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but welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and we are in Hebrews chapter 2 and you remember that we were in Hebrews 1

the Apostle Paul began his opening argument he basically stated his position that Jesus Christ is superior he's superior to the Angels he's superior to the prophets he's superior to the creation he superior to everything in the universe and God has chosen to speak to us through his son in this endtime and if the messages that came through these other means was punishable then how much more ought we to listen and pay attention to the Son of God and so he's going to continue this argument now in Hebrews chapter 2 let's open with prayer and get right into the chapter our Heavenly Father we commonly praise you Lord we thank you so much for your word we thank you for your faithfulness we thank you for the faithfulness of Jesus Christ and we thank you father for the Holy Spirit which enables us to be faithful we pray that you'll bless our study now and we ask this in Jesus most holy name Amen so we'll get straight into the text

Hebrews a chapter 2

actually let me just go back a little bit and just pick up a couple of the key points from chapter one he began that God 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 unto us by his son whom he has appointed heir of all things by whom also he made the world's and so Paul is just shaping his argument

here to a covenant community that is thinking of backsliding that is considering going backwards going back to Judaism because under the Roman persecution Christianity was an illegal religion whereas Judaism was sanctioned it was a legal religion so the way that they were reasoning in their head was you know it's the same God so if we go back to Judaism we're fine and what Paul is basically doing here for them is saying you have no option and so he says here therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed and this this Greek word that is earnest is Paris Paris ought to us it's just real attention giving real attention to this to the things which we have heard less than any time we should let them slip let me just clean up my sound here so just saying that because of this because God has chosen to speak to the Hebrews in this endtime through his son who he created everything by the Son and the son will inherit everything this is the greatness of the son the superiority of the son therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed earnest real real attention to the things which we've heard less than any time we should let them slip so there was this possibility that the the covenant community could let what has been given to them slip and Paul is saying if you do that if you allow what you've been given to slip from you it's going to be disastrous so there's there's no way back and so he says here in Deuteronomy 4 and verse 9 and so he's harkening back to the law where it says take heed to yourself take heed pay attention and keep your soul diligently so when God is covenant with this community the Hebrew community it's not a walk in the park

it's not something to say that no
problem just you know you're the
Covenant community and you've got no
issue here

yeah I've covenant it with you therefore
you're good no I've covenant it with you
therefore pay attention therefore hold
on and do not let go so take heed to
yourself and keep your soul diligently
as it applied to them it applies to us
today

we must take heed to ourself and keep
our soul diligently lest you forget the
things which your eyes have seen so just
because you've seen these miracles and
participated in these miracles doesn't
mean that you're guaranteed success you
have to labor you have to work you have
to hold on you have to apply yourself
you have to apply effort and take
earnest heed lest you allow this to slip
he says here lest they depart from your
heart all the days of your life and we
it's the same covenant with a new
covenant same covenant community that we
are grafted into all of us if we're not
natural Hebrews were all grafted in he
says make sure you take heed and
teach them to your sons and your son son
so there's a tension that is required
and consuming Deuteronomy take heed unto
yourselves lest you forget the Covenant
of the Lord your God God is not just
speaking in vain God never speaks in
vain

everything he says matters and so he's
covenant it with this community and
there is a real risk that they could
lose everything and in fact as we
continue in the story we see that in
fact they did lose everything they did
not take heed to themselves and they
allowed themselves to let what they had
this holy covenants slipped from them so

lest you forget the Covenant of the Lord
your God which he made with you which in
fact they did do and make you a graven
image you know said they're getting into
idolatry or the likeness of anything
which the Lord God has forbidden you so
this is what happened to them anciently
and Paul now warns the Corinthian church
that what happened to them
anciently is not just bedtime stories
it's something that we are to look at
study comprehend and be advised by and
so he says here to the Corinthians
moreover brethren I would not that you
should be ignorant you shouldn't you
need to be aware of this how that all
our fathers remember he opens up Hebrew
saying that God spoke to our fathers in
in different places and through
different ways through the prophets but
in this end time he spoken to us through
through the son but this the prophets
had sorry the fathers had to pay
attention to what was given to them how
much more
and this is constantly pause
argumentative argumentation methodology
is to argue from the lesser to the
greater if this is true and then this is
greater how much more would this be true
and so if it is true that God spoke to
the fathers through the prophets and
they were punished for disobeying the
prophets and neglecting what the
prophets taught how much more true would
it be that if God speaks to us through
the Sun and we neglect his words if the
fathers were punished severely how much
more will we be punished if we let these
things slip this is moreover brethren I
wouldn't I would not that you should be
ignorant how that all our fathers were
under the cloud and all passed through
the sea and were all baptized unto Moses

