## 58-Hebrews-14-Transcript

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look at afternoon brethren oh it gave me I should say and welcome to another Bible study let me just get my sound working here and over up to Hebrews 11 reads to be touched on Hebrews 11 last week we're gonna God willing finish it this evening

this of course is the faith chapter let's open with a word of Prayer and then get straight into tonight's study our Heavenly Father we come before you and we we just want to praise You Father we want to thank you so much we are truly blessed we are truly blessed father you have spoken to man you've spoken to man repeatedly and in these last days you've spoken to us through your holy son and we just praise You Father that we acknowledge him we recognize him

we honor him we glorify Him and we thank you Father for this wonderful study that we have of the book of Hebrews we thank you for inspiring the Apostle that this was a very difficult time for our Hebrew brethren 2,000 years ago and because of that circumstance and because of Paul's wisdom and insight but we now have this word that we can study to face what is shaping our Father in our day now to be very difficult we pray for more of your Holy Spirit we pray for more wisdom we ask you to bless our study now and we ask this in Jesus Most Holy Name iczer brethren as we get started I just want to make a note that next week I'll be traveling I should be back in time God willing to do the study but just to be safe we're going to start the study

at 7 p.m. central 8 p.m. Eastern and God willing everything will work out and we'll have our study I'd rather do that then put it off and just let's keep the momentum as we wind down this wonderful book of Hebrews so a reminder next week we'll start half an hour later with that let's let's get into tonight's study Hebrews 11 and I want to remind you last week when we looked at this what we saw was that well we saw last week was that the Apostle spent a lot of time in the first in the opening chapters of the book talking about faith faithlessness faithfulness belief unbelief just a lot of discussion around faith and then he breaks off he takes a hiatus chapter 7 8 and 9 he does not discuss faith and then all of a sudden beginning in 10 11 and 12 it's just back and it becomes back with a vengeance talking about the importance of faith and what we said is that this is by design that 7 8 and 9 he's really focusing on why we can have faith why we can have confidence because Jesus Christ is our high priest and he is extraordinary is superior to anything even imaginable and this is who we have in our corner this high priest this this remarkable high priest of the order of Melchizedek and so because Jesus is our high priest now he really wants to drive home the point that he's been making around faith so the the key point here that we want to make is that Hebrews 11 which were studying the faith chapter isn't just a wonderful chapter in a vacuum and that we could take an out of Hebrews and throw it in Romans take it out of Hebrews and in Corinthians when who cares which book it's in because it's just a wonderful book about faith no we care which book

it is in it is rightfully placed in the book of Hebrews and we cannot read it unless we we cannot fully understand it or appreciate it unless we understand and appreciate it within the context of the argument that the Apostle is making so let's just have a quick review of the Apostles argument and just highlight just a quick few verses of the Apostles argument and then we'll get what we'll use that to cascade into Hebrews 11 so he says here to take heed brethren going back there going back to chapter books or pick up his argument in chapter 3 where he says take heed brethren beware be careful pay attention take heed brethren lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief so he was making this argument about how the fathers were unfaithful how they didn't believe God how they didn't believe in his promise and and they incurred his wrath and then he says to us lo be careful don't don't you fall into this trap as well there be an evil heart of unbelief this can happen to any of us he says in any of you there's no category here where we can say oh you're safe don't worry your your you know your your your once saved always saved there's no issue for you know any of you anybody doesn't happen to anybody he himself said he's afraid that he may after preaching to others he himself should be cast aside so take heed brethren lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the Living God this is the key note this is what this book is all about this is why the faith chapter is in this book because of the risk of the Hebrews turning aside from their faith instead exhort one another daily while it is called today lest any of you be hardened

through the deceitfulness of so while it's called today make sure brethren that you are protecting yourself and really protecting each other from this evil heart of unbelief so exhort one another daily like this is urgent don't let a day go by that you are not exhorting one another in this time of crisis while it's call today while we have the time because the deadline is coming the deadline is approaching the finish line is approaching and when

it's over it's over there's no rewind so exhort one another daily while it is called today

he says lest there lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin and that's what he saw that setting in to the Hebrew brethren or in the Hebrew community 2000 years ago these things are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world have come so he says goes on to say we are made partakers of crisis so there's no reason for us to be hardened by sin the deceitfulness of sin because we are made partakers of Christ if if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end and this is what Christ himself said he who endures to the end will be saved not everybody will be saved just because you're in the community that that's no guarantee you'll be saved we've got to cross the finish line in faith Christ tells us he that endures to the end will be saved and then he gives us the book of Revelation to say look this is what you have to endure this is what you have to get through toughen up your spine grow some Christian backbone because the time ahead is tough and we've got to endure to the end and it's a proving ground do

we really believe God and so we must hold our confidence steadfast unto the end then he says in chapter 4 let us labor therefore to enter into that rest let's labor to enter into that rest lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief look at the fathers God spoke in various ways and at different times in adverse ways to our fathers through the prophets and look what happened to them look how they failed catastrophically look how they were punished and now God speaking to us through his son let's not follow those bad examples let's follow the good examples so lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief this is what's on Paul's mind it's all about faith it's all about faith in the risk of faithlessness the risk of unbelief he says let us therefore come and I'm just picking snippets here to follow the flow of his argument let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need and I know this is a one of those sort of memory verses that people just love to quote because it's just so encouraging but again we have to keep things in context and the context here is the Hebrews are facing persecution it's an intense persecution possibly fatal and they're their turn there they're considering or some of them already have and others are now considering turning their back on Christ and in that context understanding who Christ is what the promise is what we're a part of that we just have to do this and have trust and confidence in Christ in that context let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace it's a throne of grace that we may obtain mercy

