

58-Hebrews-15-Transcript

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the future is urban by 2030 urban areas are expected to grow by 1.4 billion with that growth occurring almost entirely in the developing world cities will account for 60% of the world's population and 70% of the world's GDP the urban environment will be the locus where drivers of instability will converge it is the domain that by the year 2030 60% of urban dwellers will be under the age of 18 the cities that grow the fastest will be the most challenged as resources become constrained and illicit networks fill the gap left by overextended and undercapitalized governments the risk of natural disasters compounded by geography climate changes unregulated growth and substandard infrastructure intersect to frustrate humanitarian relief growth will magnify the increasing separation between rich and poor religious and ethnic tensions will be a defining element in the social landscape stagnation will coexist with unprecedented development as impoverishment slums and shanty towns rapidly expand alongside modern high-rises technological advances and ever-increasing levels of prosperity this is the world of our future it is one we are not prepared to effectively operate within and it is unavoidable mega cities are complex systems or people and structures are compressed together in ways to defy both our understanding of city planning and military doctrine it is an ecosystem that demands a highly agile and adaptive

force to successfully operate within infrastructures will vary radically with concentrations of high-tech transportation globally connected air and seaports contemporary water utilities and waste disposal intermixed with open landfills overburdened sewers polluted water and makeshift power grids living habitats will extend from the high-rise to the ground-level cottage to subterranean labyrinth each defined by its own social code and rule of law social structures will be equally challenged if not dysfunctional as historic ways of life clash with modern living ethnic and racial differences are forced to live together and criminal networks offer opportunity for the growing mass of unemployed this becomes the nervous system of non nation-state unaligned individuals and organizations that live and work in the shadows of roll we're physical domains can be seen digital domains will have limitless potential to breed and expand without limit digital security and trade will be increasingly threatened by sophisticated illicit economies and decentralized syndicates of crime to give adversaries global reach at an unprecedented level this will add to the complexities of human targeting has a proportionally smaller number of adversaries intermingle with a larger and increasing number of citizens the scale and density of these domains is daunting in a city of 10 million where you hold the support of 99 percent of the population the remaining 1% represents a threat of 100 thousand it is an environment of convergence hidden amongst the enormous scale and complexity of the mega city these are the future breeding grounds incubators and launching pads for

adversaries and hybrid threats linked globally these are man-made labyrinths that provide refuge and movement across the vast sections of these cities where alternate forms of governance have taken control the advice of doctrine from sunset to current field manuals has provided two fundamental options avoid the cities or establish a cordon to either wait out the adversary or drain the swamp of non-combatants and engaged the remaining adversaries in high-intensity conflict within even our counterinsurgency doctrine honed in the cities of Iraq in the mountains of Afghanistan is inadequate to address the sheer scale of population in the future urban reality from the streets of a fen to the citadel an way we have defeated adversaries who attempted to use urban terrain to their advantage urban conflict is written deep into the Army's histories but in tomorrow's conflict these mega cities are orders of magnitude greater and complexity and our current options do not meet strategic ends our future operations must allow us to rapidly return the city to the people they will be too large and complex to isolate or cordon in their entirety yet our soldiers will have to operate within these ecosystems with minimal disruption and flow our current and past strategies can no longer hold we are facing environments that the Masters of war never foresaw we are facing a threat that requires us to redefine doctrine and the force and radically new in different ways the future army will confront a highly sophisticated urban centric threat were required that urban operations become the core requirement for the future land force the threat is clear

our direction remains to be defined the future is urban rather than welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and that opening clip that you saw these are the best minds in the US military as they look into the future you can see that they are deeply worried when I look around me the masses nobody seems to be worried everybody seems to think Oh life just goes on and yet the top minds in the military and of the most powerful nation in the world are looking into the future and they're deeply worried as we erase our borders as we allow hundreds and tens of millions and thousands of migrants in and we no longer have cities Canada is the first post national state according to our prime minister there are all kinds of marches in the u.s. saying no borders no walls no USA as we erase the borders and we just allow this movement of people the u.s. military saying we have no idea how we will combat these visas of foes these enemies in megacities the future is a future of lawlessness as we look into the future we actually see it more clearly than the top minds of the US military because we have the ancient scripture which looks forward and there's no need to fear because it's all written down and it's we have up we have a guidebook that tells us how to navigate and how to be successful in the future and the just shall live by faith and so how to navigate is written here in the ancient text particularly here in the book of Hebrews and specifically in chapter 12 which we will cover this evening let's open with a word of Prayer and get into the study for this evening our Heavenly Father we come before you are just very humble very grateful and in all of you

