

## 58-Hebrews-03-Transcript

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well welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and tonight we're continuing in Hebrews chapter two we got partway through it last week and God willing we'll finish this week and then what I want to do at the end of chapter two is invite pastor Murray to join me for a little bit of Q&A at the end our chapters 1 & 2 really form the foundation of the author's argument for the rest of the book and I just want to make sure that we're really solidly understanding what the about argument is because the rest is really just flushing out the details of his argument and I also want to ensure that we're connecting it to what we are the book we just finished studying and that is the book of Revelation so as we're going through please think about your questions I know I normally make elect our Facebook community more easily customers that'll be looking at the chat and I'll be looking at Facebook so I'll be able to get questions from both sources this time let's open with a word of Prayer and then let's get into Hebrews chapter 2 our Heavenly Father we pause and we just would come before you lord ever so grateful that of the billions of people on the earth you've put it in our hearts to want to study your word and you've put it in our minds so that we can understand it through the power of your Holy Spirit and father as we study this very enigmatic mysterious somewhat perhaps coded book or shielded book we pray that you'll open it up to our understanding and that as you open our understanding father you'll deepen our conviction and

in strengthen us convict us give us  
greater courage to face the days weeks  
months years ahead we praise you father  
we praise Jesus Christ we thank you for  
Jesus Christ we thank you for what you  
and Christ are doing and we thank you  
that we have each other and your word  
lets us now father as we study your word  
in Jesus name in it let's uh let's get  
straight into Hebrews chapter 2 and just  
we went over this before it's gonna go  
over it again I really want to make sure  
we understand in in Chapter 1 he begins  
his opening arguments and he is  
basically telling us how great Jesus  
Christ is and that we have this  
privilege of receiving this message of  
salvation directly from Jesus Christ not  
like the forum not like the forefathers  
and when I say we I mean Israeli  
speaking to Hebrews he's speaking to his  
Hebrew brethren he's a part of the  
Hebrew community we I'm saying we  
because all of us have been grafted in  
whether we're natural born Hebrews or  
not let's take ourselves back to the  
first century where these heba's Hebrew  
community it is facing a level of  
persecution a level of tribulation that  
they don't know if they have the courage  
to face and they're looking for the easy  
way out and the easy way out is to go  
backward to go back to what they knew  
before Judaism and hey it's the same God  
so we're good right and and the Apostle  
here is saying no we're not good it's an  
accomplice that if you go back to  
Judaism you are turning your back on  
Jesus Christ and that is going to be  
tragic for you so you build this  
argument of how great Christ is is  
greater than the prophets he's greater  
than than the angels he's greater than  
the whole

they're gonna be continuing that argument through the book of Hebrews but but after that okhla after those opening statements we then come to this scripture in opening up chapter two therefore because of the greatness of Christ therefore and and because we are receiving this great message of salvation from Christ therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard not not what the fathers heard but what we have heard less than any time we should let them slip and so that's that's the worry that the Apostle has that that the Brethren may not that they reject the truth but that they neglect it and that they let it slip so we have to understand what it is we've been given and we have to pay the more earnest attention to it lest at any time we should let it slip for if the word spoken by Angels what said was steadfast as there was no abrogation even though this word didn't come from God it came from the Angels and now we're receiving this from this message from God himself from the son of God for if the word spoken by Angels was steadfast and every transgression without exception every transgression and disobedience received a just and the King James says recompense of reward let's just say punishment for if the word spoken by Angels was steadfast it was immovable it's the Word of God was spoken by angels but it's the word of God and every transgression against that word which came through angels every disobedience against that word received it so is appropriate punishment then he says how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation so look at the history of the fathers and and look at their disobedience and look how precise

God is and was in punishing every specific violation of his law beginning with Adam beginning with Adam and all the fathers don't fool around with God's law there are penalties to break in God's work and so the word that was given to Adam he broke it and he received a just punishment it was appropriate it was it was the it was according to it he wasn't punished arbitrarily he was punished according to the Word of God and the fathers were punished according to the Word of God and so now we receive this message of salvation from God himself from Jesus Christ the Almighty the so how shall we escape we the Covenant community if we neglect so great salvation which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord this this being who is so grave so much greater than any other messenger previously and that God has spoken to now speak to us through the Lord and if we neglect to this word how shall we escape God is a just God love and justice go together it's not love or justice love is justice God is love God is justice God is just and so how will we escape if we neglect this great salvation which was at the which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard in the last week I spoke about the law of two witnesses that God never expects us to take one man's word for it even if it's the Lord Himself who became a man he always backs up his word with other witnesses so any doctrine any ideology any ideas that come to us by one man and like did anybody else see this did anybody else hear this you have any miracles the Baptist optic did God confirm your word no we just have to take your word for it oh you have a

sword oh that changes everything it  
changes nothing  
it changes nothing the Word of God is  
confirmed by God and he always backs it  
up with other messengers that's the  
beauty of the Bible that this book that  
was written in three different languages  
on three different continents by  
multiple multiple authors it's the same  
God and and each of them are confirming  
each other's war  
and when the Lord came then the Apostles  
came and they confirmed what he said  
with miracles and God backed him up now  
this argument that the author is making  
here in these just opening chapter  
chapters is the argument of the whole  
book and it is just how shall we escape  
if we neglect the salvation which came  
to us by the Lord Jesus Christ himself  
and and he's Billy stomach going we're  
gonna go into these details now as we go  
through the chapters over the next weeks  
ahead God willing and we're just let's  
just kind of race ahead and just see the  
consistency of the message of Hebrews it  
is right here  
we will not escape if we if we neglect  
this salvation so the author is going to  
go back and forth between the promise of  
salvation and the perdition of those who  
turn their back the perdition of cowards  
and this is the very same message that  
we saw in the book of Revelation where  
God gave this revelation to Christ the  
apocalypsis he then gave it to an angel  
to give to John to give to us so that we  
could know the end of the story  
and at the end of the story we see this  
great salvation we see in fact God  
Himself God the Father himself coming  
down to earth to Tabernacle with man and  
man covenant in with Christ in a  
marriage ceremony for eternity and in

the Tree of Life and though the river of life the water of life and and we just see this of beauty and the New Jerusalem what a great salvation is spoken by the Lord Himself but that's not the only part of the story we also see the very stern warnings to the seven churches to say get your act together because my wrath is coming upon mankind and I don't want you included in my wrath I want to pass over I want to pass over you just as I passed over ancient Israel and punished the Egypt and brought Egypt down now I'm going to punish Bob along and bring Babylon down and I want to pass over here so you you can't be fearful in fact the story ends with cowards being the first category of human beings to be thrown into the lake of fire I always say cowards than criminals cowards first weakness is evil I'll say it again weakness is evil if we are weak we are brothers and sisters of the devil because we will let the devil have his way it was weakness that allowed Hitler to be Hitler weakness that allowed Stalin to be Stalin weakness that allowed all of these evil men to do all of their evil where nobody could stand up to them and say stop they all just went along out of fear and then this is what Hebrews tackles head-on do not be fearful there are those who have the formula for success built on fear I know men are cowards and therefore I will gain victory over them by terrorizing them by making them fearful and Christians can not be fearful if we are fearful we are brothers and sisters of the devil weakness is evil Christ to be to be a Christian we have to be courageous and so this this is the argument how shall we escape if we neglect this great

