his help so let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need all of this is in the context of unbelief the father's were unsuccessful the fathers became unbelievers that risk

can befall us but we have a high priest that we can go to boldly who will feed us and give us what we need to be successful so this is what this is what we need to do is this to go to the high priest now chapter 5 he says for every high priest taken from among men is ordained in things pertaining to God that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins this is the whole point of the high priest so the Hebrews now are fallen to sinfulness and Paul is pointing them to the high priest whom his function is to serve in this capacity of forgiveness for men and to facilitate the relationship between men and God that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins he says continue in Chapter five though he were a son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered and bang made complete or yet complete would be the best translation I think they're being made perfect or complete can't became my author of eternal salvation unto all of them that obey Him so he is the author of our salvation he's our high priest all I really have to do is obey Him let's just do exactly what he tells us to do and there are the instructions from him throughout the scriptures we need to be searching the Scriptures and doing what he says and he will design he will support he will orchestrate our salvation and so we can go to him orally knowing he's in our corner he's for us he wants us to be successful so he goes on to say that Christ is our high priest but he says his call of God a high priest so God calls him a high priest after the order of Melchizedek so he now introduces that this high priest is superior he's not of the ironic order or the order Aaron he's

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Melchizedek ian order and then he says
this of whom I'm speaking of Melchizedek
we have many things to say this is a big
big topic so a phoneless Melchizedek we
have many things to say and hard to be
uttered seeing you are dull of hearing
so Paul is just a straight talker
it doesn't sugarcoat he's a know-it-all
Paulo this is hate speech no this is
love speech he loves the congregation
and because he loves the congregation
and he sees he can see what they can't
see

he speaks very straightforwardly you've become dull of hearing and and this is going to be really difficult there's so much to say about Melchizedek this is this is such a big topic and it's such necessary topic but I don't know how I'm gonna get through this you know we're talking university level education and you're struggling with kindergarten concepts I saw this thing really difficult because you become dull of hearing you're you you have your own lusts you have your own desires you don't want to hear the truth because it's inconvenient and so you're beginning to turn away from the truth and now paulus ain't got how do i tackle this when you have lost interest you've become any different to the truth for when the time the full way for the time you ought to be teachers you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the Oracles of God and so the Apostle was assessing the situation and saying I should have come back and by this time find that you are able to teach others you know really make on words coming in we Gentiles coming into the faith I should be able to love with you and all the learning

that you've had over the years so that you now can be teaching others so there is this expectation we should all understand this I mean to me here I am doing this Bible study it's just time go over you know 30 years in the church and studying the scriptures studying the scriptures and then we come to time when God says okay now I want you to teach okay now now we teach and this is at the expectation for all of us we are all being called to become teachers and so we cannot be passive in receiving information vested we're young these studies will go line upon line then we have the chat afterwards we challenge each other we question things I don't have all the answers you search the scriptures I get questions lady Marlene just emailed me last week questioning about saintly ruling this world a conversation about that we searched the scriptures to see if these things are so why so that it really lands and we want to honor the ruler will understand it and we can then teach others we're not you know some some churches try to keep their

furs like juvenile children that are incapable of anything the Holy Spirit is empowering and and Paul wants to see brethren that are empowered and every true minister wants to see brethren that are empowered because we're just were under shepherds Christ is the Shepherd and the Holy Spirit is empowering and our job is just to facilitate this empowerment process and so Paul comes upon these brethren fairly expecting them to be at the level of teachers and instead he says you have need that one teach you again which may the first principles of the Oracles of God so you really didn't get it there's this sort