of your word of your truth of your love
we thank you Father that we can open
this text that we can study it that we
can understand it
we can be guided by it we pray that
you'll bless us this evening that you'll
deepen our understanding and with that
that you'll deepen our faith and our
conviction we praise you Lord we ask
your blessing now in Jesus most holy
name so we are up to Hebrews chapter 12
and we've finished last week the faith
chapter the famous son faith chapter and
here in chapter 11 as we just saw finish
off what we covered last time you
remember that it concluded telling us
that these martyrs were stoned they were
sawn asunder
they were tempted they were slain with
the sword they wandered about in
sheepskins and goatskins being destitute
afflicted tormented these are the
faithful brethren the this is the proof
that paul is using to tell the hebrews
that the just shall live by faith well
here are the just here are the just here
are those that were deemed righteous by
god they were stoned they were sawn
asunder they were cut into they were
tempted they were slain with the sword
they wandered about in sheepskins and
goatskins being destitute afflicted
tormented this is the few for god's
people when the globalists with the
nimrod agenda have their way that God
stopped Nimrod in the past because every
imagination of the heart they will do
but now he's not stopping now this
Babylonian Nimrod agenda has free reign
and the devil is the same
he hates God's people but the just shall
live we do not need to fear death and
and the devil holds power over mankind
because of their fear of death we need

to rid ourselves of this because we need to understand we are involved in a project called eternal life we're involved in in this this endeavor that God has to bring eternal life to mankind and we have it those of us with the Holy Spirit we have eternal life in us right now we have the deposit of eternal life and this is this is how we govern ourselves understanding that we will live forever and all of these faithful brethren who have been slain and overcome by the evil one they're going to stand on their feet again and when they stand on their feet they'll live forever and so they were destitute so they were cut off they could not have access they couldn't be participate in the economy anymore so they were destitute afflicted tormented of whom the world was not worthy this this is God's evaluation of them that the world is not worthy of them even though the world is looking at them and saying they're worthy of nothing they're worth nothing kill them they have no value they wandered in deserts and in mountains and in dens and caves of the earth and these all all of these saints that the Apostle has itemized for us having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise so all of them were looking forward to the promise and all of them received a good a good report so they were worthy of the promise but none of them none of them received them receive the promise why God having provided some better thing for us that they the faithful under the Old Covenant without us the faithful under the New Covenant should not be made perfect so they cannot come to the endgame the the DiTullio's they need the target what the objective that God had

in mind from the beginning they cannot come to that endpoint without us so once we all rise together the the New Testament Israel the New Covenant Israel with the Old Covenant Saints we all rise together and come to this point of maturity this point of completion this this objective that God had in mind for man

kind to be born into his family we come into that together so now we come into chapter 12 therefore seeing we also are compassed are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight so what is this also therefore seeing we also are surrounded so does it mean that they were surrounded by great cloud of witnesses and so we also are surrounded no they are the great cloud of witnesses the also is in addition to so number one without us they cannot come to perfection they cannot come to the Telos that's number one in addition to that therefore since their their example we're surrounded by these examples of of commitment and martyrdom so in addition to the fact that they have to wait for us to achieve teleosts in addition to that that we're surrounded by this cloud this great cloud of martyrs martyr on that all of these people who are willing to put their life on the line in order to inherit eternal life they have to wait for us but in addition to having to wait for us they are a tremendous example for us we're surrounded by these examples of people who were not afraid of death and who remained true to God's Word until death because of these two things let us lay aside every weight let us not be burdened down there the cares of this life let us not be burdened by these things in addition to laying aside