into the cloud and in the sea and did
all eat the same spiritual meat and did
all drink the same spiritual drink are
we getting the theme here that this
whole community was blessed in these
ways for they drank of that spiritual
rock that followed them and that rock
was Christ that rock was Christ but with
with with a few know with many of them
God was not well pleased for they were
overthrown in the wilderness and all of
this is for our admonition it's for our
admonition because we have work to do
you know George Orwell I love to refer
to him as the the secular prophet
because he was very insightful very
visionary he says here the further a
society drifts from the truth
the more it will hate those who speak it
and our job is to speak the truth and
Jesus Christ tells us we will be hated
of all men
we will be despised for speaking the
truth
but that's our job it is to speak the
truth and unfortunately the devil wants
to make us fearful and unfortunately
many will succumb to the wrath and the
fear that is inspired by the devil and
we can if we're going to be faithful
witnesses we
must be fearless and we must speak the
truth of Jesus Christ we read that
through the book of Revelation it's all
about the testimony of Christ having the
Word of God and the testimony of Christ
and being faithful witnesses and
unfortunately he says here anciently
they all pass through but with not a few
with many of them God was not pleased
and they were overthrown in the
wilderness and Jesus Christ tells us as
it befell them it will befall the church
in the end time he says that not a few

many will betray one another
many will be overthrown because they
they've let this vision slip when this
vision is clear in our minds we can face
anything when we are clear the vision
filled with the Holy Spirit we are just
full of the joy of Christ and we have
that we have that we can't help it
woe unto me if I preach not the gospel
we have to testify of Christ but with
many of them God was not pleased and
with many in the church God is not will
will not be well pleased
and this is why brethren this doctrine
that is kind of creeping around the
churches and creeping into the Church of
God of once they've always saved we must
expunge it from our midst we must
expunge it from our midst
it is an evil doctrine it is an evil
doctrine it is it is from the devil
hey don't worry it's all good you don't
need to worry you're saved and you'll
always be saved and it's the exact
opposite of the message of Jesus Christ
in the book of Revelation it's the exact
opposite of the Apostles the Apostle
Paul here in Hebrews here in Corinthians
there's this constant warning to the
Brethren to the church take heed do not
allow what you have to slip as it did
with the ancient Israelites he says
right here in here and speaking to the
Corinthians about this message now these
things were our examples why are there
examples to the intent that we should
not lust after evil things as they also
lusted and so we have the the reality
of the hatred that we will face not
nothing to do with us person it's not
that they you know they hate us
personally
they hate Christ and if we stand for
Christ they will hate us and God warns

us about that in John in John chapter 16
but it's not just the hatred we have to
face it's the evil of lust in the world
so Satan overthrew Adam and Eve through
lust through desire and he has the same
devices and so we have to be very clear
we have to be unspotted from this world
it no the world has gone mad and and
there's a evil sexuality everywhere and
the idea is to draw God's people as he
does he didn't anciently to draw God's
people into immorality we have to keep
high standards in my co pastor pastor
Murray it reminds us often that as the
world standards decline so do the
churches but as long as the churches is
better than the world we feel good about
ourselves and so the world is dropping
as its dropping into depravity and and
the church is becoming unrecognizable to
previous generations because our
standards are just so low the way we
dress the way we talk with treat one
another the things we indulge in well
what we have for entertainment we're
just dropping Christ standard never
moves and so we're actually instead of
measuring ourselves against the world we
should be measuring ourselves against
Christ and as our standards drop we
should recognize this that's what the
days of unleavened bread are all about
and fight earnestly contend for the
faith once delivered and so he says they
were here they we these things are our
examples that we should not to the
intent the purpose that we should not
lust after evil things so in other words
the reason they're example it's in the
Bible is so that we in this final
generation have the ability to read what
happened to them see how what befell
them and not follow their example of
weakness and faithlessness and

lustfulness and she says neither be you idolaters and to be an idolaters is to put anything at all before Christ and the father anything at all and that becomes idolatry so neither be you I

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as were some of them as it is written this is what's written and it's written for our examples the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play and that rose up to play means they engage in debauchery the people of God the Covenant people they they just they lost their vision even though they had experienced the miracles and all of them passed through the this hole that all of them had the the supernatural hand of God guide them into the wilderness and then they corrupted themselves neither so the same way they did this neither let us commit sexual immorality don't do it don't do it and if you've done it repent of it and get right with God neither let us commit fornication or sexual immorality as some of them committed and fell in one day three and twenty thousand so it might feel like we're getting away with it hey I did this and ain't nothing happened God is so merciful and so forgiving and and now I'm kind of leading a double life and I'm getting comfortable my conscience is kind of readjusting itself and I'm leading this sinful life but at the same time I'm coming to services and in one day 23000 fell and there will come a day when we just won't have the oil in our lamps and it'll be too late and Christ tells us repeatedly in Revelation that he's gonna come like a thief and he tells the said in the Gospels as well he's gonna come at us like a thief if we do not get ourselves right and so they say that the lessons that we learned