of foundation that's in unity Judaism its foundational knowledge but it's basic and you've misunderstood it and are become such as have need of milk and not of strong meat so he wants to get on to Melchizedek and there's a lot to say about Melchizedek and the high priesthood of God of Christ but he's struggling as to how to do this because that strong meat and they're not ready for it in fact they actually need milk they need to be mollycoddled and treated like babies because they're completely misunderstood the foundation and he wants to build on this foundation so he says here so I can't give you strong me for everyone that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness for he is a babe so there's a skill that is developed in other word of righteousness but people who use milk have no idea what this is that there's at the very basic sort of conceptual level where they're just beginning to understand the Word of God and that's okay if you're new and the truth were we've all been there but after being on the truth for some time unless we're being hypocritical after being on the truth this is something we practice it's something about we do it's not something that we just sit back and just have things read to us we've gotta be studying for ourselves and then we've got to be doing what we learn and you wanna process we become skilled in the word of righteousness it's not just talk it's not just concepts it's a wisdom about life and living so he says you know people who are used well they are unskillful in the word but strong meat belongs to them that are of full age even those listen to this but the contrast with those who use milk

they you know those who use milk what did he say

they're unskilled in the word of righteousness but strongly belongs to them that are full age even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil so we're in the world that's upside down and evil is good and good is evil and that the news media is just constantly putting images in front of us and then telling us what to think about those images and Hollywood is constantly putting images in front of us and hijacking our thought process and pulling us along emotionally and suddenly will understand all kinds of evil there's a there's a reason for it and like well yeah if I was in that situation you know I would be like that too and then when we go to school the university professors are dumping this evil into our art art the minds of our children and so it's just all over Max Horkheimer her work her makuu's a Eric from all of us of Frankfurt School and cultural Marxists they were so clever these are the social engineers the social scientists that have engineered our society and they are playing for keeps and they're playing on a big big scale and we have one idea what's how come to us and we are demoralized and this

communist spy KGB spy didn't work away and came to the west I think his name is Yuri

Esmond off he said their first stages that they're there they plan to take Western society through it and the first stage is demoralization D memorialization we generalize that olive oil is in the UK and the whole people are demoralized they don't stand up for

anything they don't they don't man they don't believe in anything and their morals are completely turned upside down and inside out so the dimerization is the first stage the second stage he says was destabilization and so now we're bringing all these people from third world countries who don't believe in Christ and must find there should be some charity we should be happy to help people come into the process nations of a prosperous based on judeo-christian principles we should be happy to help them but when we burn them in by the hundreds of thousands and and overtime by the millions with no checks and balances with no expectation that they assimilate we just say hey your culture is as good as ours in fact your culture is bad we have so much we can learn from you so much we can learn from you not nothing then they bring their values and they crush ours and and everything and now there's going to be conflict so destabilization is the next stage and then the third stage is crisis so when all of these people are all overwhelming and society and burgers don't matter and now there's going to be crisis and lawlessness will abound and in the moment the prices people who are demoralized calafate and when we don't have borders anymore we're all a tribal we're not going to fight for our country were going to fight for our tribe and so after crisis the fourth stage you said is the normalization that's when they can finally introduce their totalitarian system and this is something that they have planned for decades they think in 50-year plans I can hardly think in three year plans but they plan in terms of 50 year cycles and so we're in this process now we madman from

demoralization and he said it takes about 20 years demoralize while we burn out this for 50 60 70 years now we're moving into destabilization and that's part of this whole moving people from all over the world to and into the Western nations to bleed we don't to bring those nations up want to bring the Western nations down and then once we do that and they come with diseases and then there's going to be crisis and then when the economy collapses you know we brought jobs to these people gonna take and when we while it prospers yeah let them kind but once we don't have bread on the table that people go animalistic they go primal and so crisis is coming and then then the government has to step in and put down martial law and all of these different dog minds and mechanisms to provide quote-unquote safety and coming with that is the totalitarian system but if we are using the scriptures and sticking to the moral code and compass of the Scriptures we don't go along with any of this we can actually see the evil and you can call it good but we're gonna call it what it is it's either so now we come into chapter 6 that we have to be willing to receive the meat and we do that by actually not being hypocrites but on what the Word of God says now he says in chapter 6 therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on unto perfection so remember just back here he said you have made that one teach you again which be the first principles of the Oracles of God so this is this is the first principles of the love of God's truth this is Christ that he's speaking of so yeah this whole new day is a new day Judaic platform that you