salvation which was spoken by the Lord Himself now let's just fast forward we will get here when we get to Ebers chapter 10 but herein we're gonna see the same argument for if we sin willfully these Hebrews are thinking of turning their back on Christ denying Christ and going to a religion that's sanctioned by Rome so that they don't fall under persecution because Christ Christianity was an illicit religion it was an illegal religion for if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth so it's not like we can't say we didn't know we can't say we didn't have the Holy Spirit this is talking to a Christian community that has received the truth that has received the Holy Spirit that knows Christ and now his concurrence play tank for sake of avoiding persecution contemplated turning the back on them and the apostle makes it very clear if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth there remains no more sacrifice for sins that that this is not like there's another sacrifice or like in the ancient days we just keep get another goat get another bull you have a sin offer and get a free will offering just and then let's let's just keep offering it maybe next year will be better no that's all over now Christ has come in he shed his blood and and and God Almighty came to earth and shed his blood to redeem Israel and through Israel all of mankind he did this once for eternity there's there's nothing else so if we turn our back on this great sacrifice which enables such a great salvation there's nothing else there's nothing else so if we sin wilfully after that we have received the

knowledge of the truth there remains no more sacrifice for sins instead but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversary so this is exactly what we saw in the book of Revelation that there's a fiery indignation which is coming from God from heaven to earth to devour the adversaries of God and what Hebrews is telling us here which is what we should have picked up in Revelation is that if we are fearful and turn our back on Christ we will not enjoy the Passover the the wrath of God we are not appointed to wrath as long as we are in Christ but if we turn our back on Christ then there's no there's no protection for us there's no other means of salvation we have we have put ourselves in the category of the wicked of those who are outside the camp and so you know instantly of those who did not take the blood and put it on their doorposts body and everything since the coupon we don't need to put blood on our doorpost everything will be fine if they did that they would have lost their first one and so here the believers and again this once saved always saved evil doctrine we got to get rid of this you know I just feel like I can I can empathize with the Apostle Paul who was with the Ephesians and he warned them night and day for three years with tears because he could see what was coming and so he was warning them and warning them and hoping that they would understand what he was saying and then he had to leave them and any was still like you know I can see what I can see I can see the seeds of the future in the present and I'm warning you with tears and I think those ministers who can see the future who see



what's coming we realized the need for us to be building communities that are healthy that are edifying one another where everybody in the community uses their gift to edify the body and strengthen the body why because of what's coming the community makes us stronger the gifts God gives these gifts to different brethren in different ways according to their abilities and their uniqueness so that each person edifies the body in a unique way and together the body is strengthened and then through that strength we face whatever is coming but you know there's so much conflict in these in various congregations now I'm not speaking specifically of CGI just Church in general human beings in general coming together we can get very petty very petty and instead of building each other up or tearing each other down instead of understanding this is about community we think we're individuals and you know I have this wonderful relationship with God I'm this holy man I'm just so spiritual up popping into a congregation once in a while all grace the congregation with my presence once in a while this is not Christianity this is not Christianity Christianity is all about community and it's about giving and helping an understanding that okay I I've received the Holy Spirit not so that I can feel holy but so that I can edify so that I can follow the will of God and the will of God is to love one another and so because of the Holy Spirit I'm able to love my brethren and I'm passionate about edifying the Brethren and you know what as I had to fight the Brethren they edify me as they had to find me and I get stronger

I can edify the Brethren and they get stronger and as they get stronger they make me stronger and I make them stronger and that's the way the community works and you know fortunately most of us are able to commune but there are some brethren who are so remote they can't commute but we have technology and so we can include them in fact pastor Marie was talking to me the other day and I think even said this last week but you know the the chats that we have after the Bible study each week it feels like a third congregation to us we look after two congregations here in Ontario and then it feels like we have this virtual congregation and and this is what God wants where we do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together because we understand what is coming and they need to be stronger and stronger and stronger and that strength comes from the edification of one another so if we turn our back on this salvation out of fear that this is what it all is it's all about being caught off guard not realizing the intensity of the persecution that's coming not realizing that evil men will wax worse and worse and that they hate Christ and that they that Satan is inspiring them to destroy anybody associated with Christ we didn't really see it coming and we were fooling around we were obstructing the ministry we were gossiping about the Brethren we were tearing down one another and then now suddenly we have to face something that we realize we don't have the strength for we don't have the love what is going to get us through the times ahead is the love we have for God and the love we have for one another but if we don't have this love instead we're gonna have

to face the wrath of God so instead of the sacrifice of the blood of Christ washing us from our sins enabling the Passover instead they'll be a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation it's too late which shall devour the adversaries and then we get included in that notice this he that despised Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses so again it's never without witnesses this out through the way just God justice works they need to be witnesses we don't put people to death uh on the strength of one witness we don't accept accusations on the strength of one witness always two or three witnesses so again this argumentation methodology of the lesser to the greater so if all of this happened under Moses law of how much sorer punishment suppose you shall he be thought worthy who has trodden under foot the Son of God and has counted the blood of the Covenant wherewith he was sacrificed an unholy thing and has done insult unto the spirit of grace so it's really this is the unpardonable sin because this the Holy Spirit testifies of Jesus Christ and so when we receive the Holy Spirit we can't help but witness of Christ we testify of price because it's the spirit in us that is testifying and so for us to turn our back on Christ is to blaspheme the Holy Spirit which has been given to us and so how do you get around these scriptures is my question do we say that oh these are not true believers this is all nonsense these are people the the Hebrew community part of the community have received the Holy Spirit who have testified of Christ who have accepted Christ and are now contemplating turning

their back on him and the message from the Apostle is if you do that you will go into the lake of fire you will face a fiery judgment and in the indignation of the wrath of God will come down squarely upon your head even though you today you are in Christ if you a pasta sighs and then the prophecy is that many are going to do this there's going to be a massive apostasy in fact it's already in motion but it's not over yet because this is a powerful the devil is but if we do this this is the future because of how likely we're taking the Word of God so that's chapter 10 and then ultimately we're going to come to this conclusion in Chapter 12 before concluding in chapter 13 he says here again he's building up this argument so this we're laying the foundation here in chapters 1 and 2 but this is where we're going see that you refused not him that speaks so it's all about who is speaking to us anciently it was the angels and the prophets talking to the fathers and now it's the Lord Himself speaking to us see that you refuse not him that speaks for if they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth

that's Moses much more shall not we escape if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven where is the one saved always saved here let's be very careful that's it let's let's act with a sense of urgency that there is something in the future and we know what it is because the revelation has come to us and he says you know blessed is he that reads and they who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things that are written therein for the time is at hand and what I would hate is for us to leave the book of Revelation and come to the book of Hebrews as if like okay yeah

we did revelation that's over now we're  
in another book that this has nothing to  
do with the the months of study that we  
just did in the book of  
halation were on to a new subject now no  
no no no we're not there's only one  
subject and it's the revelation of Jesus  
Christ

it's the appearing of our Lord this is  
the finish line the only thing on our  
minds now or should be is the appearing  
of our Lord when will he appear and will  
we be ready for his appearance this is  
the finish line and we now understand  
his appearance from the book of  
Revelation in fact we understand the  
whole Bible the the arc of the story of  
the Bible is in the book of Revelation  
and so we must hold on to this that this  
is our study for the rest of our life  
blessed is he that reads  
and keeps reading and keeps reading and  
they who hear and keep hearing and keep  
hearing the words of this prophecy the  
book of Revelation and cursed is anybody  
who takes anything away from it they're  
there they'll be taken away their name  
will be taken away from the book of life  
and anybody who adds to it all the  
persons of the book will be added to  
them so this book in this book matters  
and when we haven't left it what we're  
doing now with Hebrews even though this  
is a message to the first century  
Hebrews it's written for us because just  
as they were facing a level of  
persecution that that was unprecedented  
for them they have not seen that level  
of persecution before because of the  
wrath of the devil they were going to  
turn their back on Christ and Christ  
tells us that in the last time many will  
betray one another so just as we now  
ahead of us is a level of persecution