during through the days of unleavened bread and now we're counting towards Pentecost to celebrate the receipt of the Holy Spirit we need to lead authentic lives Jesus Christ really needs to be our passion the Word of God really needs to be our love and we just would just would just live in it and we just love it and it fills us up and we cannot lead double lives because God is patient and then he's not patient anymore there is a time when his patience runs out and so in this day came and they twenty twenty three thousand fell neither let us tempt Christ as some of them also tempted and were destroyed of serpents oh and again we can read this in Exodus what happened to them and they were they were bitten by these Vipers and they were all to date they died they were until Moses was able to lift up the serpent and we read about that in John 3 but here it says neither murmur you so you know in all these horrible sinfulness as horrible recounting of sinfulness included in this is murmuring and if there's one thing the people of it one fault the people of God have it's murmuring and it's included here with idolatry with sexual immorality and all the all the reasons why these people failed and if we are murmurers it Paul is telling us we are putting ourselves in the category of failing and so again that's why this doctrine of once saved always saved is so evil because it doesn't keep us alert it doesn't keep us contending for the faith once delivered we begin to relax and say no matter what happens I'm good no no that's not the message of the Bible so and don't murmur at some of them murmured and they were destroyed of the destroyer so this is

something that's just so natural we just murmur and we think nothing of it and God hates it now all these things happened unto them for examples and they are written for our admonition that's so it happened to them for example and it's in the Bible for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come and whenever the Bible says we and our it's not speaking of all mankind it's speaking of Israel and all of us who are grafted into Israel so it's the end time Israel that these examples are written for us because of the things we have to face and the heat the example of the Hebrews is there for us because they had to face intense persecution under the Roman Empire and we as Christians are also faced about to face have been facing but it's it's intensifying intense persecution and we must proclaim the Word of God Jesus Christ identifies himself in revelation 1 as the faithful witness and when he when he identifies himself to John he identifies himself as he that lives so John identifies him as the faithful witness the firstborn of the Dead and he identified himself to John I see that lives and was dead and lives forever more amen and so this God has has come to earth and he suffered greatly and he is victorious and he lives forever and he paved the way for us and he's basically saying to us as long as we follow him we have nothing to fear only fear God and he actually says in the Gospels do not fear them that you know the worst thing can do is kill the body and after that they can't do anything else fear God so our fear is God because he's a consuming fire so he says here upon whom the ends of the world are come

therefore let him that thinks he stands
take heed lest he fall and so this once
saved always saved is not in the Bible
people can twist scriptures to try to
come to this disbelief but this is Greek
philosophy creep creeping into the
church and it's not the Hebrew Covenant
and so therefore let him that thinks he
stands take heed and that's the message
of Hebrews take heed and that's the
message of Deuteronomy take heed and
those in the past we can actually we can
read Deuteronomy and then we can go
through and we can read first kings we
can read second Kings we can read first
Chronicles we can read second Chronicles
and we can see what happened to the
Covenant people of God when they did not
take heed and and that there that's
there for our example that they were
given these precious promises and this
covenant and all of it came through
angels and through the prophets and they
didn't take heed and look what befell
them and Paul is threatening the Hebrews
he saying to them look look at what
happens your father's worse will befall
you if you do not take heed and their
that's written for our admonition
because we have to face the fire you
know those of us who will live through
this final chapter of mankind are going
to have to face the devil is he
intensifies his activity and we just
face it
and we just proclaim that Jesus Christ
is
son of God and his kingdom is coming and
that's and that's our witness that's our
witness and he says here so who let him
that thinks he stands take heed lest he
fall
now that word the Greek word in the
Hebrew text in chapter 2 where he says

take heed Paul uses that same word here to describe himself he says that he profited in the Jews religion above all his equals above many of his equals in his own nation being more exceedingly zealous in that word exceedingly is the same pair of stuff stirs prayer and Paris sorrows that same word that he used in Hebrews to say this is the kind of heat that you have to take while he was taking it with his own Jewish religion and then once Christ came to him he just turned one hundred percent to Christ and that's what he's saying to the Hebrews you know if somebody is sprinting to the finish line it is much harder to turn them around and send them back to the starting blocks then somebody who's just sort of sauntering and lollygagging and just taking their time you can turn somebody like that around but the person who's just focused on crossing the finish line who sees the resurrection and is earnestly fighting to be in that first resurrection then as Paul said you know my finished my course I finished my race and there's laid up for me a crown of righteousness and not for me only but for all those who love his appearing his appearing is the finish line that's what we're running toward and the question is are we really focused on that finish line or are we lollygagging and sauntering and an easily distracted and so easily turned around by the devil because the prophecy says many shall betray one another that doesn't have to be us but this is what Christ is telling us is going to happen just because of the the nature of the time the terror of the times an age of terror and it's only those with the Holy Spirit of God who will not be terrified who will see all of this terror and say