have all of it was pointing to Christ and you didn't understand that so we're at the level of milk we'd have to really go over these basics with you again so that you can understand it was all pointing to Christ why man I'm going to be at the level of strong might so that we can tell you about the order of Melchisedec and then he says in chapter 66 therefore removing the principles of the doctrine of Christ that so these fundamentals we need to move on let us go on unto perfection let us go on into completion let's go on into maturity come on guys how long again the Damned repeat great one let's let's move on this there's more to learn catch up now don't get stuck a great one and just keep repeating grade one so he says let us but for leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on unto perfection not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works oh so this is something guys yeah how many times how much time do we spend building the foundation you build the foundation so that you can build the superstructure on top of it so he says here come on guys let's move on let's not lay again so he says you have need of milk there's what the foundation is milk I should have to lay again foundation of repentance from dead works all of us they should know from from Judaism all of this is what John taught not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God of the doctrine of washings the high priest throughout the different washings and they're all symbolic and of laying on of hands and of the resurrection of the Dead and of eternal judgment they said guys let's move on ok

can we can we stop repeating wait one let's go on unto perfection not laying the foundation again and he says and I'm this will we do so he's serious he wants to move on and teach them this this is sort of higher level knowledge this he wants to get into the spiritual meat and so he says no I'm not gonna go back over the milk so you have need of milk but come on guys let's let's go on and he says this we will do but then he adds if God permits

so he's not sure if we're ears will be opened he says you've become a dull of hearing I got a lot to say to you about Melchizedek and this high I go I have a lot of money to give you and your on we just don't have time to repeat grade one anymore let's go on let's go on to the higher knowledge and we're going to do this if God permits it's really whether or not you grasp this is not up to me and it up to my teaching skills and ability its whether God will have mercy on you and allow you to retain this knowledge so we're going to go on I am going to go ahead and I'm going to teach you about Melchizedek the whether you grasp it or not is not up to me it's up to God and why is he not sure whether or not God will permit who explains and this is again we're in this now we're coming into the kind of controversial passage in Hebrews where those who believe once saved always saved get all freaky with these couple of verses and they start to do all kinds of gymnastics to try to make it say to what it doesn't say we're just going to read it for what it says and we're going to read it in the context of the letter everything that goes beginning in chapter one how the father's failed and how we are being communicated to by the son himself and

how the father's failed through unbelief and that's our risk but there is this rest that is still outstanding and so we have to little bit to enter into that rest and we need to consider the superiority of the messenger and if God punished our the father's so severely for not believing in the prophets how much more is he going to punish us for not believing the son so we have to consider how superior the Apostle is the messenger as the son is but then also wants us to consider the Sun is high priest that even though we are struggling with unbelief even though we are struggling with fear and we know that the fearful and the unbelieving are gonna be thrown into the lake of fire so we don't want that well you know what we have a high priest and we can go to this high priest and he wants us to understand just how superior this high priestess and that this high priest is of the order of Melchizedek and he's going to explain this this strong meat but whether they grasp it or not is up to God because he doesn't know how far gone they are and so they want to repent they need to discern this evil that they are considering by turning their back on Christ and they can't even see that they think it's a good thing that they're doing by going back to Judaism and Paul is telling this is an evil thing you're considering it isn't great evil to turn your back on Christ and so let me tell you about your high priest and I now you need to do this but if God permits the Loxley grasp it why why of God permits for it is impossible oh my god seems that all God can do anything no God cannot do anything there are some

no God cannot do anything there are some things that are impossible and we're

going to read later that it's impossible for God to lie it's impossible God cannot lie so God cannot do everything you cannot lie and here it is impossible for those who were once enlightened so you can just kind of see sure that there are those who have turned their back on Christ and their God and now our the Hebrews that he's speaking to is saying you know what those who are gone it's impossible to turn them around and and it begins to explain why why is it impossible it is impossible for those and any now explains their situation and you know there's one I forget his name the coppersmith or one of them that he says his forsaken me having loved this present world and so there are those that have forsaken the faith of forsaken Christ and he says for it is impossible for those who were and he's going to give no six conditions that if these six conditions are met it's impossible to help these people the first one is that they were once enlightened the second one is they have tasted of the heavenly gift amidst this world in the middle explain this last time couple weeks ago it's the Greek word Kai they've translated it here and and is a good translation but what's missing in the translation of the word and is the sense of the accumulation so Kai in the Greek has more of a sense of we're not up on top of it's this Plus this Plus this Plus this so it's a sense of accumulation and so that's what he's explaining here that those who are accumulating those conditions that when all six are taken together then it's a man becomes impossible to to save them so they were once enlightened they had the holy spirit that were enlightened