and find grace to help in time of need and that time of need is now that time of need is a time of persecution and I don't know if you've noticed but the world is changing Christianity is being demoted and other pagan religions are being promoted the name of Christ can be desecrated and the name of pagan gods must be honored so this is the time that we are in now and we just have to come to our high priest and ask for mercy ask for strength ask for confidence and just in the news actually this week or just in the last couple of days the news that Alex Jones has been deep platformed all the major social media platforms have all colluded and agreed that he does not deserve free speech because he's been accused of hate speech and if you're familiar with Alex Jones he's somewhat of a conspiracy theory guy but he does speak a lot of interesting things I have listened to a couple of his podcasts and he's insightful at times at other times he's provocative at other times he's entertaining and sometimes frankly he's iust gone too far and in the case of the Sandy Hook situation very early on he came out saying the whole thing was a farce that it was I think I think he calls it false flags and false flag and he just accused the whole thing of being false and people lost loved ones they lost their children in this tragedy you know he recanted he apologized but he's being sued and that's appropriate that if we say things that are you know lawsuit worthy then we have to face the consequences and he's willingly facing those consequences in dealing with that but that does not mean that these private companies have the right to just

deep Platform him to make him a non-person to digitally burn his books and I not provide alternative alternative viewpoints that you know I when I study the Holocaust and I study Nazi Germany I wonder why did these people just go along with this well part of it is they didn't have a counter-narrative there was no counter-narrative there was just one narrative there was only one viewpoint and everybody around you is accepting that viewpoint and there's no other viewpoint will be tolerated and so you know that's what's happening now is there's only one viewpoint if you don't share the common viewpoint you're labeled hate speech as if we can regulate there there's really no such thing as hate speech there's there's just this free speech it is offensive speech but in a society that honors free speech we allow the marketplace of ideas to sort out what makes sense and what doesn't make sense so he's been deep platformed we mustn't think that this is only him he's just he's just a harbinger of what's coming you know first they came for Alex Jones and then they came for plug your name it so everybody who's supporting like great wonderful he's deep platformed hey you're gonna be deep platformed as well and and you know maybe they'll turn your electricity off maybe they'll turn your water off because you they don't you don't have the right opinions and quite curious that it's happening just as the u.s. is coming up for an election but I also want to so that's one point Alex Jones the other point we've talked about on this Bible study is Tommy Robinson who's finally been released but he made a statement to the media actually before

I go there I want to share with you something called the on line hate index and just go ahead and take a listen to this and just think about what just happened to Alex Alex Jones I think his name is Alex Jones and then see we'll combine that with or just Park that and then digest digest this ADL in the University of California at Berkeley ste lab have been working to develop a new approach to tackle online he using the latest

the goal of the online heat index is to help tech platforms better understand the growing amount of heat on social media and to use that information to address the problem by combining artificial intelligence and machine learning the social science the online heat index will ultimately uncover and identify trends and patterns in each stage across different platforms we've just completed our first phase of research and we found that the machine learning model identified hate speech accurately between 78 and 85 percent of the time in the next phase of our project we will look at specific targeted populations in a morgue we'll examine content on multiple social media sites and we'll identify strategies to deploy the model more run while there's still a long way to go with artificial intelligence and machine learning based solutions we believe the online heat index will help tech companies better understand the extent of hateful content on their platforms by creating community based I think you get the idea there and again let's just start putting two and two together here when these are the large tech companies that are basically monopolies can just de platform anybody that they like and

just make you a non-person and then they can combine this with artificial intelligence to really search all of the data that's out there on their platforms and and just hunt down anybody who speaks opposite to the narrative the official narrative that they want to support it your deep platform your books are burning ad element this is where you're headed and ultimately it's all increasing your it's all totalitarian and it's all heading towards the prophecies of NARAS 30 X in the Book of Revelations I just want to take a moment just have you listen to the different tones Robbie since you may not have heard actually that but if I saw I found it on YouTube if you search for the online hate index on I forget who it was well somebody who actually combined what they did with the 1984 movie so that you can just see that everything that George predicted research would be a special militarism identified communism socialism democratic socialism is all happening I call him a sexually started project he

could actually see into the future and see where we were and absolutely we have crossed I think we passed social point of may turn but I want you now to listen to this clip from Tony Robbins personally release time vindication kazakh highest judges you case Judge Jeffrey Morris their reasoning is Safi Khan is an appropriate it was a community instruction on Tony Robinson should have never been in jail the whole thing should have been done properly but listen to this clip from Tommy Robinson should be in prison and on a kangaroo court on which I'm not being funny though it was video evidence for the world to watch to see if they

want or should be in prison bomb literally on the way now on traveling to the studio to sit with to sit and talk about these issues and hopefully to the American audience this should act as a warning if I look at him he's lost 40 pounds in two months as you can see is traumatized the path that I think the whole West is going on yeah actually looks like he's studying from i suffering from the STD I say sir it's so I'm not sure if you could hear everything he was saying there but the poor guy you know this the speed with which he was arrested it's brought to trial sentenced and sent down sent to prison and and treated in the worst way I heard somebody who actually served in

than Tommy Robinson a political prisoner it's just if you've research it the way he was treated

Guantanamo Bay we said the prisoners in Guantanamo Bay were treated far better

Tommy Robinson represents all of us who are not going along with the mainstream narratives who are Christian who believe in human standards human values that young girl should not be gang raped that this is wrong and we want to stand up against that dealt with swiftly but the actual perpetrators are mollycoddled they're dealt with patiently it's a different culture we don't understand this is wild and this is where we're heading and this is why we have this book of Hebrews that times are going to be very difficult ahead and we need to have faith we need this is the book of about faith how important it is to have faith and so we have to come boldly to the throne of grace to obtain the mercy and find the grace we need to be