every weight let us also lay aside the sin which does so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us now again we have to stay in context it's easy to say yeah you know jump into this verse we're surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses let's lay aside the sin you know because sin it's easy to sin easy to fall into sin he's not speaking generally about sin here he's speaking about the sin there's a specific sin which so easily besets us and that's the sin we must lay aside and so he's not introducing a new topic this is the topic that he's been talking about all the way along let's go back to chapter 3 take heed brethren verse 12 lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief this is the sin this is the this this is his old whole argument that in times past God spoke to the fathers and they didn't listen why didn't they listen because of unbelief their sin was the sin of faithlessness and that's the sin that so easily besets us fear faithlessness this unbelief this evil heart of unbelief so he said beware brethren lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the Living God this is the sin this is this is his whole argument this is this is what he's trying to prevent them from doing in verse 19 so we see that they could not enter what what couldn't they enter the promise why couldn't they enter the rest because of unbelief they blew it they blew it because of unbelief even though God spoke to them and now God is speaking to us we better not blow it through unbelief verse chapter four verse six seeing therefore it remains that some that because of it's written some must enter the rest and they to

whom it was first preached entered not
in why did they enter the rest because
of unbelief but this is a very powerful
sin and this was the sin that the
Hebrews were on the verge of committing
that Paul had to swoop in and rattle
them and say wake up what are you doing
don't do this verse 11 of chapter 4 let
us labor therefore to enter into that
rest lest any man anybody fall after the
same example of the forefathers
what was there what was the example of
the forefathers unbelief so this now is
his argument so we come into chapter 12
it's all part of the same argument that
he's making and he just made this
argument that that just shall live by
faith and then he's giving this example
after example of after example of the
just and how they believed in the
promise unlike the father's and how no
matter what they held on even to the
point of death and martyrdom and so
we're surrounded by these martyrs
therefore seeing we also are surrounded
with so great a cloud of martyrs let us
lay aside every weight the cares of this
world and the sin which does so easily
beset us the sin of unbelief lay it
aside and instead let us run with
patience the race that is set before us
so there is a particular race that is
set before us let's run that race and
and it's very very good to think of this
as a marathon this is a marathon
it's it's not a sprint we have to run
with endurance or he translates it here
patience let us run with patience they
the Greek is Hoople men who pull men in
which means in staying power
perseverance endurance so instead of
betraying God instead of being cowardly
instead of turning back that's the sin
of unbelief which is it's so easy to be

fearful and be a coward to be a
Christian you have to be courageous so
instead of being a coward let's
understand there is a race that is set
before us and that's the race we have to
run so God they are not going to the
previous martyrs under the Old Covenant
they're not going to inherit eternal
life without us there was a race that
they had to run and they they ran it and
they ran it with patient
with endurance there's a race that we
have to run do we think oh this is our
psychology oh yeah they had to suffer in
order to get through and be faithful to
the end and they've made it we were the
new covenant we don't have to suffer
what we have to do is just keep the
Sabbath we go to services a couple of
hours a week listen to a sermon it's
quite entertaining got nothing else to
do and then after the sermon we put our
feet up when we have a cup of coffee and
we just drink coffee until eternal life
comes it's too bad that the previous
Saints had to suffer that way this is
madness we are recruited into a battle
this is a spiritual battle the devil
hates God and he hates mankind and God
is acting to redeem mankind from this
tyrannical hold of the devil and he's
recruiting soldiers early first-fruit
soldiers and that's who we are
and so there's a race there's a the
Greek is a a gong where we get the word
agony where you think of a marathon
where you have to agonize you're running
for four hours and you're in pain but
you don't stop you just keep running you
agonize any any athletic contest
involves agony and so let us a ghen eyes
with endurance this race that God has
put in front of us this contest with the
devil that God has put in front of us

and so remember when we were studying
Luke Christ warned us he said you shall
be hated of all men for my name's sake
it's not because we're bad people it's
not because we did something wrong and
so people hate us it's because we name
the name of Christ we name the name of
the Holy One of Israel and this drive
statement crazy and so he injects this
hatred in his puppets and that hatred is
turned on the followers of Christ and so
if as I say if you're going to be a
Christian if I'm going to be a Christian
there's no such thing as a
Howard is a Christian of cowardice
cowardice and faith don't go together so
if we're going to be Christians we have
to be courageous and the only way we can
be courageous is if we put our lives on
the line so when we sign up to follow
Christ we've died we died with Christ at
baptism and so when we come up out of
that watery grave everyday above the
ground is a bonus I'm still alive I
wasn't expecting to still be alive I
think there must be work for me to do
the only reason I'm still alive there
must be work for me to do let's get busy
let's get busy and so Christ tells us
this if you have red letter Bible as you
see here this is in red letters you and
I shall be hated by everyone everyone
for his name's sake do you want to
sugarcoat this and say no I believe I
can be popular I believe everybody's
going to love me Oh such a nice person
they just need to get to know me this is
madness however everyone's gonna hate us
but there shall not a hair of your head
perish the just shall live by faith
don't be afraid of death because not a
hair of your head shall perish you're
coming back to life with a full head of
hair and you're going to live forever