they can to understand the plan of God they've tasted of the heavenly gift so this gift of the holy spirit they've tasted a bit they were made partakers of the Holy Spirit so they have the knowledge of God they've been made partakers of the Holy Spirit and they've tasted the good word of God and the powers of the world to come so this these are clearly people who are on the calling who are in the church they've tasted of of the good word of God and the powers of the world to God and then in verse 6 I disagree with this translation here with the word if it's the same Greek word Kai so the same way they've translated at end in the first five conditions they should have translated it and as well so it's the sense of accumulation this is the final building block then if they satisfy this condition as well which they obviously have that the ones that Paul this is speaking of that and they have fallen away so they've all these conditions and they have fallen away it's impossible now to annoy them again unto repentance these were brethren that were in the truth and they've already turned they've gone and so Paul is saying you know I'm gonna teach you about Melchizedek I'm gonna give you strong meat if God wills because if you've already if you have gone too far then you know that's that between you and God so he says and they have fallen away so these people who have fallen into these six conditions their God that there's no hope for them to remove them again unto repentance why so they crucified to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame so that whole crucifixion process of

shame that Christ went through all of that they're saying means nothing to them so Christ just did all of that for vanity sake for a fer if there's no there's no value in what he's done and now for them to be saved again they must be there's more other there's nothing else only the blood of Christ can serve them and so they've already rejected the blood of Christ so what is God to do now is he to send Christ again and have him crucified again so that we can draw his blood again this is can we cannot do this he says and just jumping ahead to chapter 10 just to add me where he's gonna just clarify even more what he's saying here so just think of what we just read in chapter 6 in the context now of 10 for if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth there remains no more sacrifice four cities that you've accepted it's the one sacrifice for sins there's nothing else after this except a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries so the wrath of God is coming upon this earth the wrath of God is coming upon his adversaries including the devil and the Passover is all about accepting crisis propitiation the appeasement of this wrath that the wrath will pass over us through Christ but if they reject to Christ there's nothing else there's nothing else then we'll have to face the wrath of God so so if they have these six conditions it's impossible to renew them again to repentance so they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame and many way into this metaphor analogy where he speaks about the earth and last

time we looked at this week he was harkening back to Isaiah 5 where the earth is Israel and he says for the earth which drinks in the rain so he's explaining now how it's impossible to remarry these that have rejected Christ and now he's elaborating on it by saying for the earth which drinks in the rain that comes often upon it and brings forth herbs appropriate for them by whom it is dressed receives blessing from God so there's a purpose for sending the rain and the rain brings abundance of crop that an abundant abundance of fruits and vegetables and there's this abundant harvest because of the rain and God sends the rain and so that's what the earth does it drinks in the rain and then it bears fruit but that which bears thorns and Brewers is rejected and is near unto cursing whose and is to be burned so that's where we saw earlier revelation that it's the faithless the faithful and the unbelieving their end is to be burned because God is expecting a harvest and so this this garden that he set up called Israel specifically Judah he is selling although everything he can do to make it prosperous and if it will not bear fruit while you know what it tends to be burned that's that's the end and so this is where he's saying you know if God permits it's not up to me you guys have to make the decision that you want God that you accept Christ but you're not going to turn your back on Christ and then having made that decision God is going to send rain and if we give you everything you need to be successful but if you have hardened your heart and vou don't care about Christ then when God sends the rain this is going to bounce onto the earth