that's unprecedented the world has never seen this type of persecution we need to keep the things that are written in the prophecy of the book of Revelation and now what we're doing here is just giving detail you are getting sort of a detailed look of how to withstand the persecution that's coming because it shows us in Revelation the Saints Saints are successful not all the Saints but many Saints are successful with Christ in Christ and this is now giving us a bit of detail as to how we can be in that category of saints that that prevails that succeeds with the Lord so if they escaped enough who refused him that spoke on earth much more shall not we Christians believers those with whom the Holy Spirit dwells much more shall not we escape if we turn oh if we turn away from him that speaks from heaven and we know the prophecy say men you're gonna turn away love of men you're gonna wax cold and then you're gonna betray one another and many false prophets are gonna rise and people are gonna follow them many will be weak and cowardly if we turn if we turn away from him that speaks so this is this is the that sort of culmination of the argument and everything in Hebrews is kind of revolving around this argument of how great the Lord is you know the other thing so one thing we're gonna get from this book is conviction and courage and a know a very stern warning you know this is this is a call it the book of Hebrews the Epistle to the Hebrews it's really a sermon and maybe Fanny gives us a good sense as elders those of us who are elders how a sermon is constructed that it's not we don't come into a congregation and say you're a lovely and

I'm lovely listen is just so nice to know the Lord when there's sin in the congregation when the congregation is not living up to the maturity of Christ this is a letter this is a love letter and it's very stern the Apostle is not pulling any punches here because people's lives people's eternal lives are at risk and sometimes as elders we have to move with urgency because we see what is at risk and and and Paul as we go through this book we're going to we're going to experience a level of harshness there's no pulling of punches in it's almost the times it can be insulting you know you should be teachers by now but your babies and then that the night I want to bring you meat but I realize I the state that you're in you need milk you're like you need formula because you're like a baby this is harsh language but what we have to understand is this is love this is a love letter this is loving love language this is pull these people out of the fire so that they can have eternal life and I'm not kidding when I say fire it's the fiery indignation of the Lord and so we have to help one another and so you know one of the things we're gonna see here is this very stern warning while at the same time holding out the promise holding out what this salvation is but through his argumentation the other thing we're gonna see is how great Jesus Christ is holy he is I want to use the word awesome but it's such an overused word I may be glorious I'm not sure what word to use what words fail me but I think you understand what I'm saying Jesus Christ is the Lord the Almighty he's so gracious he's so holy and in

making his argument basically the messages do not a pasta size do not turn back but in building up this warning he builds up the glory of Christ so that you understand who it is we are listening to who it is we are engaged with and so the other benefit of studying this book is our worship of Jesus Christ that we can't help but glorify him we can't help but be grateful to him and anybody who comes along to tell us that Christ is not God Christ is not the Almighty you know Unitarians and and Trinitarians and limitary ins and and all these people are trying to minimize Christ we can't accept it we will not accept it because we understand who he is the world doesn't understand who he is and the world hates him what we understand so this is one of the other benefits we're gonna get from studying this book is the glory of Christ and so let's go back to Hebrews 2 huh shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him God also bearing them witness of God is backing them up the message so they're backing up Christ and God is backing them up so multiple witnesses God also bearing them witnesses both with signs and wonders and diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit the Holy Spirit always testifies to Christ I'm Stephen in John 16 the purpose of the Spirit and gives her the Holy Spirit according to his own will for unto the Angels has he not put in subjection the world to come where of we speak so so we're all looking to this when when the Lord appears there's this new world and that's what team that's what all the apostles were speaking



about but one in a certain place and now he's going back to the Psalms and then speaking of David one in a certain place testified saying what is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you visit him and this this is the question what is man why you know we look at this massive universe and they're out there searching for life and they can't find life anywhere and this planet Earth is so unique and yet it's not really it's not in a privileged position in the universe it's just this speck in the corner of the universe somewhere it just it doesn't make any sense the people they don't understand it and there are they're asking the same question what is that and and they have nothing to do with God they're just looking at the universe but those of us who understand God and his love for man more like David to say you what is man here the Apostle saying what is man that you are mindful of him and we saw when Joel was asked this question or the son of man that you visit him why do you fellowship with man you made him a little lower than the Angels you crowned him with glory and honor and it set him over the works of your hands so this is a very very big mystery why how can we understand what is man what why does God have this fascination with man what is he this is the question and and he's round with glory and honor and he set over the works of all the creation he sees the highest in creation you have put all things in subjection under his feet and go back to Genesis and saw from the very beginning this was the will of God that man was created in His image and likeness and the whole creation was subjected to him he says you put all things in subjection under his feet what

what is going on here it's a mystery for  
in that he put all in subjection under  
him he left nothing that is not put  
under him everything is under man  
because man is in God's image but now we  
see not yet all things put under him so  
the Hebrews are getting discouraged  
they're thinking of going back and Paul  
is saying wait a minute there's a  
purpose here for all of this  
there's a glory in the future we don't  
see that glory right now we do not see  
yet see all things put under him all  
things put under man what do we see but  
we see Jesus this is what we see we see  
Jesus and this changes everything  
he was made a little lower than the  
Angels what why was God the Son of God  
why did he come from heaven to earth to  
earth again people are confused why this  
focus and fascination with earth  
it's just the sister random planet is  
the mass in the universe well not really  
he was made a little lower than the  
Angels for the suffering of death he was  
made for the suffering of death crying  
and so we see Jesus who had made lower  
than the Angels for the purpose of dying  
that's why he came he emptied himself of  
the Godhead Philippians 2 tells us this  
and he came to earth specifically to die  
when we were studying the Book of Luke  
together we saw him on this steady march  
to Jerusalem where he knew he was going  
to be slaughtered and he was just  
focused and steadfast I am on my way to  
Jerusalem the Son of man must be  
slaughtered in Jerusalem why because  
this was the mechanism through which she  
would save man he was made a little  
lower than the Angels for the to the  
purpose of suffering of death now he's  
crowned with glory and honor and we saw  
that in the book of Revelation that he

by the grace of God should taste death  
for every man  
so the Hebrews are terrified of dying  
nobody wants to die nobody wants to die  
but Christ came to die and the reason he  
came to die was to redeem Israel that  
through his death he could provide  
salvation through his blood for all  
mankind through Israel so now he's  
crowned with glory that he by the grace  
of God should taste death for every man  
so he's the firstborn from the dead and  
his death is for us and so we don't need  
to fear death anymore because we see  
Jesus we see Jesus who came from heaven  
to earth died a brutal death and then  
three days and three nights later he was  
resurrected and over 500 brethren saw  
him multiple multiple multiple witnesses  
and so people are gonna come along and  
say oh it didn't happen how dare them  
how dare them deny what God has done for  
man only the wickedest of men could say  
that this did not happen and and  
trivialize it we have to stand in all  
like what the Creator like how do we  
wrap our minds around this this is the  
love that the Creator has for us and now  
he's crowned with glory and honor and we  
know that man is destined for glory and  
honor man is destined to have dominion  
over the whole creation but it is it is  
going to come to us through Christ and  
so we're not going to be discouraged we  
see Jesus and that's all we need to see  
we get it now we we have the vision  
because we see Jesus and let's again  
let's go back to the book of Revelation  
where this this revelation is from from  
Christ and this greeting of grace and  
peace from the Father and from the seven  
spirits which are before his throne and  
from Jesus Christ who is the faithful  
witness so he came from heaven to earth

and left his God godliness left the  
Godhead and all of his attributes of  
glory and power that he had with the  
father and he just became a human being  
a weak human being just like you and I  
but he remained faithful with the Holy  
Spirit and the Holy Spirit testifies of  
Christ so with the Holy Spirit he  
testified of himself to the end and he  
did not back down