okay buckle up this is just the beginning of Sorrows it's going to get a lot worse meanwhile other people are going to be panicking and freaking out because they have no fish but we have the vision because Christ told us all of this beforehand so that we would not be offended and so this message to Hebrews very much dovetails with Revelation because what we see in Revelation the the the way to navigate that successfully is through the lessons here to the Hebrews and so he says he continuing his argument for if the word spoken by Angels was steadfast it what God did not abrogate what he spoke through the Angels it was steadfast and it was true and it stayed it remained and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward so he's building up his argument now to say hey father's got this message through the Angels and look what happened how much more will happen to us if having received this word from the son of God himself we turn our back on it but this notion that the word was spoken by angels if we look here in acts when when Stephen was giving his sermon saying that the Israelites received the law by the disposition of angels so it was understood among the Hebrews how involved the angels were in delivering the messages to the fathers and here in Galatians Paul says wherefore then served the law it was added because of transgressions or he's making a different argument here till the seed should come to whom the promise was made but I just wanted to pick up this part here in Galatians 3:19 that the law was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator and so it was quite a

common and quite understood among the Hebrews the involvement of angels that this word that was delivered to them was delivered by angels now in terms of the law than being steadfast and every form the law being dealt with here's what it says in Deuteronomy but it shall come to pass if you will not hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God to observe to do all his Commandments again this was the angels were involved in delivering this to them and in his statutes which I command you this day that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you

and so we can read the curses in Deuteronomy and then we can go through first Kings second Kings first Chronicles second chronicles even judges and just see what befell the fathers who deviated from the Covenant who disobeyed this word that was given to them and Paul is saying you think that was bad wait until you see what happens to you if you turn your back on the word of Jesus Christ and so he actually says this here in Hebrews 2 verse 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation and so this is something that he's making it very clear judgment will be handed out if we if we think that we can receive the Word of God which was delivered to our fathers and they turned away from it and how they were punished if we think that we can receive the Word of God and turn away from it and be dealt with lightly were deluded we are doing it it really is quite a threatening text that the Paul is there our sermon that he's delivering here to the Hebrews saying wake up pay attention burn the bridge behind you don't you dare turn back you've been recruited into something great this is a great

salvation don't you dare even entertain
even consider for a moment turning back
and and I'm telling you brethren as we
read the book of Revelation this is the
mindset that we must have do not dare
turn back there are some very very evil
men in this world very very evil men and
their time is running out and they are
in covenant with the devil and they're
going to be doing his bidding and we
just have to hold our course and just
get through this very difficult period
very intense period but it's a short
period and then at the end it ends in
death but Christ has already conquered
the grave and so we have confidence over
the grave because of our because of the
resurrection of Jesus Christ that's our
proof that the grave can be conquered
that the son has already conquered the
grave he's the firstborn of many
brethren so we know that we are included
in that many so coming back to the text
notice it says
if we neglect it does not say if we
reject so great salvation you don't have
to reject this salvation all the devil
wants is for you to neglect it for you
to give it a lower priority for you to
be busy with your entertainment busy
with your work busy with the cares of
this world and not prioritize the Word
of God that's all you just have to
neglect it and then we'll be overthrown
in the wilderness so we have to just
there's gonna be no escape that this is
our God is a consuming fire and I think
a lot of us we actually take God for
granted we think that God God is so
forgiving it's just no problem he's just
sort of this long-haired hippie Jesus we
even though we know that's not true it's
kind of burned deep in our psyche that
Jesus is just kind of weak and soft and

so loving and we don't know Jesus that's why we have to read the book of Revelation to see who this Jesus is with eyes like a flame of fire and a sharp two-edged sword that that proceeds from his mouth and that's how he communicates with the Word of God and he's faithful to the Word of God he is the word of God and so how shall we escape if we neglect not reject so great salvation which at first began to be spoken by the Lord this great salvation was initiated the gospel was initiated by the Lord Himself and then it was confirmed unto us by them that heard him and so notice that that it wasn't just the Lord alone who spoke this great news it was confirmed and he says to his apostles you shall be my witnesses and by extension we are recruited to be his witnesses God never ever gives truth on the testimony of one never not even the Lord was by himself the Lord's word was confirmed multiple witnesses confirmed the Lord's word so God never expects us to accept the testimony of one man he always gives witnesses even when you think of Peter and Cornelius Cornelius had a vision Peter had a vision they came together and they confirmed for each other the vision Paul you know he had a vision he the Apostle the other possible were sent to him with a similar vision then you'll find Paul praying and Paul's like hey I was praying him that I had this vision and so never does God just speak through one man and that's it and we have to just sort of take his word for it there's always multiple witnesses and so here the Christ began he initiated the gospel this great salvation and hearing when we were studying Luke he lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said to