you will not perish then he says in your
patience in your Koopa main name in your
endurance in your perseverance possess
you your souls that the only way we can
hold on to our life is with endurance
that we're just going to endure the the
race the agony that is set before us
it's not going to frighten us we're
going to run this race with resolve
we're not expecting anything all we want
to do is praise Jesus Christ and if
that's a crime if that's hate speech so
be it

because it's the truth and whatever
people want to call it that's up to them
but we will not back down from praising
the Lord and declaring to the world that
the kingdom of God is coming
so we must with patience that in other
words if we are impatient we cannot hold
on to our souls the just shall live by
faith

faith involves patience so it's in this
understanding of what God is doing the
bigger picture that we possess our souls
in Matthew he says the same thing he
that shall endure unto the end shall be
saved

same word Hoople meaning what we would
translate patience we could really
translate endurance perseverance getting
through the agony he that shall endure
err how long do we have to endure to the
finish line if you run a marathon and
I've never run a full marathon but I've
run three quarters and then half an hour
thumbs and three quarters I could run
all the way and maybe a hundred meters
from the finish line I stop they'll just
put DNF did not finish so nothing
matters there's no time there's no
report DNF did not finish you have to
cross the finish line and it's with
agony

it's everything hurts you just keep
going he that shall endure not everybody
those of us who endure to the end those
are the ones that will be saved and
that's why Paul says don't forsake the
assembling of yourselves together you're
going to we're going to need each other
when you saw from the opening clip the
u.s. Pentagon the best minds are saying
the world is changing it's out of
control

we don't or none of our strategies are
gonna work in this new world we're gonna
lose control we've got to rethink
everything well we don't have to rethink
everything because the word tells us yep
iniquity shall abound there's gonna be
chaos but the just shall live by faith
he says here blessed are you when men
shall hate you so he said blessed are
you when men shall hate you
so men are gonna hate us but Christ is
telling us it's a blessing don't worry
about it

blessed are you men when men shall hates
you and when they shall separate you
from their company so remember that the
Saints they were excluded they were
wandering in deserts they were
excommunicated same things gonna happen
with us we're going to be excommunicated
we're going to be excluded and he says
they'll separate you from their company
so doing digitally will be erased you
can't be on these platforms anymore you
can't buy and sell anymore

God says you're blessed when this
happens blessed are you when men shall
hate you so if we're Christians and
we're popular everywhere we go we're
fitting in no problem we're not
controversial I don't know if we're
blessed I think when we stand up for
Christ we are going to be controversial

and we're going to be excluded and we're going to be hated and God says we're going to be blessed when these things happen we are blessed blessed are you when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their company and shall reproach you it's gonna be you're gonna be insulted and cast out your name as evil
we're just phrasing Christ and we're the evil ones
we're haters our speeches hate speech we're evil and all of this is for the son of man's sake listen to what he says rejoice in that day he doesn't say oh poor you you know I realize it's depressing you know see if you can find a shoulder to cry on he says rejoice but when this happens to you rejoice in that day and leap for joy this is Jesus Christ advice leap for joy when this happens what kind of mindset do we have to have that when these things happen and everybody's feeling sorry for us we're jumping for joy what is it that we understand that nobody else understand now when these things happen we leap for joy he says why for behold your reward is great in heaven not that we're going to heaven that he's in heaven and he has his hidden he has our reward and he's coming to earth with that reward and it's great so that means our view has to be a long-term view we see today but we're locked in to tomorrow we're locked in to the finish line because we're talking about eternal life here think about this the just shall live and live and live and live and live and live and live and live and keep on living forever by faith
so it's this faith that we have that we believe God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him those that