successful and then he says we desire that every one of you shall show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end so again everyone all of them the whole community is desiring that they're going to see it through to the end have full assurance and confidence in verse 12 of 6 don't be slothful but be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises and so this is why Hebrews 11 is in the book of Hebrews that there are bad examples we can look at the forefathers and and just see how how what a disaster they were but there are examples of them who had faith and not just faith they also had patience things were not going well for them things were not going in their favor in fact visually all the data around them said the opposite of everything they believe is true but instead of going by sight they went by the Word of God it doesn't matter if everything around me says that nothing's going my way because I know it's all gonna go God's Way in time in time it's about faith combined with patience and this is why Hebrews 11 is in Hebrews we're in God willing more abundantly God really wants to do this to show unto the ears of promise that's us the whole Hebrew community we are the heirs of promise and God really really really really wants to show us the immutability of his counsel that when God lays down a plan absolutely no one can change his plan there's no need for him to be abrogating and trying to figure things out as he goes he just says this is how it's gonna go down and

period and so the faithful realize who it is we're dealing with the Creator the controller the architect of everything

and so his counsel his planning is immutable and because he wants us to understand that he confirms the promise to Abraham with an oath he doesn't do that for Abraham Abraham believed him he does it for us that by two immutable things the promise and then the oath on top of the promise so God cannot lie with his promise God cannot lie with his oath by two immutable things so he wants us to understand the immutability of his counsel by two immutable things in which it's impossible for God to lie we might have strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us so it's it's gonna be bad and you know I'm speaking now to us brethren here in 2018 it's not so bad we can see the signs it's definitely accelerating but you know pray God that this goes into an archive and sometime in the future brother or sisters listening to this and realizing they can have strong consolation in the Word of God regardless of how things appear regardless of what's happening around us that it's all about confidence in the Word of God and we lay we lay hold our refuge is the Word of God we lay hold upon the hope set before us how is that hope set before us by the Word of God by the Word of God it's all about confidence in God's Word so then we come into chapter 10 now the immediate coming into the context for chapter 11 let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering God's Word is God's Word it's immutable nobody can change nobody is more powerful than God to say I don't like your plan we're gonna change this even everything the devil does work Scott works towards God's plan never mind what mankind can do let us hold fast the profession of our faith

without wavering why because he's faithful the one that gave us these promises the one that gave the promise to Abraham then put an oath on top of it so that we could have strong confidence in the promise he's faithful he will do what he says he always has he always will and then verse 24 then we moved into this new consideration so he considered the Apostle who considered the high priest now he's asking us to consider one another that everything that he says that is fearful in nature that that we apply to ourselves we have to apply this to everyone in the community and rather than just thinking I must be saved we have to think everyone in this community needs to be in the kingdom with us we all need to cross the finish line together so let's consider one another to provoke unto love and good works as people start flagging as people start tiring as fatigue starts setting in we need to provoke each other call each other out help each other to agape and to work this this is a working calling it's not a calling that we sit back and just put our feet up and rest there's no rest now we're laboring for the rest the promises about Resta when he comes there will be rest for a thousand years and we're laboring to enter into that rest but we're laboring and so we need to encourage each other what are your gifts brother what are your gifts sister utilize them labor this is not the time to be comfortable it's a time to work he says cast not away therefore your confidence it's all about confidence in God's Word don't cast it away which has great recompense of reward so God is a judge and he's going to reward the saints for

our work and so all this work that we've been doing is saying don't throw away your confidence you've got good works that God is going to reward just stay the course and cross the finish line for we have for you have need of patience remember it's faith and patience we need both we need to have this strong confidence in God's Word and then just the patience that it's gonna get bad and it's gonna get really bad and then it's gonna be horrendous and then it's gonna get worse but that doesn't change God's Word and so we're just patient through all of this knowing who our high priest is that after not before after you have done the will of God so I have to search the scriptures to see what is the will of God and then we need to do that and after we have done that we will receive the promise so just as the the fathers before us who are faithful work towards the promise they had a hope out in front of them and that was the promise same thing with us the promise isn't being fulfilled now it's in front of us and so our hope is in the promise which is in the future and after we do the will of God so we have to search the Scriptures to see what is it that God expects of us what is it that we must do and then we must do that and do it collectively we're not all this we're not all yellow pencils we all have different abilities we have different weaknesses we have different strengths we come together and we work as a body and we do the will of God and after we've done it then we received the promise he that leads into cut and so this patience we we were tying this into the book of Revelation revelation is all about the patience of the Saints and he says here

that this understanding that when the Beast leads into captivity he and his followers are going into captivity when they kill with the sword they're all they're gonna be killed with the sword and in that understanding that God will judge there will be a recompense of reward both good and evil that is where the patience and the faith of the Saints comes from so you see the integration between Hebrews which is a historical book but not really it's actually a prophetic book because we learn from the past how to conduct ourselves successfully in the future and so Hebrews is all about faith and patience and the book of Revelation those who are successful in the book of Revelation have faith and patience and so after studying Revelation we are now studying Hebrews to understand what's expected of us how do we conduct ourselves in such a way that we can navigate that the the waves that we read about in Revelation well it's about patience and faith back to Hebrews leading up to eleven for yet a little while and he that shall come will come and will not tarry so it's just gonna seem like Christ is taken forever to come it's getting worse and it's horrible and just and he says when he comes will he find patient will he find faith well we have to endure it to the end and we just have to read the prophecies and say yeah this is actually happening if we're not familiar with the prophecies then we don't see the road signs and we don't recognize the road signs but if we are familiar with the prophecies were like you know what this was prophesied this is supposed it's supposed to happen this way but he will come and when he comes he's gonna come quickly