it's not going to be absorbed and so this is between you and God but I'm telling you I'm gonna I'm gonna go on we're gonna go on but get yourself right with God so that you can receive the rain and you know again to kind of fast forward now to the 21st century in Luke 21 Christ warns us that we must watch therefore and pray always that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man sir here during the 21st century 2,000 years later facing a very similar crisis to what the Hebrews faced it's not a punish yet but it's coming very fast and when we will look at this passage in Luke 21 to say only we can escape everything I just have to get on my knees and pray that I can escape all of these terrible things and you know it's as if to say that you know God women wants me to be a coward and so when I see all these horrible things on the horizon I'm gonna probe God and ask them to help me be a coward so that I can escape everything and this runs counter to the entire message of the of the New Testament where it's all about overcoming it's all about standing up for God and then committed to God and we must fighter for God and not a coward and yet we're happy to interpret this passage as a passage that has given us permission to be cowardly and I want to say that that is not what Christ is saying here that runs counter to is the exact opposite of what he say so it's to be accounted worthy to escape all these things remember me read earlier in Matthew that he says his coming is like a thief he's not a thief but his coming is like a thief and all these things that precede his appearance these this is the thief these are the

things that will take faith from the believers and so Saeng want us pray to escape the snare of the devil that all of these things that are going to happen is that are gonna cause you money to abandon their beliefs it's gonna cause me to become betrayers and so one was pray that we can navigate all of this and try this navigation stand before the Son of Man this is not a license to become cowards this is a an encouragement to be courageous and no matter what comes at us to endure to the end and when we don't have to go any far to understand what this means we can stay within the the very chapter of Luke 21 let's just go up to the top in verse 8 he says be careful take heed that you are not deceived this this deception is the sliminess onslaught of deception and we have to be worthy to escape all of these this deception all of this trial so that we can stand before the Son of man we have to endure to the end so taking that you're not deceived because men are going to come in his name saying I am Christ so the moment somebody opens their mouth and says I am a representative of Jesus Christ red flag red flag I'm sorry you don't get the benefit of doubt I only get the benefit of the doubt no one gets the benefit of the doubt the minute you say you're a minister for Christ we open the Bible and we compare whatever we're saying to what the Word of God actually says now when we care who you are we don't care what you see your credentials are the only thing that matters to us is are we speaking from the Word of God because we're in a time of deception no no one gets the benefit though so just cuz you say Christ is

Christ doesn't matter the devil is gonna save us so they're gonna come saying that he is the Messiah and notice what else they're gonna say and the time draws the year they're going to be stimulating fear when are we talking about a place of safety or come on come with me to the place of safety Christ says don't go after them don't focally stand your ground stand your ground so things are going crazy no fear though we're in a time of crisis there's violence of lawlessness everywhere and they're saying come with Christ is Lord come with us Christ says don't go stand your ground but when you shall hear of wars and commotions do not be terrified so there's going to be all of this crisis civil war global war on the global scene and people are gonna be saying

come with us to a place a safety crisis thing don't go with them instead when you see all of this do not be terrified this is a command stand your ground do not be terrified so these things must first come to pass but the end is not vet so don't follow these false teachers the do what Christ says he says stand your ground so they don't come saying I'm gonna saya because they come with us we're on our way to Peter I wanna race somewhere to avoid all these things and Christ the same with the same Chrysler says pray that you're accounted worthy to escape all of these things when these things happen he says stand your ground don't go don't run don't and don't be terrified because these things have to happen but that is not yet but before all these substandard and before all these things happen they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you don't run don't run stand your ground and don't

believe people who say that on Christ and then say to you come on let's run stand your ground because all of you follow these things that gonna lay their hands on you they're gonna persecute you so here we're coming into the reality of the Hebrews this is why the Hebrews wanted to turn their back on Christ and while we have to we have to learn from them and this is all about understanding Christ as our high priest it's all about belief in his word and his religious promises so they're gonna lay their hands on you they're gonna persecute you delivering you up to the assemblies and into prisons and then we're kind of beginning to see this mechanism flexing its muscle with the way they've just abducted Tommy Robinson and within a matter of hours had him off the street and in prison for thirteen months no jury no deliberation no access to legal to his own legal counsel a gag order on the press so that they can't report on it this is just the machinery ramping up and so Christ is telling us yep this is what's going to happen they're going to deliver up them into prison being brought before kings and rulers from my namesake so if you run if you great the people who say come with us it's time to flee then this is not gonna happen for you and you know what you will have missed a huge opportunity being a coward will limit your opportunity to serve God because he says you're going to be brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake and that's why again that passage him from Paul what he was saying in Hebrews by now you ought to be teachers this is so important because every member of the body needs to testify Christ and so any