Satan threw everything at him and he was  
courageous through the Holy Spirit he  
did not back down and so he was the  
faithful witness and because of that he  
is now the firstborn of the dead not the  
only born the firstborn and so we have  
the formula for success we are  
Christians we follow Christ he was a  
faithful witness we will be a faithful  
witness the Holy Spirit testified of him  
the Holy Spirit in us testifies of him  
he's now born from the dead we will be  
born from the dead we're not afraid of  
death because we understand the  
resurrect

because we see Jesus and he's the Prince  
of the kings of the earth and to him  
that loved us this is why he came to  
earth because he loved Israel he's come  
to redeem the woman the woman in Genesis  
3 that that the serpent deceived and  
destroyed and and so the first Adam  
failed her but the second Adam comes to  
redeem her and he comes to redeem her  
through the personage of Israel that  
he's coming to marry Israel so the  
redemption of man is through Israel Eve  
is redeemed in Israel so he loved us us  
being Israel and washed us from our sins  
in his own blood that's why he came to  
earth to taste death for every man so he  
came to be slaughtered so that he could  
take his blood and wash our sins away  
from us that this is the love of God and

the wicked cannot understand this it's  
just first of all it's just hard just  
it's just hard to comprehend but then  
the wicked their hearts are hardened and  
they want whatever their lusts want and  
they want power and money and sex these  
are the idols that they pursue and if we  
study their lives forget their rhetoric  
forget the rhetoric anybody can make  
rhetoric that sounds good let's study  
their fruit and what we see in their  
fruit is idolatry they want money they  
want sex they want power these are the  
idols these are the false gods and now  
notice this he washes a sinner and this  
is the glory this is the glory that we  
see he's made us kings and priests unto  
God and his father this is the glory and  
the Dominion we are going to be kings we  
are going to be priests  
and as kings were going to rule as  
priests we're going to facilitate a  
relationship between God and man just as  
Christ is doing for us now kings and  
priests unto God and his father to him  
be glory and Dominion forever and ever  
we can't help but praise him because of  
this great love that he has who he is  
what he's done  
amen now later in this chapter  
as Christ is speaking to the Apostle  
John the Apostle turns to look at the  
who is speaking with him and I turned to  
see the voice that spoke with me  
and being turned I saw seven golden  
candlesticks remember this is all  
symbolic language so he's going to  
explain that these candlesticks the  
symbolism of these candlesticks are the  
churches and it's a mystery  
John John didn't understand what he's  
looking at because of the dynamics of  
what he was seeing and Christ Hector on  
decoded for him because it is to be

decoded we need to understand it I saw  
seven golden candlesticks and in the  
midst of the seven candlesticks one like  
unto the Son of Man clothed with a  
garment down to the foot and Girt about  
the paps with a golden girdle so this is  
the high priest this is the high priest  
and we know that the high priest were  
always you know they had something about  
around the paps around the chest and  
their their garments would go down to  
the foot but in this case it's a it's a  
white garment and a golden girdle but it  
is our high priest and he's in the midst  
of the churches his head and his hairs  
were white like wool okay that's so  
that's what it is oh he's got this glory  
in his hair as white as snow  
notice this his eyes were as a flame of  
fire this is the fiery indignation this  
is the fiery indignation this is the  
wrath of God and that's why it was a  
mystery John John done collapsed first  
of all from what he saw they fainted  
passed out and then it had to be  
explained to him why this wrath  
why such anger in the eyes his eyes as a  
flame of fire and in his right hand  
seven stars why does he have seven stars  
in his right hand what is their purpose  
and out of his mouth went a sharp  
two-edged sword why this sharp two-edged  
sword  
when he's in the midst of the churches  
shouldn't this all be just loving and  
hugging and embracing what why this  
dynamic of wrath in the eyes  
sharp two-edged sword coming out of his  
mouth and that the seven stars in his  
right hand and this was bright  
countenance and now in when he begins to  
address now the so the sharp two-edged  
sword is the Word of God and the purpose  
of the seven stars is to take that sword

and deliver it to each of the churches  
to take the Word of God to the churches  
and it's a sharp two-edged sword so if  
we're not right with God we have to face  
this two-edged sword we have to face the  
wrath of God via the fiery indignation  
so we have to keep he's giving us this  
warning so that we can get right with  
him so that we can enjoy the Passover  
and and not be victims of his wrath  
which is the message in Hebrews so here  
now as he begins to address Ephesus we  
see an interesting twist or or  
development I should say because when he  
turned to see the voice that spoke with  
him it said in verse 13 that the voice  
was in the midst of the seven  
candlesticks but we just get a little  
bit more detail in chapter 2 verse 1  
that unto the Angel of the Church of  
Ephesus write these things says he that  
holds the seven stars in his right hand  
so that's what John saw but just this a  
little bit of detail that's added who  
walks in the midst of the seven  
candlesticks so it's not just that he's  
in the middle of the seven candlesticks  
he's actually walking through the  
through the candlesticks  
evaluating the different candlesticks  
and and the message is now being sent by  
these stars taking the sword the two  
inch store that's sharp and taking it to  
the seven candlesticks based on what he  
saw but it's important that we see here  
that he walks because our brother Jan  
the Deacon here in Burlington was giving  
a sermon last week actually were in  
London and this sermon with the  
scripture that he quoted just it does  
left off the page at me and I was like  
wow why didn't I see that before in  
Deuteronomy 23 in verse 14 so revelation  
2 1 and actually Revelation 119 is

actually a call back to Deuteronomy  
23 14 and I miss this the first time we  
went through for the Lord your God walks  
in the midst of your camp why is he  
walking in the midst of the camp to  
deliver you and to give up your enemies  
before you that's why he meets the camp  
to be strong he needs the camp to be  
right with him so that the camp is not  
subjected to his wrath and that's what  
he's doing in the midst of the seven  
candlesticks

he's evaluating the candlesticks and  
giving them his word so that we can  
correct ourselves so that we can avoid  
his wrath but the Lord your God walks in  
the midst of your camp to deliver you  
and to give up your enemies before you  
that's this is the message of the  
apostle to the Hebrews don't worry about  
your enemies because it's all gonna be  
reversed and we're gonna be in Thrones  
and we're gonna be rendering righteous  
judgment and they are going to be weak  
and without power they'll have nothing  
the the devil will be in a pit arrested  
and imprisoned and chained and they'll  
just have to face the judgment to give  
up your enemies before you so this great  
wrath of God is coming upon these  
enemies therefore shall your camp be  
holy that's what he's doing in the midst  
of the candlesticks and he doesn't like  
everything he sees so he's telling the  
church look I'm really appreciate this  
but I hate this you better fix this  
because this is not holiness  
and you cannot dwell with me if this is  
in the camp therefore shall you can't be  
holy that he see no unclean thing in you  
and turn away from you this is the  
purpose of him being in the camp this is  
why his eyes are full of fiery  
indignation and why there's a sharp