he tells us that he's coming like a thief it's gonna be something and then the immediate context now of Hebrews 11 is that the just shall live by faith so they're facing this intense persecution it is unreal it's fatal and Paul is reassuring them that they will live through this is not the end but only the just will live through it that this is coming this is coming upon the Hebrew community but there are hypocrites in the community they will not live they will die but those that are faithful who God declares justified they will live and the only way you can be justified it's not by works it's by faith and so we have to understand God's Word we have to have confidence in God God's Word God will then assign righteousness to us we will be justified by our faith in His Word and we will live but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him and we saw last week that Paul was quoting from Habakkuk where Habakkuk says that this vision is for an appointed time as a specific time and although it happened historically prophecy is dual and it says that at the end it shall speak so Paul is talking to the Hebrews and he's calling on Habakkuk because he realizes this is the beast this Roman Empire is the beast and and from Paul's perspective this is the end and so he's drawing on the prophecy from Habakkuk to say you know what this is coming upon the community because there's so much unrighteousness in the community and only those who are justified in the community are going to live that this is actually a strange work of God that is designed to separate the faithful from the faithless and so he's encouraging them with everything

he's got all the argumentation and passion that he has to say sort yourself out and have faith and patience so that you can be justified and you will live and this is so this is at the end it will speak and it will not lie though it tearing wait for it because it will surely come it will not tarry in other words this is reality regardless of what it looks like around us too this is reality and this is what's coming and those who have faith do not walk by sight we walk by the Word of God and so everybody takes what's around them and believes that that's reality it's not reality basically most of what we see around us is an illusion reality is the Word of God because all of this is passing away but the Word of God is forever and so he says behold his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him but the just shall live by faith so Paul separates the community in fact Habakkuk could complaining to God about the onion justice that he sees in the community it's actually God who's separating the community that if they want to be unjust if they want to be sinful and hypocritical oh oh well I'm raising up the Chaldeans and I'm bringing them and I'm bringing them on the community and and they will not live but the just even though the same punishment the same severe consequences are coming on the whole community the just will live and then what we said last week was evidence or proof that Paul uses to show that the just will live is basically he's gonna give them a whole list a whole list of dead people so so proof that the just shall live by faith is the fact that so many have died so he's gonna give us now a whole list of people who have died to prove to us

that the just shall live so obviously what he's talking about here his living means living eternally and we should not have any concern whatsoever about physical death now Paul believed that the Roman Empire was the Beast and so he knew that this prophecy from Habakkuk was for the endtime and so he's telling them hey we got to draw on this prophecy from Habakkuk to understand at the end this is what's happening but then it wasn't the Roman Empire has come and gone and and yet this prophecy God says wait for it in the end it will come and it will not tarry and so what John understood something that Paul did not and he says there are seven kings five are fallen one is that was the Roman Empire enjoy time and paul's time the other is not yet come and when he comes he must continue for a short space and this is the one that when it comes this is the one that's gonna fulfill the prophecy in Habakkuk and it's going to prevail against the Saints and overcome the Saints and then and Luke records for us when we're studying Luke while Christ said here that if we are ashamed of Christ and his words then he will be ashamed of us when he comes in his glory and in his father's and of the Holy Angels so the whole key here is to believe in God's Word and to just glorify Christ how we cannot help but preach this gospel it's such good news and we cannot help but praise Christ and we are not ashamed of Christ but the whole way things are going and deep platforming and hate speech and all of this it's all anti Christic it's all designed to destroy and root out christianity from society and so in this

hostile culture we have to be willing to say Jesus Christ is Lord it's just I'm sorry that you don't like that it's a shame you should embrace Christ but he is Lord and His King and he's coming and we will wait for him and we love his appearing we're looking for his appearing and when he appears I hope it works out for you but we're not gonna back down from saying that Christ is Lord

that's our free speech in fact nobody can take our free speech away from us no one can stop us from praising Christ and that's what Christ is saying here that you have freedom of speech and nobody can take it away from you when it comes to praising Christ so he's actually so Hebrews now Paul is leading up to this conclusion and we'll get there God willing in a couple of weeks but he's leading up to this conclusion so that we may boldly say the Lord is my helper and I will not fear what men shall do unto me meaning men are ferocious men are vicious and and every imagination of their heart they will do and they hate Christ but Paul is saying we can if we go to that throne of grace we can receive this boldness of the Holy Spirit the spirit of grace and the Lord is my helper

I trust him he's that he's my high priest he's in control of everything and so there's no need for me to fear and there's no need for you to fear and we can in exhort one another daily to say this so this is the conclusion is leading up to but we'll get to that in a couple of weeks so we are not of them who draw back unto perdition it's very sad that Paul has to look and see these Hebrews who have defected and thinking that they're doing something intelligent

by going back to Judaism and in fact they're they've gone to perdition instead where of them that believe to the saving of the soul and now he's going to lead into this whole example of people who believe to the saving of the soul and just going back to Hebrews 2 where he made this argument for as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood he also himself Christ himself

he also himself took part of flesh and blood that through death he might destroy him that has the power of death that is the devil so remember the prophecy all the way back in Genesis 3 is that when when Eve failed and Adam failed when God gave the sentence to the serpent he said the son of man is gonna come and crush you he's gonna come and destroy you and so what we see now is he had to come as a human being he had to partake of flesh and blood that through death he might destroy him at the power of death so at the very moment when when the devil throws all of his vile hatred at Christ and claims victory in that very moment when he when when Christ was slain by the devil by those tools of the devil in that very moment the devil was defeated and destroyed and now it's just a matter of time before he's locked up and destroyed and thrown into the lake of fire but that was the moment that he was destroyed when the son of man partook of flesh and blood and and died so he might destroy him but that has the power of death and that's what they do they they they frighten people and people are afraid to die and that power is coming from the devil

so terrorism is a technique of the devil

and delivered them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage so Christ has come to save us from this fear of death and so that's what the Holy Spirit does it relieves us of this fear of death because we come to realize ah ha I get it the just shall live by faith