one of us can be brought before kings and rulers because of Christ for his name's sake and those who ran off those who were cowards will miss this opportunity he says don't run stand around don't be terrified at the end is not yet here's what's going to happen and then he says it shall turn to you for a testimony this is opportunity this is the opportunity of a lifetime this he says in through Daniel that those who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars in heaven for ever and ever

don't trade the opportunity to shine for ever and ever for bowl of soup that some false master is sad to you I have the direct connection to God and when it's time to flee he's gonna whisper in my ear and I'll tell you to buy with plan tickets and we'll all fly off to Petra this is absolute nonsense that's the opposite of what Christ to say Christ is saying stand your ground I need you stand your ground up don't be terrified are you need to be courageous stand your ground and then this is what's going to happen they're gonna come after you and you may end up in prison and they don't have front of kings and rulers for my name's sake and it's going to be the opportunity time for you I'm orchestrating this so that I can't bless you and you're going to shine like the stars in heaven forever and ever and oh yeah the fearful and the under those who didn't believe me

yeah they'll be thrown in the lake of fire but for those who obey me and are able to be accounted worthy to stand before me this is what's gonna happen I need you to testify on my behalf so it says here settle it therefore in your

heart's not to meditate before what you shall answer for I I I'm looking for this I'm looking for people who help backbone I'm looking for people who believe in me and looking for people who can discern good and evil so I can work through them and I can't are worried I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all her adversaries shall not be able to gain say nor resist they went up they cannot talk back to you we're just going to have all the answers you're gonna be digesting the strong meat and you can discern good and evil and you'll be able to preach Christ and whatever they say will say no actually the word says this and that's what this is who God is looking for stand your ground because I need witnesses only people who will testify of me and the very example of this this Stephen the first martyr he's that God God promises that he'll give us a mouth and wisdom that nobody can resist starvin full of faith and power did great wonders and miracles among the people and notice they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke Christ is looking for Stevens not for cowards and also people first saw in the trouble that moves that panic they turn their full of anxiety and they flee God is looking for people who believe him and as we move into this destabilization and crisis we were expecting it as we move into a lawlessness we were expecting it as we were going to betrayal we were expecting it and we know the Word of God is true we stand our ground and that creates opportunity for us to testify and we don't have to premeditate what we're going to say God is just gonna fill us with the Holy Spirit and we're just gonna preach and then people

are gonna hear this preaching to this day people are still inspired to righteousness by Stephens example Stephens gonna shine like the stars in heaven because he's turned many to righteousness those that hold him in the day and thousands of years later through the thousands of years those who've been inspired by his example and this is the opportunity that Christ wants to give us if we're bold and courageous and so they start people and they caught him and they got into the talents of a nice thunder and he called upon God saying Lord Jesus receive my spirit here's the question here's the question Stephen was martyred do you think he was accounted worthy to stand before Christ this is what it means that he followed God he didn't not back down he was brought before the assembly he was accused wrongfully he stood his ground and God gave him a mouth and wisdom that couldn't resist and then he said Lord receive my spirit with confidence Lord Jesus receive my spirit not double-minded who are willing to be sober and vigilant because our adversary the devil as a roaring lion is walking about seeking whom he may devour and that's what Christ is telling us pray that you can escape all these things because the devil our adversary is clever and the coming all of this process is like a thief it's all designed to take our faith from us when ice below we must appeal to our high priest we must ask them to help us with our unbelief to give us boldness and courage so that we can navigate all of this and avoid the wiles of the devil coming back to Hebrews so that which bears thorns and bears is rejected we don't want to be rejected and it's