sword a sharp two-edged sword coming out  
of his mouth and this is what this is  
the same God that is inspiring the  
Apostle to speak to the Hebrews there is  
a fiery indignation that it's awaiting  
them there they're one of the  
candlesticks that say there's this fire  
indignation  
that's awaiting them and there's this  
sharp two-edged sword that's saying get  
your act together that this isn't a  
picnic get serious the finish line is  
coming let's run hard and let's stay  
let's stay focused and you can pay  
attention to what we're doing because  
there's no there's no rewind there's no  
do-over when it's over it's over your  
time it's like when you're running a  
race and then you know you're a little  
bit tired you're running for a while and  
you know you just kind of ease up a  
little bit and then there's the finish  
line  
and then you kind of give it a bit and  
you croc and then you get your time and  
then you think you know I could have  
pushed a bit more I could have ran a bit  
harder it's too late that that's now the  
permanent record and you're thinking you  
know I should have ran harder and that's  
what's gonna happen now with us that  
we're gonna think I should have loved  
more like I could have been more loving  
I could have I could have used my gifts  
more to edify I could have been more I  
could have contributed more I could have  
been more of a positive force in the  
community  
there's no rewind and so coming now to  
this while we're facing and what the  
Hebrews were facing which is a  
foreshadow of when we will face in the  
future  
and not miss they are generation maybe I

think most likely with like a future generation and it was given unto the Beast to make war with the Saints and to overcome them this is what the Hebrews the Hebrews were facing a type of this they were they were facing it with the sixth Beast we have to face it with the eighth beast the seventh beast which is the dies and comes back which is the eighth head of the Beast which is really the seventh and it was given unto him to make war with the saints and and to overcome them and the only way we can face this as if we have the love of God if we have the Holy Spirit and power was given him over all Kindred's and tongues and nations and and Daniel saw the same thing I beheld the same horn made war with the Saints and prevailed against them that's this is in the book but the Satan and the Beast beast will have their way for a little season but the Saints we have a job our job is to testify to Christ and that's why Christ says here in Luke I will forewarn you whom you shall fear don't fear the Beast don't fear the devil don't fear a wicked man I'll tell you who to fear this is news Bishop the word of Christ fear him which after he has killed has power to cast in hell

yes I say unto you fear him don't know fear men fear him he says are not five sparrows sold for two farthings and not one of them is forgotten before God but even the very hairs of your head are all numbered

fear not therefore an immune when john cowan john saw christ in he collapsed Christ put his hand on an insect emitted fear not fear not me right with me got nothing to fear

be right with me and John was right with God the actually the book opens with

declaring John a faithful witness and so Christ has done fear no but if we're unfaithful witnesses we better fear and this is the message the Hebrews you better fear but don't fear men you fear not therefore you are of more value than many sparrows also I say unto you whosoever shall confess me before men and this is what we need to understand that the whole the purpose of the Holy Spirit is to enable us to do the will of and a big part of that is to testify of Christ to confess Christ so also I send to you whosoever shall confess me before men him shall the son of men also confessed before the angels of God that's what we want we want the Son of God proud of us we want the son of God the Son of man confessing us and identifying us and upholding us and and exalting us this is what we're after but he that denies me before men and this is the same message so Christ is basically giving the playbook to the church and the church is turning their back on it and so the Apostle in Hebrews is reminding them of the playbook hey guys don't don't do this he that denies me before men shall be denied before the angels of God Christ does not speak vainly he's not saying this just because he had nothing to do one day and I thought you know I need to say something profound I'm God after all it wouldn't be right if I come to earth and I don't say anything profound hmm let me think what could I say that's really profound Oh No he that denies me before men shall be denied before the angels of God doesn't mean anything because once you're saved you're always saved I just was trying to say something profound he's saying this because this is a very real threat and and the book

of Hebrews shows us the very real threat that the Apostle was dealing with back then which is the very real threat that we face in the future

and so my earnest prayer is that the Brethren understand you have to edify one another we have to do this urgently we have to strengthen one another to face what's coming we don't strengthen ourselves so so God doesn't give me the Holy Spirit so that I can strengthen myself it gives me the Holy Spirit so I can strengthen others if you doesn't give others the Holy Spirit so they can strengthen themselves he gives them their gifts so that they can strengthen me and this is the way the body works and this is what God wants us to understand and build each other up so that we can be successful we cannot be successful

by ourselves and so for in the right community for edifying one another we will not turn our back on Christ he that denies me before a man shall be denied before the angels of God and what a tragedy that will be and it would just be a fiery indignation back to Hebrews you put all things in subjection under his feet for in that he put all in subjection under him he left nothing that is not put under him so we see Christ and everything has been put under Christ but now we see not yet all things put under him

sorry that's man but now we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the Angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man for he put all things and this is now Corinthians Paul was saying the same thing that he's thought as the father has put all things under Christ's

feet but when he says all things are put under him it's obvious that the father is excepted which did put all things under him it's a same language and here in Isaiah the prophecy says therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel so this human being that came to the earth just a baby grew up as a normal human being this was God and now all things have been put under his feet and he is our forerunner he's our pioneer and so the glory that he has received the father he wants to share that glory with us and again same thing as I just prophesied that this human being is going to come and he's going to redeem Israel even so his weakness is his strength the fact that he he suffered brutally but faithfully because he loved Israel is how he redeemed Israel and now the same way that he loved us we must now love him and this love that we have for him means we'll face anything he cannot there's nothing that Christ can ask of us that's too big of an ask it's like well slow down Jesus you know you didn't you did good you did well but I think you're just going a little bit too far now to ask me to give up my life for it to suffer in any way this is ridiculous but the sacrifice of Christ is so profound that our response is okay he earns me what whatever he wants whatever he asks me to do I will do wherever he asked me to go I will call there's just no way that I can thank him enough and and my life is just nothing and yet he valued it and but it's nothing but he valued it I have to value him and so this this is how we see that his weakness was his strength and this is

what we have to see is that our weakness or apparent weakness is our strength because what we're doing in facing the Beast and his minions is being faithful to Christ and that takes strength so whatever they do to our body they do you know that's whatever they do they do but they cannot force us to deny Christ and this is where we this is the strength of being a man so he says he was bruised for our iniquities and the chastisement of our peace

Israel's peace was upon him and with His stripes Israel the breach with Israel is healed back to Ebers for it became him for whom are all things and by whom are all things he's the creator in bringing many sons unto glory that so he's come to be our pioneer to bring us to glory to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings or mature he came to a full maturity of full understanding of how to be our high priest through these sufferings and we see this in Romans three that he was sent to be a propitiation through faith in his blood so the wrath of God is appeased this is the Passover through his blood just as it was anciently so it is now for the remission of sins for both he that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are olive one so he's come to earth to make us as one with him this is Whitley that the male and female were created as one there's a unity and a complementarity so in the same way as he comes now and redeems Israel his wife his bride were all one but they're husband and wife are one for which cause he's not ashamed to call them brethren even though he's God he's uneasy come down to our level to bring us up to his level so we're now all brethren saying I will declare him thy name unto my

brethren in the midst of the church  
while I sing praise unto you and so  
again it's in the midst of the church  
this is why he's in the midst of the  
seven candlesticks to clean them up to  
clean us up so that we can then glorify  
Christ in holiness and so he's going to  
declare in the midst of the church and  
this is a call back to Psalm 22 that I  
will declare your name unto my brethren  
in the midst of the congregation will I  
praise you and whenever there's these  
callbacks to the scriptures you need to  
read the whole scripture to get the  
context because the Hebrews would know  
they would have these scriptures  
memorized and he just has to call one  
phrase or one verse in that scripture  
and then they know the whole scripture  
they didn't have all the chapter and  
verse divisions they just knew the  
scriptures and so if we kind of look at  
the rest of this Psalm he says my prayer  
shall be of you in the great  
congregation I will pay my vows before  
them that fear him but as the psalm  
begins he says but you are holy o you  
that inhabit the praises of Israel  
our fathers trusted in you they trusted  
and you did deliver them and so this is  
the call back this is the context of the  
call back for the Hebrews that if those  
fathers of ours that trusted in God he  
delivered them and so if we trust in him  
he will deliver us and then he were all  
going together to praise the father this  
is they cried unto you and they were  
deliberate they trusted in you and were  
not confused be not far from me for  
trouble is near there is none to help  
deliver my soul from the sword  
my darling from the power of the dog so  
the dog is going to get the upper hand  
beast is going to get the upper hand but