diligently do his work we really believe
God is and that he will reward us and he
say jump for joy when the devil is
against you when the devil's puppets are
against us let's jump for joy your
reward is great in heaven for in the
like manner did their fathers unto the
prophets and so we just read about that
in Hebrews 11 same thing happen to them
it's gonna happen to us this is the race
listen so we must run with patience with
endurance the race that God has put in
front of us here it is this is what we
must run with patience and endurance
back to Hebrews 12 looking unto Jesus I
say there's one thing I wanted to bring
out here in Hebrews verse 1 it's the
word it's the verb run so let us run
that verb is in the what's that tense
called the subjunctive whenever a verb
is in the subjunctive it means it's a
possibility it doesn't mean it's
actually gonna happen we hope it's gonna
happen so we must run Paul is hoping
that we will run with patience the race
that is set before us it's in the
subjunctive now
when we come to Hebrews 12 verse 2 in
order to run this race with endurance we
must look unto Jesus who is the author
and finisher that the tell us so he's
the one who comes to telle us of our
faith he's the one that brings us to
tell you us
he's the initiator of it and he's the
finisher of it and he's the one that's
actually crossed the finish line he's
the one that died was buried and then
came back to life and because he has
crossed the finish line
we now have an example of all the cloud
of witnesses we have all we have are the
just man who have gone into the grave
but none of them have come back out of

the grave only Jesus so Jesus has gone into the grave and he's come back out and so he's crossed the finish line and so we must look to Jesus to say this this is this is our fate and he's done it and now he's bringing us to this glory so we're looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith and what did he do who for the joy that was set before him so he didn't look at today he looked at the finish line and there was a joy when he crossed the finish line there was a joy that was set before him and so that's how he was able to run the race that was set before him he didn't focus on the agony he focused on the finish line and so for the joy that was set before him he endured who Puma cuckoo - cuckoo morning he had patience so be the reason he had patience is because of the hope the joy that was set before him so there's a real joy that's in front of him when I was in front of him and that's why he endured that's why he went as a lamb silent to the slaughter who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross despising the shame he didn't think anything of the shame and so this is we must be the same when we are ashamed we must leap for joy and despised the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God which we read earlier he is a high priest of the order of Melchizedek and he now sits at the right hand of the throne of God it's done he's completed it he's run his course and now he's bringing us to completion and to maturity so there was a he was able to endure because of the joy that was set before him that's how he was able to run the race that was set before him he

focused on the finish line
remember in Hebrews 6 Paul writes that
by two immutable things there was the
promise to Abraham and then there was
the oath the promise is immutable God
cannot lie and then he put an oath on
top of it so by two immutable things in
which it was impossible for God to lie
we might have strong encouragement so we
have strong encouragement because
there's a promise in an oath on top of
the promise who have fled for refuge to
lay hold upon the hope set before us so
there was a joy set before Christ and he
was able to endure because he put his
mind on that joy he was able to run the
race that was set before him and now
there's a hope set before us and so we
can now run our race the race that's set
before us with endurance because of this
hope that our hope is in God's Word it's
it's impossible for God to lie you can
kill me but the just shall live by faith
so I just have to have faith in this in
this oath in this promise and God will
account it to me from righteousness the
same way he accounted it to Abraham and
because of that faith I'm coming back to
life this I just believe in the goodness
of God and God will bless me and bless
you for our faith he says now consider
now for consider him that endured coupon
coupon who I can say that anything some
waters given
Hoopa Monet for consider him that
endured such contradiction of sinners
these are the devil's puppets and they
contradict righteousness
so think about Christ and how he endured
this great contradiction of sinners
against himself because if we don't
think about this lest you be wearied and
faint in your minds this is the center
this is the sin that so easily besets us