his disciples blessed are you poor for yours is the kingdom of God and so Jesus Christ Himself preached the kingdom of God and this great salvation that we should be grafted into Israel and become part of this kingdom of God that we shall reign on earth and you will be kings and priests Jesus Christ Himself came to earth and initiated the preaching of this truth and then he says here in Revelation as we read here none of those things which you shall suffer behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison that you may be tried and you shall have tribulation 10 days be you faithful unto death Jesus Christ did not regard death in fact when he introduced himself to John he says you know I'm he that lives and was dead and behold I am Alive for evermore amen and have the keys of hell and of death he has the key of death he can open the grave and retrieve us from the grave and so he says to us there's no takea here he doesn't say to us go ahead and if you're in this difficult situation you can lie because I'm a liar you can be a liar he doesn't say that he says I'm true I'm the word of God you be true and be true to death and don't worry about death I've conquered death and so you'd be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life and this is to the church in Smyrna I believe or pergamus but if you if you read go back and look at Revelation chapter 2 or the revelation summary that we did together you'll see very clearly that these epistles are to be read by all the churches not just you just don't read your favorite letter these the configuration of these letters was written in such a way that we would all benefit by understanding

what Christ hates and what he loves and
what he's expecting from us and so
that's why he says he that has an ear
let him hear what the Spirit says unto
the churches
so whatever the Spirit says to the
churches we have to take heed and pay
attention and so it's all about
overcoming in order not to be hurt by
the second death we don't fear the first
death we fear the second death and so
again this notion of how shall you
escape to the fathers who are unfaithful
Christ actually said to their faces you
serpents you generation of vipers how
can you escape the damnation of Hell so
when you deviate from the covenant there
is no escape and that's what these
people had done they die how have they
did they deviated from the Covenant even
though they were dressed up in religious
attire and they weren't looking the part
Christ was very clear you are not going
to escape and so Paul is using this same
language to the Hebrews who think
they're being faithful by sticking to
sort of the the outward appearance of
religious covenant but actually turning
their back on Christ he said how will
you escape and so the prophecy says that
the love of many in the end time will
wax cold and that many shall betray one
another and the question that Paul is
asking is how shall we escape if we turn
our back on Christ if we turn our back
on the body of Christ which is the
Church of Christ how shall we escape and
so it behooves us to look at our
behavior how do we treat the body of
Christ and are we respectful or are we
so permissive that anything goes these
are clues as to whether or not we will
stand and so we have to get busy and
hold on to what study and show ourselves

approved and and hold on to what we've
been given so that we don't compromise
and we don't neglect
that's all Satan once he doesn't want us
to reject at least not
initially the Word of God he just wants
us to neglect it so that he can get the
upper hand so that we begin to forget
things and we begin to tolerate things
that we ought not tolerate he says here
how shall we escape if we neglect so
great salvation which at the first began
to be spoken by the Lord and was
confirmed to us by them that heard him
God also bearing them witness amazing
the Lord spoke multiple people witnessed
and confirmed what the Lord spoke and
then God also bearing them witness God
backed up their witness himself both
with signs and wonders and with diverse
miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit
according to his own will so it's not
that they were just out there saying yes
we saw Christ rise from the dead we saw
him do these miracles we heard him
preach these truths and then okay well
there's lots of witnesses and so it must
be true over 500 people saw his
resurrection but in addition to all of
that multiple witnesses God Himself
backed them up with miracles with signs
and wonders to say this truly is the
Word of God so God doesn't leave us to
just have to take one man's word for it
he always provides multiple witnesses to
the truth he says here in acts 4 be it
known unto you all Peter saying and to
all the people of Israel that by the
name of Jesus of Nazareth whom you
crucified whom God raised from the dead
God himself did this to confirm his word
as the Scrat was written in the
scriptures this is exactly what happened
and God raised him from the dead even by

him does this man stand here before you
whole

so God raised Christ from the dead and
through through the power of Christ the
Apostles were able to heal miraculously
there's this this crippled and so it's
like it was very clear this is this is
the operation of God and God was
confirming his

he caught himself was being witness and
here it says in acts 19 and God wrought
special miracles by the hands of Paul
so all these apostles were able to do
these miracles to confirm the word of
the Lord the Lord preached at first
witness Peter the Apostle then were the
faithful witnesses to it and God backed
up their witness with miracles so that
there can be no excuse that it's
understood that this is from God and
here in on the day of Pentecost which we
are counting towards there appeared unto
them cloven tongues like as a fire and
it sat upon each of them and they were
all filled with the Holy Spirit and
miraculously began to speak with other
languages as the spirit gave them
utterance

so it was clear everybody who was in
Jerusalem at that time coming from all
these different nations heard the gospel
preached in their own language and that
was miraculous and God was backing up
the word of the Lord and the word of the
Apostles so let's just kind of go
through this argument that Paul is
creating here for the Hebrews to say
burn the bridge behind you do not go
back he says therefore we ought to give
the more earnest heed because Christ is
superior to the prophets he's superior
to the Angels he's superior to the whole
universe the whole creation and and God
has spoken to our fathers through the