I study the Word of God I believe the word of God

I'm justified by God and I have eternal life and so it relieves me it relieves you it relieves us of this fear of death we're no longer bound by this fear of death that's where Paul could say III the Lord is my helper I will not fear what men can do to me so now we come into Hebrews 11 where he says faith is the substance of things hoped for we read this last week so I want to elaborate on this we'll get down to where we left off just to get the context faith is the substance of things hoped for he says faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen for by it the elders obtained a good report through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God so that things which were not made so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear we believe in the invisible by faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by which he obtained witness that he was righteous God testifying of his gifts and by it he being dead yet speaks by faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death and was not found because God had translated him for before his translation he had this testimony

that he pleased God but without faith it is impossible to please him for he that

comes to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him so we have to believe that God is a rewarder it's not all this work that we're doing is not in vain we believe that there is a reward there's a reward for evil deeds and there's a reward for good deeds and so we have to believe that and so anybody say oh you don't need works then you're not believing that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him by faith Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet again we believe again we believe in the invisible we believe in God's Word and even though all around us we don't see evidence that God's Word is happening it will happen and so Noah was there laboring and building this Ark and there was no evidence physically that what God said was true but he just believed he believed it was true and it was true so warned of God of things not seen as yet the same way we are warned of God of things not seen as yet he moved with fear and you know I really it really it concerns me it's it's somewhat bewildering to see brethren who don't fear God they just feel we can do whatever we like God is so merciful everything goes there needs to be fear fear and God is a good thing that there is we and we need to understand the wrath that is coming upon this world and how we need to escape that wrath that rot we're not intended for that wrath but there's people think that God just loves everybody and everything's fine you're okay I'm okay we need to move the fear just as Noah did prepared an ark to the saving of his

house by the which he condemned the

world and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith so the same way Abraham his righteousness was by faith

Noah's Abraham Noah's righteousness was by faith

and again here fear is a good thing Paul says in into earlier let us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering his rest

we should we should fall short of us fear is a good thing it's good to fear God he says now by faith Abraham when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an

inheritance he says oh he obeyed so he was called out to a place which he should receive as an inheritance he obeyed and he went out not knowing where he was going by faith he sojourned in the land of promise as in a strange country dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob the heirs with him of the same promise so this is really strange he's in this strange country he's told that

this country is his and instead of acting like he owns the place he's living in tents and he's acting like a pilgrim he's acting like a foreigner even though he was told that this land is his land this land has been promised him by God he's by faith he's willing to behave like a pilgrim in this very strange country this is very interesting

strange country this is very interesting why did he do this because he looked for a city which has foundations whose builder and maker is God so he didn't believe that the country that he was in in the state he it was in was his instead he was looking for a different country he was looking for the the country or the city which had Foundation's built by God and so he knew

this is that the land in the state that

it's in now is not in the state that I'm going to inherit it so he's looking for something else he's looking for the New Jerusalem

and so here we see he says therefore sorry just I went too quickly sorry you look for a city whose foundation whose builder and maker is God he says through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed and was delivered of a child when she was past age so she's a very old woman and she was still able to have a child because why she judged him faithful who had promised so it was going all the way back to Hebrews chapter 4 and the promise of rest and this promise being that there's this promise that they didn't enter but it's left for us to enter and so we have to believe in the Word of God and the way Abraham did the way Sarah did the way Noah did therefor sprang their even of one and him as good as dead so many as the stars of the sky in multitude and as the sand which is by the seashore innumerable so all of this came out of faith that out of one child that his offspring will be as many as the Stars and as many as the sand by the seashore it's gonna be his offspring will be innumerable

because of faith in the promise and having this one child through faith he says these all died in faith so proof that the just shall live by faith is this list of people who all died in faith by by implication there is a resurrection there is a resurrection to eternal life that these people will really truly live and live forever so so this whole thing that the just shall live by faith even though we die means we don't have to fear death truly there is something spectacular waiting for us

and it's called eternal life and it comes to our resurrection not having so these all died in faith notice this not having received the promises they didn't need physical evidence believe they just needed the Word of God so now these Hebrews have this promise of entering into rest and yet it's anything but rest it's persecution so in the same way all they need is the Word of God and the same now for us we're entering into this time of unrest chaos pickins is chaotic it's okay we believe in the Word of God and so they didn't receive the promises yet they still believe we haven't received the promises either yet we still believe these all died in faith not having received the promises but having seen them afar off and were persuaded of them and embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth so this earth belongs to us God has told us that in fact he's told us he wants to give us the whole universe it's ours and yet we're willing to behave like strangers and pilgrims on the earth we don't have to have things our way we don't have to set up our Kingdom now we're just waiting for Christ and so we're just gonna operate we're in tents everything is temporary dwellings we're willing to leave it all behind because we've embraced the promises we've been persuaded we've read the Word of God were persuaded that God is faithful that it's impossible for him to lie we embrace the promises and we confess the we're strangers on the earth for they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country this isn't it we look around us looking at this world and it's like you know what this is not

we don't want to live forever on this earth the way it is now so we're seeking another country there's something else waiting for us and that's what we're looking for that's what they were looking for they declared plainly that they seek a country and truly if they had been mindful and when it says country a better translation would be a homeland so they declared plainly that they seek a homeland this is not their home this is also Abraham Isaac and Jacob are in the land that's to them but this is not it this is not their home and so their dwelling in twin in tents because they're seeking a homeland and truly if they had been mindful and notice country is in italics is not in the Greek if they had been mindful of that meaning that homeland from whence they came out so if they got homesick and they were thinking of going back home they might have had opportunity to have returned so they realized that their homeland their physical homeland that's no longer their home they've left it there in the new land they're in the promised land but it's not their home either not in the way that it's configured in their day so they're looking for a new homeland whose builder and maker is God same for us wherever we were born whatever country we are in now none of it is our homeland not while the devil is at work not while there's so much suffering this is not this is not it we're looking for another homeland our true eternal homeland so if they had been mindful of their home that they came from they could have returned but now they desire a better