we get weary we get tired we get fearful
and we begin to entertain turning back
so don't do this instead let us think
about Christ the joy that was set before
him and how he just we were studying
Luke he began in Galilee and he just
marched all the way he preached all
around Galilee and then he just set his
mind to go to Jerusalem knowing exactly
what was gonna happen to him when he
arrived in Jerusalem and he didn't bat
an eyelash he just went straight to
Jerusalem to face these sinners head-on
and this is the this is our Christ and
we are Christians this is who were
following so we have to consider his
example and how he endured this
contradiction lest we when we're facing
this unrest in this chaos this evil I
mean you know this week they went into
New Mexico a compound and they found a
Muslim there who was abusing children
from ages 1 to 15 starving them abusing
them and training them how to go into
schools to commit mass murder
they foiled the plot the police arrested
him he was taken to court and the judge
looked at this and said you know I don't
see here where you're a danger to
society so you can go on bail what what
is there anything more evil than
kidnapping and exploiting children and
teaching these children and training
them to destroy other children and the
judge the liberal Marxist judge says I
don't see how you're a danger to society
you can go back into society on the
other hand someone like Tommy Robinson
who is simply reporting on the outcome
of these gang rape cases so that we keep
it in mind and we don't let these judges
get away let them get away with with
unimaginable evil
he's just reporting he's arrested and

within five hours he's sentenced
convicted and sent to jail almost
certain death he's tortured fortunately
we did not people did not forget him and
there was an outcry and raising the
funds and he was able to be released but
he was certainly sent to his death so
how does this work how did he what is
the mindset of a Marxist that on the one
hand let him go he's on bail he's free
there's no harm here and on the other
hand this is terrible Tommy Robin is
such an evil man that we need to lock
him up and send him to his death this is
the world we live in
it's this contradiction of sinners and
in this world of chaos and evil we can
become weary and chapter 12 is all about
a call to endurance don't get weary it's
gonna get bad and people are gonna be
like oh no it's things are gonna be
better tomorrow and then it's gonna get
worse and then people will love well
it's really not that bad and then it's
gonna get really bad and people are
gonna lose their faith they're gonna say
oh I thought it was gonna be raptured
and they're just gonna become completely
disillusioned and when it gets really
bad we're sitting thinking you know what
it's gonna get worse the prophecy tells
us God tells us ahead of time and so we
are stoic we are faithful and no matter
how bad it gets we're expecting it to
get worse because we know God is
faithful he will finally act and turn
everything around
and we're fine with it they just will
live by faith
now we must not be weary and faint and
so here in Hebrews to remember the
argument he says it became him for whom
are all things and by whom are all
things in bringing many sons unto glory

to make the captain of our salvation
perfect complete mature through
sufferings so this is how he came to
perfection this is how he came to
telling us this is how he came to
completion to his sufferings and we're
following him he's the captain Eagles
first and now we can follow him and we
are being brought to completion we are
brought being brought to telling us
through sufferings and the ancient
Saints are waiting they went through it
they're waiting for us to go through it
and then we all rise together back to
Hebrews 12 he says to them look your
your you're contemplating defection
you're contemplating apostasy you're
getting cowardly in any system you have
not resisted unto blood striving against
sin so I'm not impressed yes this is
going to be very difficult but none of
you have shed blood yet we are called to
be witnesses we are to be the witnesses
of God this means martyrdom that we
stand on truth we will look evil in the
eye and we will say Jesus Christ is Lord
and we rejoice over his kingdom and we
will not back down from the truth even
if it costs us our lives
he's saying to the Hebrews look you have
not yet resisted unto blood striving
against sin so it's not it's not time
for a pity party here no pity for you so
remember he said to them in in Hebrews
10 to remember the former days that they
did face persecution in which after you
were illuminated after you received the
Holy Spirit you endured Hoopoe mone a
great fight of afflictions so they did
suffer but they didn't shed blood they
were persecuted they were imprisoned but
nobody said nobody lost their lives
whereas here with the Hebrews with the
in the faith chapter these brethren were

stoned they were cut in two
they were slain with the sword they were
tormented blood was shed and the race
that is set before us we read in
Revelation 13 in Revelation 13 verse 7
John revealed with the Christ revealed
to John that it was given unto the Beast
this this military power this this
global military politician it was given
unto him to make war with the Saints
this is the race that's said before us
we need Christian backbone you know we
can't be Christian too I don't want to
hear bad news I don't want to hear the
news I just want to hear good things oh
I want to hear I'm gonna put on some
music I want to be positive this is
positive eternal life is positive let's
face facts and here are the facts
that it was given unto the beast to make
war with the Saints and not only that
and to overcome them this is the race
that's set before us that the Beast will
be successful the Beast will overcome
the Saints and power was given him over
all Kindred's and tongues and nations so
they can go ahead and worship the Beast
we're not worshipping the Beast even if
it costs us our lives this is the race
that's set before us and he causes all
both small and great rich and poor free
and bond to receive a mark in their
right hand or in their foreheads and
that no man might buy or sell we will be
excluded the same way the brethren in
Hebrews 11 were excluded they were
excommunicated same thing Christ tells
us we're going to be hated we're going
to be kicked out of their assemblies
we're going to be D platformed no man
might buy or sell unless he had the mark
or the name of the beast or the number
of his name how is our conviction is
this gonna worry us doo doo doo no do we