prophets through the angels in these last days he's actually spoken to us by his son his son who created everything his son who will inherit everything we we actually used the first and last that huffin the Omega we actually have heard this message directly from him therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard that this is real in the revelation 22 he says these words are true and faithful this is reality if we're there's so much showing of fake news and they're losing and delusion and and so much imagination all around us if we want reality we just open the book of Revelation and that's reality and that's where everything is headed and so these words are true and faithful then these words are spoken by Christ himself and we must give the earnest heed to these things which we have lest at any time we should let them slip and that is the realities not speaking here you know to unbelievers he's speaking to the church he's speaking to the covenant community but just as it was true anciently so it is true with the church by neglect these things can slip and then there will be disaster and Jesus Christ himself prophesied that there will be unfaithfulness in the church when the Son of Man returns will he find faith in the earth this is the question and so we want to say yes Lord yes Lord and so in order to say yes Lord we have to give earnest heed to these things which we have heard for if the word spoken by Angels was steadfast and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward how shall we escape how do we escape the judgment of God if we neglect so great salvation so this this judgment is real

and God will judge and he's going to judge the church first then he'll judge the world you know the judgment begins with the house of God he says therefore how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation which it first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that hurt him God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders and with diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit

according to his own will so how do we escape this and now this what I was saying earlier that God never speaks to us with one voice not even the voice of the Lord who became a minute he always backs it up and that goes back to the law it goes back to Deuteronomy at the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall he that is worthy of death be put to death but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death

one witness Deuteronomy 19:15 shall not rise up against the man for any iniquity or for any sin in any sin that since at the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established and I just have to pause here for a moment and say this is a very serious matter simply because of the time that we are living in where this man who lived for fourteen hundred years ago

Muhammad came and he claims to be a prophet of God and that he was by himself in a cave when Gabriel came and brought revelation to him revelation which completely contradicts the Word of God that Gabriel brought to the prophet Daniel that Gabriel brought to Mary and every time Gabriel appeared he always brought a consistent message that was consistent with the law but

this man says that Gabriel appeared to him with an opposite message and that God wants to Gabriel to help him or Gabriel wants Mohammed to help him destroy the covenant community on the mouth of one man not only that he will draw it will Road on a white donkey with wings and took him to heaven where he met God and on the way he met Jesus met Jesus in the second heaven met Abraham in the seventh heaven and met Moses and is like the fifth heaven and then spoke with God and then came back to earth nobody saw this there were no witnesses and that's their claim to Jerusalem and there were no witnesses that saw him talk to Gabriel and yet from this one witness Muhammad who is self proclaimed I'm a prophet he's the one who says he's a prophet nobody else that he was profit he's the one that says he spoke to Gabriel nobody else said this he's the one that said he flew on a white donkey wings to a heaven nobody else saw this on the strength of this one witness hundreds of millions of human beings made in God's image have been brutally slaughtered brutally slaughtered on the strength of one witness and what does the word of God say it says at the mouth of two witnesses or at the mouth of three witnesses shall the matter be established that that one witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity or for any sin in any sin that he sins no absolutely not and yet we see these tears of jihad and they continue today a time of Terror at a time where people are being slaughtered indiscriminately because they have no value according to this ideology and yet God says man is made in His image and He desires all men to be saved and so coming back to the text

here this is why God always established his truth with more than one witness and so he says here continue in Hebrews 4 unto the Angels has he not put in subjection the world to come whereof we speak so this world that's coming again this is the greatness of Christ

yea the angels were messengers of God but that's all they were and the world to come is not put in subjection to them and here the Apostles here he says where ever we speak so Peter spoke about this he says nevertheless we according to his promise look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness and here in Revelation 21 we saw this new heaven and new earth so began in Genesis with heaven and earth but now in Revelation 21 it ends where John said I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and the first Earth were passed away and there was no more sea so there is a new creation coming and that new creation is subject to Jesus Christ he continued in Hebrews but one in a certain place testified saying what is man what is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you visit him it's a reasonable question what is this

the universe has estimated to be 14 billion years old it's it's hundreds of millions of galaxies and all of these galaxies have hundreds of millions of stars or Suns and each Sun has hundreds of millions of planets or aura there are hundreds of millions of planets orbiting all these different Suns and then there's man on earth and the question is - reasonable question what is man we look at this a little speck of a planet called Earth on earth we have this thing called a human being made in