we trust in God and He willed him  
address and that's what we saw and saw  
in revelation 6 the martyrs calling out  
how much longer and God just saying be  
patient but then we see that he does  
avenge and so Psalm 30:5 again this  
praising in the congregation Psalm 149  
singing unto the Lord a new song and  
praising in the congregation and then  
ultimately we saw this in Revelation 14  
where the 144,000 were given a song  
giving him a song that they could sing  
that in the midst of the comb with  
Christ this is the congregation praising  
God for what he has done so this this is  
the future but we have to be delivered  
we have to trust in him and be delivered  
to be counted part of the congregation  
that Christ is going to praise the  
father in the midst of back to Hebrews  
and again I will put my trust in him and  
again behold I am the children which God  
has given me and again these are  
callbacks to  
the Psalms and and again we want to read  
the whole song so Psalm 16 1 well I  
preserve me O God for a new do I put my  
trust in 18 - the Lord is my rock and my  
fortress my deliverer my God my strength  
in whom I will trust my buckler and the  
horn of my salvation and my high tower  
and so these songs these various songs  
are there whatever situation David was  
going through but they're preserved  
because they're prophetic and they're  
encouraging and we see how faithful God  
is and so these are written for our  
admonition here in Isaiah the prophet  
says in that day you shall say O Lord I  
will praise you though you were angry  
with me this is again representative  
Israel your anger is turned away and you  
comfort me so there is a tribulation  
that Israel had to go through because



God was angry means just according to his word but he did comfort them behold god is my salvation i will trust and not be afraid and this is this is the message to the Hebrews trust God do not be afraid do not be a coward weakness is evil if for weak were brothers and sisters of the devil if we are strong we are brethren with Christ for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song he also has become my salvation therefore with joy shall you draw water out of the wells of salvation so we just again book of Revelation how it all ends we see the joy at the end of the book okay let's endure a Christ said he that endures him to the end will be saved and so we see the end is his appearing and so that's that's what's on our mind how do we stay faithful and true to because when he appears he asked the question will he find faith on the earth we want to say yes Lord let me just go through this and get back to so there's just these scriptures in in Isaiah these prophetic profits from prophecies of the joy in Israel and the singing in Israel if they remain faithful and come through Hebrews 2:14 for as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood he also himself likewise took part of the same that through death he might destroy him that has the power of death that is the devil so nobody wants to die every everybody's afraid of death no one wants to die and and that's the power of the wicked that's the power of the devil that he understands how fearful people are of death and so we just need to know what happens and how it happened and we just think I don't want that to happen to me so we become cowards and we need to be looking at this just this week in Toronto Father starting up this week

last week in Toronto horrible horrible  
tragedy and people are terrorized by  
these things but the Christian has to  
say no we do not fear death because we  
understand now one of this we fear the  
second death not the first death so  
through death he might destroy him that  
has the power of death it's a very  
interesting language that he's going to  
destroy the devil people think the devil  
will be around forever  
is it enough to destroy him that has the  
power of death that is the devil the  
devil will be destroyed and delivered  
them who through fear of death were all  
their lifetime subject to bondage so the  
cowards are in bondage we must break  
this bondage and be free so when we were  
baptized we died with Christ now that  
we're dead were free because we  
understand okay we have eternal life and  
so we can't be fearful we just have to  
declare Christ and whatever the cost is  
it is that's you know what we will  
counsel the baptism did you count the  
cost you understand this man yeah yeah  
yeah but now when actually the rubber  
meets the road all I did  
realize this was real yes of Israel we  
have to be people of truth and declare  
Christ and so this is where we see flesh  
and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of  
God that there is this resurrection  
where Christ says that it seems like the  
wind you know in John 3:8 that when were  
when we have this birth when we're born  
from the grave we're like the wind this  
is this this pneumatic body spiritual  
body and again we've talked about  
Matthew 24 how many gonna betray one  
another there will be many false  
prophets and people are gonna follow  
these false prophets with their  
deception kind of gospel of health and

wealth and everything's fine and only  
and is once saved always saved you don't  
need to do anything rather than the  
truth and because iniquity shall abound  
the love of many shall wax cold and how  
we can detect you know we're gonna buy  
their fruits we shall know them but also  
here in Isaiah 8:20 to the law and to  
the testimony to the law and to the  
testimony if they speak not according to  
this word it is because there is no  
light in them and the spirit of prophecy  
is the testimony of Jesus Christ and so  
we can we can avoid the deception of the  
wicked and so here in Revelation 12 when  
we saw is that the Saints overcome the  
Beast by the blood of the Lamb that's it  
we understand his death we understand  
the Passover  
we take his blood and we wash our sins  
that with it away from us with it and by  
the word of their testimony this this is  
the message to the Hebrews and this is  
why the message to the Hebrew is so  
important to us because this is this is  
our future  
this is reality that it's the word of  
our testimony that gives us the victory  
it's not trying to stay alive at all  
costs it's trying to remain faithful to  
this witness and it by those by the word  
of our testimony the blood of the Lamb  
the word of our  
and they loved not their lives unto the  
death we are just so grateful to Jesus  
Christ and what he has accomplished that  
our puny little human life that for most  
of us it's over anyway  
you know we've got a few decades  
laughter maybe even a few years maybe a  
few days maybe a few hours who knows we  
don't know but we know that it's  
fleeting and so when we compare a  
fleeting life of turmoil and suffering

to an eternal life of joy and intimacy  
with Christ you know what we're good  
we'll take the eternal life thank you  
very much known as the kid base to have  
the prices another Price is Right let's  
make a deal and you could take the ball  
so you could take the curtain and you  
know behind the curtain there might be a  
new car but in the box that would maybe  
it was empty or sometimes in the box  
there'd be a diamond ring but there  
being a goat behind the curtain and so  
you had to choose wisely and so here we  
have to choose wisely  
do we take let's make a deal the devil  
wants you to choose a fleeting life full  
of suffering and insecurity of an  
inferiority complex and Christ wants you  
to choose a life of intimacy with him  
enjoy eternal joy that no man can take  
your joy from you I think let's go for  
the option with Christ thank you very  
much and so they loved not their lives  
unto the death anything regardless of  
opposition we have the testimony that  
Jesus Christ is Lord for verily he took  
not on him the nature of angels but he  
took on him the seed of Abraham and so  
this is all about going back to the  
covenant with Abraham and and that the  
covenant with Abraham has to be  
fulfilled through his seed which is then  
going all the way back to the judgment  
on Adam and Eve  
and n and the devil and that there's  
going to be n matiee between the seed of  
the woman and the seed of the devil and  
so this is coming to a climax in the  
book of Revelation it certainly came to  
a head for the first century Hebrews and  
that what is written for them is for our  
admonition so that we can be successful  
in facing what God has shown us is going  
to happen in the book of Hebrews in the