again country is not there going back to the original subject it's the homeland they desire a better homeland that is a heavenly one and again not that they desire to go to heaven but they know that heaven they the heavenly Jerusalem is coming to earth that heavenly city that heavenly homeland is coming to earth and so they had understanding but now they desire a better homeland that is a heavenly one where therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God goddess in other words God is happy to be known as the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob he's not ashamed at all in fact he's honored because they honored him for he has prepared for them a city and we know that city again tying this back to Revelation that John saw this holy city the New Jerusalem that whose builder and maker is God coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride ordained for her husband that's what Abraham was looking for

that's what Isaac was looking for that's what Jacob was looking for and so even though they had left their homeland they didn't look back and even though they were in the promised land they were not satisfied with it they knew this is not it and they were waiting for this by faith Abraham when he was tried so this now you have to think about this one this is a man who has waited so long to have the heir and finally he gets the air and it's bike this confidence in God's Word by confidence in God's Word Abraham when he was tried he offered up Isaac and he that had received the promises so you can imagine what this what this was like as he's walking taking his son up the mountain to sacrifice him and he's thinking well

while he's walking he's thinking this is the heir and all my descendants are gonna come out of this young man and yet he offered up Isaac and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son of whom it was said that in Isaac shall your seed be called so in this young man this is this is where the seed will come out of and yet God set off for him and if we just go back and quickly look at this he says and abiram said Lord God what will you give me seeing I go childless and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus and abiram said Behold to me you have given no seed and lo one born in my house is my heir and behold the word of the Lord faith when we say we have faith we have faith in the word of the Lord so the word of the Lord came to Abraham and that's what he had believed that's what he had confidence in saying this shall not be your hair but he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir and he brought him forth abroad and said look now toward half and tell the Stars count the stars if you be able to number them and he said unto him so shall your seed be out of this one child out of a child that's gonna come out of your own body and he believed in the Lord so brethren this is the key this is what Paul is trying to drive home you don't need physical evidence in fact all the physical evidence can be contrary what we need is the Word of God and understand who this is who this high priest is that came to earth and was slaughtered so that he could conquer death and give us relief from the fear of death and conquer the devil and so Abraham believed in the Word of God he believed in the Lord and

God counted it to him for righteousness nothing has changed the just shall live by faith the just are those who study the Word of God we believe the Word of God its then accounted to us for righteousness and we are justified and then once we are justified we understand we are working with the God that is going to reward us for our works and so we get busy doing works because we understand that he is faithful that promised and so Abraham was no exception he had works he didn't just believe God and do nothing he believed God and then he got to work in fact it's our work that demonstrates our belief in God just saying you believe in God is not true the truth of our belief in God is our work because this is true because God's Word is true we will behave this way we will do these things he believed God and Lauren counted to him for righteousness now that's why the just shall live by faith so this is what this is all about just as Abraham lived by faith we will live by faith so go back to Hebrews 11 accounting that God so he put it out he knew that this holy city was coming down he knew that he was gonna be the father of many

is his descendants would be of the stars in heaven as the sand of the sea he knew that this new city this New Jerusalem was coming down from heaven he knew that he would be a ruler in this new city with God and that his descendants would be in the city with him and so he just figured out he's walking his his child to the sacrifice he's he's getting ready to lay his child on the altar and he just knows God is gonna work this out this child is coming back to life accounting that God was able to raise him up even from the dead because it's

god god god is faithful so he never he never doubted God's Word he didn't say oh no maybe maybe God's Word isn't true no God's Word is true so something else has to work out from whence he also received him in a figure so even though he didn't die in a sense he did receive him from death then he goes on to say by faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come so again they could see the future and Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning these things and people think that Esau wasn't blessed they think that just Jacob was blessed but very clearly the scripture says that he blessed both so Jacob was blessed and Esau was blessed and so I think we're very familiar with Jacob's blessing but just quickly look at Esau's blessing and when Esau heard the words of his father he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry and said unto his father bless me even me also o my father and he said your brother king with subtlety and has taken away your blessing and he said is not he rightly named Jacob supplanter for he has supplanted me these two times he took away my birthright and behold now he has taken away my blessing also and he said have you not reserved a blessing for me so we know that Esau was Isaac's favorite son and Isaac answered and said unto Esau behold I have made him your Lord so this I can't take back the performative word of the blessing that I have through the Holy Spirit this power of the word and it's gone forth from me and so Jacob will be your Lord and all his brethren have I given to him for sermons so Israel is going to be above everybody and with corn and wine have I sustained him and what shall I do now unto you my son and Esau said unto

his father have you but one blessing my father bless me even me also all my father

and Esau lifted up his voice and wept so a lot of people will think that he saw wasn't blessed but let's just continue a story and Isaac his father answered and said unto Him behold your dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth and of the dew of heaven from above so Esau will be rich

the descendants of Esau will be wealthy this is the blessing and by your sword shall you live so the just shall live by faith and the just can only be in Israel but in Esau they will live by the sword and you shall serve your brother so they will be under Israel and it shall come to pass when you shall have the Dominion oh so there's going to be a change Esau is going to be subjected to humiliation Esau is going to have the Dominion and he will break the yoke from off his neck at that point this is the blessing of Esau and we know that Esau married into Ishmael

so Ishmael shares in this blessing as well so there's going to come a time when the Ishmaelites and the the are going to have the upper hand they're going to have the Dominion and they're going to break the yoke of Israel from off their neck this is the blessing of Esau but we know it's temporary because God says Jacob I've loved but Esau I've hated and Esau will try to build up but God will destroy it and they'll be called the border of wickedness for ever and Israel will be called the place of holiness and praise forever so this is the temporary blessing of Esau by faith Jacob when he was dying blessed both the sons of Joseph and