God's image and likeness and it's a reasonable question what is man why does God pay so much attention to men and you know we're living in a time now of technology where you know we're kind of asking this question of ourselves as well

what is men because we have artificial intelligence now which is greater than that and it's replacing man and so you know we see here where Facebook actually had artificial intelligence these BOTS then that we're talking to each other and they were talking to each other in the language and all of a sudden the developers of these BOTS could no longer understand what they were saying to each other you know definition of artificial intelligence is software that writes software and as it's writing the software it is learning and so these BOTS were writing software as a languages to how to communicate with each other and they continued to tweak it to the point where the developers of the language no longer understood what they were saying to each other and they had to shut it down out of fear out of favor I go what are these what do these are robots saying to each other and so the fear is that man is just not capable of thinking at the level that artificial intelligence or robots empowered by artificial intelligence are going to be able to think far beyond the capacity of man and we will actually be if the prophecy is or the secular prophecy is we will actually become their slaves Stephen Hawkins who just died recently brilliant brilliant scientists he says the development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race so the question is a reasonable question what is man flesh

and bones we can build machines that are actually smarter than us stronger than us able to make better faster decisions than us and so what are we and on the other hand we see slaughter of human beings where human beings are considered of no value and we blow them up and chop off their heads and just torture them and destroy them and destroy their lives because we have no regard for them doesn't man really matter what is man that you are mindful of him so here if we continue in the text he says here but one in a certain place so so are asking this question what is man one in a certain place testified saying what is man that you are mindful of him or the Son of man that you visit him that God visits man why this is good this is heartening or quoting echoing Psalm eight where the David asked the question what is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you visit him so exactly quoting this verse for you so here's the answer you have made him a little lower than the Angels so so the the Hebrews were really fascinated by the strength and glory of the angels and yet here he says man was made a little lower than the angels and yet you've crowned him with glory and honor so even though man has made lower than the Angels he will be crowned with a glory in and honor that is higher than the Angels and David understood this you made him to have dominion over the works of your hands so Christ created all things and all these things were created for him and he created man to to reign over his creation with him with him so he says you've made you you you have made him to have dominion over the works of your hands so so we know that Christ has accomplished this and he will have

this dominion you have put all things
under his feet
so Christ is leading the way and this
glory that is in Christ is available to
us if we follow Christ this is the
amazing truth of this gospel that you
know the ultimate and again I have to
speak about Islam because it's covering
the Western world and the Western world
has rejected Jesus Christ and because
we've rejected Jesus Christ we stand for
nothing
we have no morals we have no values and
so people who have strong beliefs are
able to come in and just take over and
force their beliefs down our throat and
our young people have no way to stand up
and say well no that's not true because
we rejected Christ and so Christ says
Christ never forces himself on anybody
if you don't want Christ that's fine but
look what you're going to get instead
and yet all Christ wants is for us to
realize our full potential to come into
the glory that he has led the way for us
to come into this glory and so the real
ultimate reward for mankind you know
according to Islam the purpose of man is
to worship God okay
what is man man lives what threescore
years and ten it's like nothing and then
there's eternity
so in this blip of nothing the purpose
of man is to worship Allah if one does
this let's say so one comes to Allah
let's say at age twenty first twenty
years your life you don't really know
anything let's say and so at twenty you
serve Allah it comes to serve Allah and
you do that for fifty years five decades
it's basically nothing and then you die
the reward for doing that is to have sex
with Horus non-stop sex and food and
virgin boys that you are able to have

sexual activity with forever and ever
and ever and ever and ever and to be
sexually aroused non-stop well I thought
the purpose of life was to worship Allah
and and life is not seventy years this
is actually not life life is eternal
life oh no no no not forever and so the
purpose of life is to worship Allah and
then the the reward for doing that for
five decades is to have non-stop sex
forever and ever does this make any
sense at all so we must know the Word of
God and preach the truth of God that all
human beings are created to enjoy
eternal life with God to be crowned with
honor and glory and have dominion over
the works of his hands
there's a whole universe out there
waiting for all of us and revelation
shows us that people from all tribes of
the earth will come into Christ and we
just have to preach the gospel to all
nations preach the gospel teach them
these truths so that those who truly
have a heart for God who truly want to
know what is the purpose of their life
can come to this glorious glorious truth
you made him to have dominion over the
works of your hands you have put all
things under his feet all sheep and oxen
yeah and the beasts of the field the
fowl of the air the fish of the sea and
whatsoever passes through the paths of
the sea Oh Lord our Lord how excellent
is your name in all the earth
and you know that he visits man goes all
the way back to Genesis how Adam and Eve
heard the voice of the Lord God walking
in the garden in the cool of the day
this is our God
he loves the earth he loves mankind he
has a purpose for the earth he has a
purpose for mankind the Covenant is all
about land on the earth it's a