nylons cursing whose ends to be burnings of cowards and unbelieving to be burned but then he says this but beloved so that's the category of those who rejected Christ let me love it we are persuaded of that be persuaded better things of you so that's a various that have rejected Christ here we are this congregation Paul is saying you know I'm Carolyn and you if God permits it that's that's what's that their end but we're persuaded the better things of you now things that accompany salvation we're not worried about persecution we will be looking at the ultimate outcome and we're concerned about salvation and we are we see that you were going to be in this category we this is how we're thinking about you that you're going to be successful even though we have to win here we have to learn yet but our confidence is that you're gonna you're gonna snap out of this depravity that you're falling into and wise pulse' confident for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which you have showed toward his name in the name of minister to the Saints and do minister so this is like an acid test in the scripture for the love of God if we love God we love his people if we love God we serve his people and anybody who says they love God but hate his brother he's a liar and the lovely God is not in here so appalled haven't seen how much they have little bird for the Brethren and for the name of God and how they serve the Saints saying you know what that's that's the plea to me that you're gonna pull through this and that you know I said if God permits but the fact that you have blessed God's people the way you have I goddess for you he's gonna help you and that's why we can be

persuaded

better things concerning you versus those that have turned away from God and we desire that every one of you be sure the same diligence to the full assurance of hope into the end every one of you that we're not looking I'm thinking while there's a category of you that are in front of us here that you know what you're lost

no we desire all of you show the same diligence to full assurance of hope unto the end it's not about the present day we have to endure to the end we have to see the ultimate outcome we have to have that assurance of hope to the end and that's what Christ says to us in Revelation that he comes quickly and his reward is with him to give every man according as his work shall be so this is our vision the end when Christ finally appears we cross the finish line this is the assurance that were working toward this movie the in between yeah stuff is gonna happen it's the end it's the finish line that were pressing toward the first resurrection then you be not slothful so don't be lazy err don't neglect to the salvation open the Bible study it and do what it says so don't be slothful but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises in other words they believe the Word of God and even though they had to suffer we're going to see in Hebrews 11 somewhere sawn in two but they believe the promises they held on no matter what and this is what we have to have that full assurance of hope into the end we have to endure unto the end we have to get through this very difficult period later bring now rest is not now

this is not the time to rest this is not

the time to be lazy this is the time to work this is the time to testify and so through faith and patience mean had they inherited the promise that's what we have to do and Johnny in revelation 1:9 remember says he is our brother and our companion in tribulation so he went through it too and so he's with us in tribulation but not just tribulation he's also our brother and companion in the kingdom that's the outcome that's what we're striving toward and in between it's about the patience of Jesus Christ so we have to have this patience because we know the outcome and we know there's difficulty in the middle but it's all about the outcome it's all about the end and so he said that he was in the isle called putnis one for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ all those who may in Christ will suffer persecution and so this is our job this is the lil Umbra now we have to testify Christ and it's hard and it's painful and there's suffering associated with it but that's the labor there's no rest rest comes after this is the you have to have patience during the labor with the labor pains we have to be patient because there's gonna be a birth and that's the outcome that we're striving towards so in Revelation remember he says here is the patience of the saints here are they that keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus so we have to have this vision of the outcome that Christ is coming and he's coming with wrath and it's going to crush the adversaries and this is the patience that we have that okay you have your day now every dog has his day the other day now beasts and all those who go along

with you but Christ is coming and the rest is coming the Sabbath rest is coming and that's the best our day that's the day that were striving towards back to Hebrews he says for when God made promise to Abraham and I'm just looking at the time here let me just go both get through this so that we can get on to Hebrews 7 the strong meat that Paul wants to get into he says for when God made promise to Abraham promise because he could swear by no greater he swore by himself so he will promise to Abraham and he couldn't swear by anything greater so he swore by himself saying surely blessing I will bless you and multiplying or multiply you and so that account is in Genesis