worshiped leaning upon the top of his staff by faith again faith means confidence in God's Word so every when every time you see by faith it means these people received God's Word and regardless of what the circumstances were around them they just believed in God's Word and acted according to the Word of God by faith Joseph when he died made mention of the departing of the children of Israel and gave commandment concerning his bones so he didn't want it he wanted to make sure that his bones would go with them into the promised land so that he would be resurrected in the promised land and Joseph said unto his brethren I died I'm dying the just shall live by faith Joseph understood that he will live otherwise why would he be so concerned about his bones because he was concerned about living he was concerned about resurrection means you stand back up on your feet you're dead and you're in the ground and then you stand back up on your feet so he understood this the just shall live by faith and Joseph said to his brethren I die and God will surely visit you and bring you out of this land unto the land which he swore to Abraham to Isaac and to Jacob he knew he saw this land he understood and Joseph took an oath of the children this is serious business don't allow me to be buried here he took an oath of the children of Israel saying God will surely visit you and you shall carry up my bones from here don't allow my bones to be buried here I'm gonna die take my bones with you and bury them in the promised land so that when I stand back the just shall live by faith when I live again when I stand back up on my feet it has to be in the promised land by faith Moses when he was born was hid three months of his parents because he saw he was a proper child is a handsome child and and they were not afraid of the Kings commandment so they too had the Word of God and they believed in it and they acted with fear of God not fear of the Kings commandment and this is this is what faith is were not afraid of men even if their kings were we fear God by faith Moses when he was come to

vears he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter so so yes that that's a very honorable position that he had to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter but he refused it choosing rather so instead of being called the son of Pharaoh's daughter which would be a really high honor to be the fairest son their grandson in this case choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for these are very visionary people they could see the promised land they could see the future and they weren't settling for the present now you know from all of us read this here esteeming the reproach of Christ so he understood Christ he knew Christ esteeming the reproach of Christ of greater riches than all the treasures in Egypt so you think of how rich Egypt was and he looked at all of that and he could have lived in luxuries not that he was in persecution and he had to say you know it's gonna be better and he was in the lap of luxury

he chose persecution instead of all of these riches because he esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt think about that for a minute

he the way he estimated this being persecuted for the sake of Christ that

was real wealth to be persecuted for the sake of Christ is far more wealth than the billions of dollars he had access to in Egypt why because he had respect unto the recompense of the reward there is a recompense there is a recompense so this this reward that God is a judge and he's going to reward the the faithful and and again we see this recompense of reward that the word did the Hebrews - even transgressors and the disobedient are going to get their recompense of reward and in we read earlier we mustn't cast away our confidence because there's great recompense over so so Moses had this understanding that these billions of dollars that I have access to are nothing compared to the recompense of reward and so the persecution for Christ's sake is tied to the recompense of reward and whatever that is it's worth more than the billions of dollars in all of Egypt we have to understand this brethren don't be afraid of persecution don't back down from praising Jesus Christ don't let people frighten you out of your recompense of reward it's coming to a time you know without faith without this confidence in God's Word and belief in the recompense of reward it's we can't please God and it's coming to a time where all those Christians who thought you know I'm just gonna be passive I'll keep my head down I'll try to keep my nose clean I won't be controversial I won't be in front of anybody this is not gonna work these the devil's puppets mean business because the devil means business and they are clamping down and they're pushing this agenda they're pushing this conflict and Jesus Christ the Word of God is going to become hate

speech but the Word of God is the foundation of our faith so we cannot back down from the Word of God by faith he forsook Egypt not fearing the wrath of the King for he endured as seeing him who is invisible this is the key to endurance we see the invisible so this is why seven eight and nine Paul takes so much time helping us to see him who is invisible so that we can have this confidence through faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood lest he that destroyed the firstborn to touch them in other words he moved with fear the same way Noah moved with fear because he could see the invisible Moses moved with fear because he could see the invisible we have to move the fear with fear because we can see the invisible what's invisible is the wrath of God you think all this pedophilia all this rape all this robbery all this lying and deception you think God sitting back and saying oh wow you know it's just mankind he is full of Raft

mankind is made in His image likeness and Jesus Christ is his son and all of this blasphemy against Christ he is furious I can't communicate this enough the fury and the wrath of God that is coming upon this earth we have to move with fear because we can see the invisible we can see what's coming and in our works our the demonstration of our faith or the evidence of our faith and the faith is the evidence of our life by faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land so it was just for them it was like they were they were going through dry land you know there's the SIA in front of them and no problem it's like dry land so it says here by faith they passed through the Red Sea as

by dry land which the Egyptians trying to do were drowned so hey Israel could do it and then when the Egyptians tried to do the same thing it just closed in on them and they were drowned because the wrath of God was upon them it was not upon those who were faithful the just shall live by faith they lived by faith because they were justified by God the Egyptians were not by faith the walls of Jericho fell down when they were surrounded around seven days so so here now we had the the walls of Jericho they again it's all about faith they understood the Word of God they did what the Word of God said and the walls of Jericho came down by faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believe not when she had received the spies with peace as she believed and she lived through that faith and what shall I say more for the time would fail me to tell of gideon and of barrack and of samson and of Jephthah of David also and Samuel and the prophets and this jephthah is in it says who through faith subdued kingdoms wrought righteousness obtained promises stopped the mouths of lions

so this Jephthah he subdued kingdoms and in judges 11 it says Jephthah said unto the elders Juliet didn't you hate me and it's funny how

human beings are you think of Winston Churchill were they hated them they hated Winston Churchill and and it's often that way they hated Moses and yet then they have to turn to these same people that they hated that they say oh this person's awfully ugly and there's all this murmuring and then it turns out God was behind that individual he says then jephta said unto the elders of Gilead didn't you hate me and expel me