relationship with people on a plot of
land to to rule the universe for ever
and ever
this is the God he's not ashamed to call
us brethren he's not ashamed to come to
earth and walk and fellowship with
mankind what is man that you actually
visit him and so from the very beginning
God with visit man and maybe they hid
themselves from the presence of the Lord
so the presence of the Lord was on earth
and he was walking in the garden in the
cool of the day Jobe asked the same
question what is man this is phenomenal
and and you're just going back to there
artificial intelligence again you know
to our Muslim brothers and sisters out
there if you want a taste of what the
paradise of a law would be like rather
than blow yourself up why not test it
out first
by it by a you know back then in 1400
years ago we didn't have all you can eat
resorts go to a resort you get the best
food and you can actually buy
a sexual doll with artificial
intelligence that actually looks like a
real woman
and talks and will have a conversation
with you I think you can get one for all
seven or ten thousand dollars now
somebody with the imagination of Allah
actually created one of these things one
of these quarries so take that doll with
you to Four Seasons Resort and spend two
weeks knocking yourself out with all the
pleasure you can get and see how
disgusting such an existence is how
boring such an existence is though you
just have people who don't even know who
you are
but they're ready to have sex with you
what is that rather than a covenant
relationship with someone who loves you

and who you love and you're learning
together about each other
and learning to care for each other and
then taking that kind of understanding
of how to care for one another into
eternity to care for all human beings
into a life of adventure
non-stop creation and adventure this
whole universe out there waiting for us
this is the purpose of man to be born
into the kingdom of God not this
perversion that the devil promises and
then we go and kill people for this
perversion this is madness what is man
that you should magnify him that you
should set your heart upon him job was
wondering what what is this again he
asked in chapter 15 what is man that he
should be clean and he which is born of
a woman that he should be righteous how
does this happen and why here in Luke
168 blessed be the Lord God of Israel
for he has visited and redeemed his
people God visits man and he has a plan
for man and he loves man and so this is
a very important question for us to
understand and I can't believe that you
know human beings made in God's image
and likeness we get up we eat we sleep
we go to work and we have no clue why
we're here what is the purpose of all
and we know we're gonna die but we have
no clue what the purpose of our life is
and we reject Jesus Christ
it's insanity the devil has made the
world mad and by God's grace he's given
us his holy spirit so that we can
understand and woe unto us if we preach
not the gospel if we back down blessed
be the Lord God of Israel for he has
visited and redeemed his people and
that's what I believe Simeon said when
he saw that the Lord was born as a baby
and came into the earth and has visited

his people here he says in Luke 7 verse 16 that came fear and fear and all and they glorified God saying that a great prophet is risen up among us and that God has visited his people some understood God this was in the prophecy that there would be Emmanuel and that he would come and visit his people so he says he made him a little lower than the Angels continued in Hebrews and crowned him with glory and honor and it set him over the works of your hands and you have put all things in subjection under his feet for in that he put all things in subjection under him he left nothing that is not put under him but now we see not yet all things put under him that that's coming we don't see it yet it's coming this is the purpose of man to have dominion and we know from from Daniel the prophecy is there that there was given him Dominion and glory and a kingdom that all people and nations and languages should serve him his Dominion is an everlasting Dominion which shall never pass away and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed so all of these empires and all these kingdoms of the devil will be destroyed and then the kingdom of God will be set up forever and this kingdom will be given to the saints of God and so a man made in God's image will actually reign with God forever and ever and this is the purpose of man and as I actually prophesied this this is why Christ became a man and more specifically became an Israelite more specifically became a Jew to fulfill the Covenant and so as ayah says for unto us us is Israel a child is born unto us a son is given and the government
minion shall be upon his shoulder and his name shall be called wonderful

counselor the mighty God the everlasting
father the Prince of Peace of the
increase of his government and peace
there shall be no end and that we need to
meditate on this that this government is
going to be established in Jerusalem and
from there it's going to increase and
there's no end to the increase now
scientists look at the universe and they
say it's expanding and then it keeps
expanding and they don't understand they
thought it would expand and they thought
because of gravitational forces that it
would then contract but it's not it's
expanding and the expansion is actually
accelerating and that makes no sense to
them but we read this and it makes sense
that all of this is created for his
pleasure and for our pleasure and this
government of his it will never stop
increasing and of peace there shall be
no end upon the throne of David and upon
his kingdom to order it and to establish
it with judgment and with justice from
henceforth even forever the zeal of the
Lord of hosts will perform this and
false religions never talk about the
throne of David but this God is coming
to sit upon the throne of David because
that's the promise that he has made and
that's the promise that he will keep and
his zeal will perform this so this is a
very very rich chapter I'm going to take
our time going through it when we
continue next week we'll continue with
Hebrews chapter 2 and so let's just as
we're going through this book let's
understand that these things are written
for our admonition we can look at the
ancient Israelites and learn from them
and then we can look at the early New
Testament church the first century
church and we can learn from them and
here we have people in the covenant

community who because of fear were
considering turning back and we have to
ensure that we never turn our back on
God because he's conquered the grave and
he's offering us eternal life with him
and and we'll we'll continue we'll bring
in more of what we learned in Revelation
into this understanding but let me say
good night for it
and God willing we'll see you next week
for Wednesday night Bible study remember
how great Jesus Christ the Lord is he is
Lord he's king he's our Savior and we're
gonna covenant with him for ever and
ever amen