have to drive fancy cars and wear
see clothes and live in fancy houses
otherwise we're not happy or can we be
in a desert with faith knowing that we
are counted righteous by God and we are
heading to eternal life he doesn't say
no man might eat or drink because God
says he will provide it says we can't
buy or sell in their system this is the
race that's set before us Christ says in
Matthew 6:24 no man can serve two
masters we have to make up our mind no
man can serve two masters for either he
will hate the one and love the other or
else he will hold to the one and despise
the other you cannot serve God and
Mammon we just can't so Christ is
telling us make up your mind he can
bless us he can bless us with fine
things we can blessed us with fine cars
and fine clothes but there's nothing
wrong with wealth but like Abraham who
was very wealthy were not attached to it
like Moses who was very wealthy were not
attached to it when we count all of it
as dung like Paul did so that we can
hold on to this prize of eternal life so
we make we we've made the big decision
so there's no decision we're like
Shadrach Meshach and Abednego
we're like Daniel there's no decision to
make here do your worst King we're not
careful to answer you in this matter so
do whatever you want he says here in
Matthew therefore I say unto you because
you because we can't serve God and
Mammon therefore I say unto you take no
thought for your life what you shall eat
or what you shall drink don't worry
about it
nor yet for your body what you shall put
on so the devil wants us to worry about
these things and the devil's puppets are
going to threaten us with the withdrawal

of these things and Christ is saying to us don't worry about these things nor yet for your body what you shall put on is not the life more than meat and the body more than raiment and remember Peter and the other apostles answered and said we ought to obey God rather than men so we've made up our mind we are going to follow God we have access to this ancient scripture which just lays everything out for us and so we're just going to obey God this is how we get a good report this is how we are accounted faithful not to Hebrews 12 and you've forgotten the exhortation which speaks unto you as unto children my son despise not you that chastening of the Lord nor faint when you are reviews of him so the the Hebrew brethren here in the first century were beginning to faint and they'd forgotten the exhortation which says don't despise the chastening and don't faint when God rebukes us we mustn't faint so that exhortation comes from the Torah it's in Deuteronomy and in Deuteronomy 8 5 it says you shall also consider in your heart that as a man chases his son sold the Lord God so the Lord your God chastens you that God cares for us and the same way I'm a father some of your parents you care for your children you see them going the wrong way you correct them so that they can go the right way and then when they grow up they're on the right path I certainly was corrected as a young man I can speak to the value of correction if I was not corrected I don't know where I would end up but there are certain standards that I have now that are fixed as an adult because of how I was trained and corrected as a child so don't forget that God says consider - you shall consider in your

heart think about think deeply about
this that as a man Chasen's his son sold
the Lord your God chastens you so Paul
goes on to say for whom the Lord loves
he chastens and scourges every son whom
he
receives so there really is a sense here
of poor parental oversight that he's
saying here who loves he chastens and
scourges every son whom he receives and
we saw that in Revelation where Paul
were where John revealed the crisis to
the church in Ephesus or saurian in
Laodicea as many as I love I rebuke and
chasten be zealous therefore and repent
so the chastening is to an end it's it's
to bring them to God
so repent and be zealous as many as I
love I rebuke and chasten so Paul was on
to say if you endure chastening God
deals with you as with sons for what son
is he whom the father Jason is not this
is this is what father's do what we have
to is that word endure again we must be
patient we must get through this
chastening but if you be without
chastisement we're of all our partakers
and we saw that in Hebrews 11 then you
are bastards and not sons so if you're a
bastard it doesn't matter who cares no
there's no oversight for you but if
we're sons then we're going to have this
parental oversight and when we're going
off correction is needed furthermore we
have had fathers of our flesh which
corrected us it's about correction and
we gave them reference shall we not much
rather be in subjection unto the father
of spirits and live the just shall live
by faith
so this correction that's coming we have
to understand that it's part of the
process and and just trust God because
he's correcting us toward eternal life