book of Revelation

so Galatians here says now to Abraham and his seed where the promises made he says not and to seeds as of many but as of one and to your seed which is Christ and so we understand that Christ is God's Word Isis is true this is why we can be so strong and courageous because we can trust the Word of God it's impossible for God to lie so back to Hebrews just ending up here for in that he himself has suffered being tempted he is able to comfort them that are tempted so we have to understand Christ was a human being he understands what it is to be human now he's our high priest and we're going to understand that more he's a high priest of the order of Melchisedec we'll understand that more if you go through the book but he's a high priest that understands our weaknesses and he's able to comfort us and so Paul says in Corinthians that there's no temptation that has taken us but such as is common to man but God is faithful and he will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able and this is what the Hebrews needed to understand whatever they were having to face they need to face it and the Holy Spirit will enable the face it and then God expects them to face it but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that you may be able to bear it and then the the sermon that the Apostle was given was part of that way of escape that that ability to face what they have to face the Lord knows how to deliver here in second Peter 2 and I the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations to reserve the unjust to the day of judgment to be punished we don't have to face that punishment but the unjust are

going to face I'm going to slip over  
Chronicles and just conclude here in  
Hebrews 3:1 which will begin God willing  
next week on fin de Bru's chapter 3 but  
just to keep the the flow that therefore  
so because of all of this rationality is  
just taken to taking us through their  
four holy brethren partakers of the  
heavenly calling consider the Apostle  
and high priest of our profession Christ  
Jesus and this is where we're going to  
go now through these next few chapters  
is to consider Christ our apostle and  
high priest and to consider how he lived  
and what he did and what he accomplished  
and once we understand that we can never  
be unfaithful we can never turn our back  
on him

so that's hebrews chapter two let's take  
some time now for some some Q&A I just I  
really brethren want us to understand  
that this is not a different subject we  
have not left the book of Revelation  
everything that we studied in the book  
of Revelation we must now use utilize to  
understand the essence of Hebrews and  
really there's two things that we want  
to grasp from this number one is how  
great Jesus Christ is how profoundly  
glorious and awesome he is and having  
understood that number two realizing  
this God has spoken directly to us  
he has communicated his plan of  
salvation

to us we can never turn our back on him  
and turning our back on him is not sort  
of just all of a sudden rejecting him  
and walking out it's slowly slowly it's  
kind of not studying the word as often  
as we should it's not going to be not  
being in community as often as we should  
it's starting to get cold with the  
Brethren and starting to push them away  
and starting to entertain imaginations

about them and suddenly we find ourselves no longer really embedded in the community no longer really loving the plan of salvation this is what Satan wants and so the message to Hebrews that's going to help us be successful in facing what we understand in Revelation is pay attention pay attention to the Word of God embrace it read it over and over and over again and just be in love with it and be in love with God and be in love with his people and it is this love that is going to get us through and then this is sort of this foundational understanding now is what we'll continue to build on in the in the rest of the book of Hebrews so let me now just invite my brother pastor Murray to join us and I believe that he is ready I'll just make sure that we're all to go here give me one moment customer can you hear me okay great just give me a moment to sort out here I just want to just get the sizing of your pitch correct and brethren while I'm doing this if you have questions please post them in the chat pastor Murray will look at the the chat and I'll look at Facebook so brethren if you're on Facebook watching us live I will be able to entertain your questions as well and pastor Murray while we're just getting ready I don't know if you wanted to make a few comments before we look at the Q&A you look at the questions yeah and I've got you your on screen there okay I think what you've done is a again another good job connecting looking huge to the book of Revelation in fact going all the way back to Genesis and connecting the entire Bible to Revelation which is something that we've studied throughout the book of

Revelation I think it's fascinating right from the very beginning of Hebrews where God says that at various times in various ways they spoken to us through the father's by the prophets has in these last days spoken to us by his son there's a foreshadowing of Revelation obviously Reverend several years several decades before John would have written revelation but it's really I think setting the stage for revelation that's actually didn't think of that I'm thinking of just tying it together with revelation but it precedes revelation and it's actually very good it's a foreshadowing excellent I think most of the group had to go over to YouTube so there's no way back to there we're just making their way back to the study we do have a question here from gr8 asking what this what do we say to someone who has an inferiority complex and is easily offended by the Brethren wow that is a fence fantastic question because we are human beings and God doesn't call the the strong and the glorious and people who got their act together he calls the weak in the base not not exclusively but mostly the weak in the base and then that means we come with our baggage and so we come into the turf with this baggage and you know maybe we haven't really accomplished much in our life what God sees something in us and he wants to glorify his son in us and so he chooses us you know from the dump from the garbage dump that the trash heap and he brings us into the church and he he gifts us but if we're not developing our gifts then maybe we're looking around and we are feeling inferior and often people with an inferiority complex manifested as a superiority complex they



try to be better than everybody else and they can't take any kind of insult or offense they fly off the handle if they're offended so I think this is a fantastic question is something that we all need to be thinking about we ourselves may suffer from it but if we don't how do we help our brethren and so that's Maria I wonder what your thoughts aren't here because this is such an important question how do we even though we may bear the brunt of somebody who has an inferiority complex how do we see what's really going on and how do we kind of love them to health again a very good question very good question from my gr8 and obviously I don't think the Brethren here are aware but we are looking into communication in our condemnation we've studied a little bit about this and taking offense is just as much an issue as X causing the offence and when we find what we find and we talked about this before is it's simply a matter of idolatry anything short of agape love and having the complete focus on what we need to have our focus on is really just our personal issues with idolatry and putting ourselves before Christ and before the Brethren obviously there are issues that people would we would need to help people work through and the Scriptures the epistles and see there in Galatians or Ephesians that and I can't quite remember which one it is talking about helping people through this those who are stronger me too to bring people along so again I think building relations building relationships with the Brethren so that we can be there for them and you know what each of us has each of us has times of weakness so when we have relationships and congregations and

that's what the whole revelation was all about strengthening our congregations it's in your the spirit spirit of that where we can we can help each other through these parts of weakness I really like this insight you have that taking offense is just as much an issue as giving offense and so we really need to become the bigger person right are you like is you're right yep yeah that's yeah that's something just yeah we need we need to become the bigger the bigger person that christ-like and also I think you know you're talking about communication in our congregation that we can't just sweep things under the rug they build under the rug and then they actually build up and then end up exploding so when there is an issue we need to develop this maturity this ability to say brother sister can we just talk can we sit down and talk and here are the things that I appreciate about you there is something recently which is kind of done under my skin a little bit and I'm not coming to you just for me I'm coming to you because I think this might be an issue for others and in love I just want to click I have permission to share with you what I'm seeing and then you see you know if what I'm seeing is correct but Matthew 18 Christ tells us you have to go after that brother and it's not to go after the brother say oh yeah forget it it's all in the past now it's to work through the issue to getting your brother and I was a true resolution in fact even Matthew 5 God doesn't even want our worship it's it's in the form of offerings in Matthew 5 yeah but offering offerings are a form of worship so God doesn't want our worship of him if we have anything against a brother so

very very and again you're right it's  
it's it's a it's a fear that we have to  
to address things head-on that will be  
to these things so we'll need to just  
fight fight through that with the spirit  
of love power and of a sound bite  
exactly I know it says well Marie and  
some of you think about this the more  
we're in the book of Revelation the more  
we have the big picture the less we're  
likely to be drawn into these petty  
squabbles and people fighting over who  
makes the coffee this week and why are  
you doing that and I want this and you  
know what big picture do we really want  
to be fighting over these silly little  
things I think I think that's a  
fascinating take away from these studies  
is there so little that that not enough  
that nothing makes nothing can take can  
override the big picture so we should  
cede all these things as just as small  
little issues that we should be able to  
easily can't work through these little  
issues or how are we going to be able to  
to persevere through what's coming  
exactly