out of my father's house and why are you come unto me now when you were in distress and the elders of Gilead said unto jephthah therefore we turn again to you now that you may go with us and fight against the children of Ammon and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead I suppose they were apologizing so they threw him out they hated him they wanted they they didn't want him to happen to be in the land and they realized he was skilled he was gifted and now they're coming can say will you be our leader we're sorry so jephthah passed over unto the children of Ammon to fight against them and the Lord delivered them into his hands and the reason he was confident in battle was because he had the word of the Lord and so he went into battle with the word of the Lord knowing that the Lord would deliver them and in fact they did so he subdued kingdoms with faith with the word of Lord and he smote them from Aurora even till they come to minute even 20 cities only knocked out 20 cities and unto the plain of the vineyards with a very great slaughter thus the children of Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel so he goes on to say they quenched the violence of fire they escaped the edge of the sword out of weakness they were made strong notice that out of weakness they were made strong we're all weak but that's what the Holy Spirit does it takes that weakness it makes us strong they whack the valiant in fight they turn to flight the armies of the aliens women received their dead raised to life again and others were tortured not accepting deliverance the only way somebody can be toileted I there's a route to deliverance

so Hebrews they I'm gonna come a Jew I'll go back to Judaism and I can escape the Roman persecution these people were tortured not accepting the only way you can do that is if you have the understanding that Moses had that all the riches that were available to him as the son of Pharaoh's daughter that was poverty compared to what he was going to inherit as a faithful follower of Christ so he chose the persecution or he his estimated he's calculating the calculus that he did the persecution for being a follower of Christ was a far greater wealth to him than all the billions of dollars he had access to in Egypt and so these people who chose to be tortured not accepting deliverance they would not deny Christ they had the right calculus they figured out that all of this is temporary but the promise is eternal and the just shall live by faith that they might obtain a better resurrection and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings and again you know you're like this Tommy Robinson case fascinates me that this is the UK government betraying its own citizens and and silencing Patriots who are saying we have to stay on top of this and make sure that those who have committed these horrible crimes have justice served to them no instead of focusing on the perpetrators they focus on the Patriots the world is changing the Western world is giving themselves away their their subjugating themselves and the Western world basically represents Christianity and so Christianity is now being demoted others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings yes moreover of bonds and imprisonment they were stoned they were sawn in two tempted they were slain with

the sword so Esau will live by the sword but the just shall live by faith they were slain with the sword they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins being destitute afflicted tormented but they understood the recompense of room and they live by faith of whom the world was not worthy they wandered in deserts and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth and these all this whole list of people all of them the just shall live by faith and these all and he says that the time would fail me to tell you of all these others these all having obtained a good report through faith so that's what this is all about they they understood that at some point in the future they're going to stand before God and he's either gonna say well done new good and faithful servant or he's gonna give us a fail and so these all having obtained a good report how did they obtain this good report through faith and even though they received a good report they did what everything that they needed to do they still didn't receive the promise so they died without that they believed that they're gonna receive the promise and they still didn't receive it and they died not receiving it but they died in faith God and then listen to this Paul is so powerful his reasoning so they all died not in faith not receiving the promise God having provided something some better thing for us that they without us should not be made perfect so who's the day and who's the US the they are the faithful few few relatively speaking many but few because he says time would fail I in time would fail me to tell you of all of these people but

when you think of a population of Israel they're actually a minority so the they are the faithful under the Old Covenant the US are the faithful under the New Covenant and they who were faithful under the Old Covenant could not receive the promises until the new covenant comes and we who are faithful in a new and they need to be joined with us in order to receive the promises that they without us should not be made complete so in Hebrews 10 right before Hebrews 11 he says this is the Covenant that I will make with them after those days says the Lord I will put my law into their hearts and in their minds will I write them and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more so so that's the new covenant now that God is enacting and the faithful under the Old Covenant will not be made complete until the faithful in the new covenant are made complete and they will inherit the promises with us so let us consider one another to provoke one another to love and good work so this whole chapter that we've looked at in Hebrews 11 it's not a standalone chapter it's very much an essential part of the argument that Paul is making and it's in the context or it's in the portion of we need to consider one another we need to consider the Apostle who is bringing this message we need to consider the high priest who wants to make us successful and then we need to consider one another and part of what Paul has given us here is so much ammunition that when we are discouraged when we were facing different types of situations we are so filled with the examples of those who were faithful to God who believed in the promise who believed in the Word of God that whatever situation our brother or

sisters are going through we can consider one another and we can encourage them with these different examples of faith and and encourage ourselves as well so let us consider one another to provoke one another and to love and to good works good works because faith we believe in God's Word but we evidence our belief in God's Word by doing what he says and understanding that he's a rewarder and he's coming with his reward so we're not of them who draw back unto perdition were of them that believe to the saving of the soul so these all died in faith these are those that believe we're in this category and even though we're in this category

they didn't receive the promises because God is giving us something better that without us they can't receive the promises so we're all in the same category but they can't receive the promises that they're waiting for that they're going to be resurrected toward until we fulfill our part under the new covenant so let's conclude with Hebrews 8 as we consider this just wonderful high priests and these wonderful examples of belief in Christ and now he's become a high priest of the order of Melchizedek and so they had confidence in him before how much more confidence should we have in him now and when Paul was really driving home what a powerful high priest Jesus Christ is he said this now of the things which we have spoken this is the son this what you need to understand we have such a high priest who has set on the right hand of the throne of Majesty in the heavens this is who we believe in this is the word this is the God whose word we can have confidence in and so we

believe in the invisible doesn't matter what's going on around us we study the Word of God we believe the Word of God and we conduct ourselves according to the Word of God and we have tons and tons of examples of people who've done this before us and so the conclusion we come to is the just shall live by faith we believe in the Word of God thought justifies us and doesn't matter what happens we're going to live forever and ever and ever Jesus Christ is coming we're going to reign with him God the Father himself is coming to earth now we're going to dwell the earth abides forever and we're going to abide on the earth forever the just shall live by faith so remember next week we God willing we will have Bible study we'll just start half an hour later and we'll get into Hebrews 12 which is all about faith as well and it's again in the section of consider one another so let's consider one another let's encourage one another let's provoke one another let's exhort one another while it is called today Jesus Christ as Lord is our Great King Savior and a wonderful high priest he's for us god bless