22 the angel Lord called the over him out of heaven the second time saying by myself have I sworn since the Lord so because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son your only Son and today what he would say to us is because we have done this thing and not withheld our life our only life therefore in blessing he's going to bless us so it's so you know there's this promise to Abraham which depends upon his progeny and he only has this one son Isaac it of promise and yet he did not withhold it and there's this promise of rest to us but we're going to have this life and yet the scripture says the faithful love not their life unto the death all we're going to do is testify Christ and God is gonna respond the same way that we believed in the promise that the same way Abraham would have this sort of tough mental mental calculus to say you must be able to bring Isaac back to life because he promised and we would have

that same sort of calculus to say he must be able to bring us back to life because he promised this rest is promised to us so he says in blessing I will bless you in and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is upon the seashore and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies and in your seats all the nations of the earth be blessed because you have obeyed my voice so he swore this by himself so then Paul says and so after he had patiently endured this is the labor this thing we knew was labor to enter into the promise so it comes after so after he had patiently endured he obtained the promise and in enrollments he writes as it is written I've made you a father of many nations before him whom he believed even God who gives life to the dead and calls those things which be as though they were which me not as though they were listen to this who against hope believed in hope this is what the Hebrews had to do this is what Paul was encouraging Hebrews to do against hope believed in hope that the situation looks hopeless when we have the Word of God and so in a situation looks hopeless we have the Word of God who against hope believed in hope that he might become the father of many nations according to that which was spoken so shall your seed be and being not weak in faith he considered not his own body now dead when he was about a hundred years old neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief so our fathers they staggered through unbelief with Abraham the father and faithful the hold the whole plan is founded on Abraham's faith because he

had a promise from God he did not stagger he was strong in faith giving glory to God and I'm fully persuaded what he had promised he was able also to perform and this is what we have to be that what he promises he can do and therefore is imputed to him for righteousness now it was not looking for his sake alone that it was imputed to him when he wasn't worth living for him let's let us also to whom it shall be imputed if they believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead so so this was witnessed the whole promise and the concept of believe on the promise and that and God swearing was not just written for Abraham but it was written for us if we believe on him that raised up Jesus from the dead and so he says I'm still going back to Hebrews after he ate dirt he enjoyed a he he obtained the promise from men verily swear by the greater and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife we're in God willing more abundantly to show until the illnesses promise the immutability of his counsel confirmed it by a nose so that's what he's saying in Romans that this was not just written for Abraham but for us and so a god lying really really wanted to show us the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness plan because of that he confirmed it by an oath that's why he confirmed it by an oath that by Charlie in multiple things so there are two immutable things here in which it's impossible for God to lie so it's only it's impossible for him to restore those who fall into those six conditions but here's something else that's impossible it's impossible for God to lie and now we have two immutable

things two things that cannot change both of which it's impossible for God to lie this is the confidence that we have to have in his word we might have strong comfort who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us so our fleeing is a spiritual fleeing into the Word of God the women lay hold upon the hope that is set before us he says which hope we have sorry so it is so all of this this promise is a strong consolation that's two things that to you know the promise in the oath it's impossible so we'll have reflected for refuse to hold upon the hope set before us which hope we have as an anchor of the soul this is why we do not flee this is why we don't run this is why we're not cowards it's because of the strength of this promise and we have this as a this hope as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast so while all of this tossing chaotic villages the instability and everybody's losing their heads were anchored because of this promise confirmed by an oath and which enters into that within the veil he says behold I come quickly so from revelation blessed is he that

keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book this is all based upon the promises to Abraham and we just gonna wish not hold on she says which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast which enters into that which is in the veil and now he comes back to where he really wants to go and he says where the forerunner is for us entered even Jesus made a high priest forever after the order of melchizedek and this is what he wants us to consider this is what he wants the Hebrews to consider this is the strong light and he says I'm gonna go on and limit them and

give you this strongly and if God permits you'll receive it but this is what we have to understand that we have Jesus who came from heaven to earth allowed himself to be slaughtered took his blood as our high priest to the Father to be the propitiation of all sin and as long as we understand who he is and his power and his desire for us we are going to be successful we are going to get through this so now Paul is ready now to launch into the strong meat of the order of Melchizedek and God willing that's what we'll cover next week Jesus is Lord is also our high priest