exactly right

we do have another question here from  
Adele yeah oh did you want to take one  
from my facebook no just some amens on  
Facebook oh I don't see a question okay  
so Adele has a one here what does it  
mean that Jesus was made perfect through  
sufferings this implies he was imperfect  
before yeah another really good question  
and I think as I was reading that I used  
the word mature made mature made  
complete through suffering so God is  
sent Christ to earth to be to become our  
high priest and in order for him to  
serve in this role as high priest he  
himself had to suffering he had to learn  
obedience through suffering so that he

could complete this process and become our pioneer so I don't lead it as to become perfect and I think the English does imply that he was not quite perfect before we know he is the Almighty and he is perfect but I read it more as to to serve in this capacity and we'll get more into it as before into equals but to serve in this capacity is high priest and pioneer he himself had to suffer and be faithful through that suffering so that he could be the lead me you know don't it's not just do as I say he can now come and say do as I did yeah completely agree I completely agree with that heat obviously for them self of his divinity who came down to show us the right way to live that that a man could follow with the help of the Holy Spirit could follow through and be the perfect obedient servant that he was and to show us the way so in that sense I again made perfect does conjure up some some misunderstanding for sure but I think that I definitely do and I'm wanted to ask you a question right because I was struck in reading Hebrews by the what's the word I'm looking for just the sternness of this sermon but this is really a sermon is delivered to the brethren and he's not pulling punches at all and I don't wonder if you have any thoughts or observations about that as well this is not a hey everyone I hope everyone's well and hope everyone's happy and let's just praise the Lord and let's let's let's pray for that new car that new house sure there's a very stern letter yeah I think I think connecting that to the golden lampstand in the middle of the churches shows and then actually you brought up chants sermon from last Sabbath in Deuteronomy

23 I think the more we go through revelation and I mean we've talked before everything before revelation is past revelation is the only book that we have that it's future-oriented so for those of us who are in process now that is the book that we used to look to look forward to and to look at for our actions and where we need to build towards so I completely agree that that it's so much easier to understand the sternness of Hebrews in Revelation when you understand that Christ is here trying to get us to the finish line examined and when we see the history of Israel through from the beginning of Israel's history we it's just a it's just a weakness in mankind from the beginning and he so badly wants us to get to that finish line that as any parent can understand that they need to be start I wonder customer e as we look at the prophecy that says evil men will lapse worse and worse remember the prophecy that say because iniquity shall abound the love of many relax cold and then we look at the prophecy that says many false prophets shall arise and shall deceive many prophecy if it says you know prophesy unto us smooth things cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us if it's going to become more and more difficult for us as elders to be faithful elders because you know we will have to be giving instruction like Hebrews where it's not going to land softly on the air but it's a message of love to say there's this great salvation ahead of us we cannot turn our back on it we've got to clean up we've got to get the leaven out of our congregation and so the message may not be smooth but

maybe that people will want smooth messages and the false teachers will be giving smooth messages as the world dwindles and and that the bar for behavior lessons and lessons with each passing it seems like they now instead of weeks a month starting to see examples of that infiltrating the church and I think that's going to be one of our challenges is and what we congregations where we are killed relationships with each other we have we are friends but ultimately as teachers we have a responsibility and it is when it is when we need to speak up for Christ that we need to do so with oldness much like Paul did with Peter and I'm sure I'm sure wasn't comfortable when when all had to take Peter to task but he did so because it was the right thing so when you have love for Christ and for the Brethren have the it you talked earlier about the big picture when you see then you have the big picture it becomes easier to to make those those difficult decisions and I think the Holy Spirit hopefully we are speaking inspired by the spirit and then the Brethren are receiving the message inspired by the spirit and so it's almost like thank you you know it's a rather than bristle it's like they will the spirit will understand what does Christ say that my sheep know my voice and so the Brethren will hear the voice of Christ that yet this is I think I heard uh in Jeff who is not in his sermon it was published open with him afterward but he was saying you know maybe was in our Q&A afterwards we were saying no is it in the scripture yes it was in the Q&A afterwards Danny was saying no it's not just your opinion in

my opinion it's let's see now let's try to reconcile our difference with the scripture what does the scripture say is it in the Word of God and I think this is the key oh yeah absolutely we were talking and right after that a book biblical thinking and making sure that we think we think we put on them our glasses which of Scripture and see everything through the lens in order to be was this a comment here on Facebook Mary we're Natasha writes chapter one verse two has really helped me with coming to terms with Jesus is God I am new to the Church of God and I used to attend the church which taught otherwise so a welcome Natasha and I do know in fact we had a brother pass through our congregation for a little while and he was fellowshiping with us and and was wonderful and then he had a lovely family or he has a lovely family and when it came to Jesus as God he just bristled at that and just said no Jesus is kind of this halfway he's more than a man but he's less than God he's not God and he just couldn't see this and I think exactly right us as we study not just Hebrews one there's two but the entire book of Hebrews it's crystal crystal clear and even in Revelation 1 it says that grace and peace from him which is and which was and which is to come and from the seven spirits which are before his throne and from Jesus Christ it says and from Jesus Christ which is and which was and which is to come and he says the Almighty the Almighty so very clear this is we're dealing with the Almighty and certainly here in verse eight so I guess Bo one verse eight I just take a look at that but yeah I mean any thoughts there customer on Jesus is God we need to

absolute and this and she's new to the church so it's something that's like wow yeah Jesus is gone yeah absolutely I think I would recommend it is a heavy sermon but I think if Natasha and anyone else out there who is studying into the nature of Christ there's a really good sermon by vet Steffensen from the first table of a bread called one God yeah we can find on which he can find on the CGI dot-org website where he really goes into the the nature versus level of authority and there's so two different concepts in this in in understanding what what makes up God and the fact that Christ and God share the same nature but as you pointed out in Hebrews here they don't share the same level of authority God the Father put all things under Christ would accept himself which indicates that there is a difference in authority so I would really recommend those who are looking into that subject to take a listen to that sermon called one God and it would probably be worthy of a two or three lessons for short was a very welcome sermon very well done very very clearly laid out just addresses this whole confusion around a definition of

I'm so glad you recommended that in fact we're just going to go and look for it so I can post it in facebook so if you don't mind they just carry on Tosh or their yeah just a couple of other comments no other questions but I'll just read a couple of comments one from Jos garage in regard to Adele's question on Jesus being made perfect through sufferings he comments that also made the perfect sacrifice his shedding of his precious blood for a remission of sins and that's certainly something that we need to to keep close to heart is the



the preciousness of the sacrifice of Christ to allow us to be forgiven and to be on this journey sister with love Nick's comment that we must have the truth not watered down but just as it is and that's certainly something that these Bible studies are part and parcel of and then some just some other blessings and thank you from William Margie that's great customary thanks so much for taking the time and for always just being there and answering questions and just all this yeah thank you for having me and certainly appreciate all your hard work in putting these studies together I appreciate you appreciate you so much and appreciate the Brethren as you said it's almost like a virtual virtual come visit you know we have here we just edify one another and so thank you pastor Marie thank you brethren for joining us thank you for those on Facebook and then the chat with your questions and comments and encouragement and just remember that's what it's all about community that we each have the Holy Spirit without the gifts of the Holy Spirit not for ourselves but for each other and so this whole not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together is critical so that we can edify one another so that we can grow stronger so that whatever comes we can face it we face it together so brethren thanks very much good night remember Jesus Christ is king Jesus Christ is the Almighty to him be glory and Dominion for ever and ever amen