so the correction leads to eternal life
and and we our fathers our parents
corrected us and we reverently gave them
reverence
so in this correction let us give God
reference for they truly for a few days
chastened us after their own pleasure so
as a parent maybe sometimes the kids are
really noisy and you're trying to
concentrate and you might correct your
kids so that you can concentrate so
we're correcting them for our own
pleasure but he for our profit so Paul
is saying look this correction that
you're facing it's actually for your
benefit and and Paul was convinced of
time that I believe he was convinced at
the time he was living in was the end
time he couldn't see this going on
another ten thousand years he didn't
understand that that was not the last
beast power that he was facing we can
now understand we've got the book of
Revelation we've got all the other
prophecies we can now see that this
correction is now coming upon us upon
whom the ends of the world have come so
so God is doing this for our prophet
what is that that we might be partakers
of his holiness there there is a
conviction that's needed there's a
commitment that's needed to partake in
God's holiness now Paulette Paulette
concedes no chastening for the present
seems to be join us it's okay I can see
this this is difficult and of course
note no chastening for the present seems
to be joyous but Grievous I agree
nevertheless afterward it yields the
peaceful fruit of righteousness unto
them which are exercised thereby so in
Paul's mind is saying look the just
shall live by faith the correction is
going to come upon everybody but when it

comes upon everyone there's going to be
a bifurcation there's gonna be a
separation between sons and bastards
between the just and the wicked and so
this correction is going to prove who is
who who's who
everybody zoomed everybody's toads talks
the same talk oh yes I believe in the
Lord you you believe
Oh bless you blood brother you believe
in the Lord wonderful and then the
correction comes in it I thought that
person was a pillar okay this is how God
tests the self God tries the hearts this
is how he sees what's really in our
heart what what have we been working on
all these years that God has given us
and it looks like he's giving us a
little bit more time what are we doing
with the time and how are we
transforming ourselves it's going to be
seen
it's everything Christ says that
everything that's hidden will come to
the light and so this is where it really
matters what we're doing and as we go
through this correction it's going to
yield the peaceable fruit of
righteousness to those who actually work
with the program that God has now the
just shall live by faith Paul was
calling on the prophecies of Habakkuk
where there was so much wickedness in
the covenant community Habakkuk was
despondent he couldn't believe what why
isn't God doing something and God
answered and says I am doing something
about it look what he says verse 5 about
the quad behold you among the heathen so
there are all these problems inside the
covenant community don't look inside the
covenant community for correction look
outside the correction that's going to
come upon the covenant community is

coming from the outside behold you among
the heathen and regard and Wonder
marvelously for I will work a work in
your days which you will not believe
though it be told you this this is going
to be outside of your imagination
what what is this work that God is going
to work for lo I raise up the Chaldeans
that bitter and hasty nation which shall
march through the breadth of the land to
possess the dwelling places that are not
theirs so this this is the prophecy this
this is what Paul is saying the just
shall live by faith this is the
correction on the covenant community
to possess the dwelling places that are
not theirs they are terrible and
dreadful their judgments and their
dignity shall proceed of themselves baka
cannot believe it God says you won't
believe it
Habakkuk doesn't believe it he says
aren't you from everlasting Oh Lord my
God my Holy One
we shall not die you're not going to do
this are we going to live forever Oh
Lord you have ordained them for judgment
and Almighty God you have established
them for corruption so Habakkuk came to
understand that these wicked people God
is raising them up to judge his people
to correct his people shall they
therefore empty their net and not spare
continually to slay the nation's oh this
is a force that is going to slay all the
nations and bring all the nations under
subjection and it's going to hunt down
God's people and it's good to make war
with the Saints and it's going to
overcome the Saints and this is all part
of the corrective process and the Lord
answered me and said write the vision
write it down make it permanent
and make it plain upon tables that he

may run that reads it we must run the race that is set before us so we have to read we have to read the vision to say what is this race that is set before us and then we have to run it with patients and the patients is this understanding when God says so the vision is yet for an appointed time it's for an appointed time but at the end it shall speak and that's why Paul was calling on this prophecy because he believed he was in the end time and so he's saying okay I understand what's going on you need to understand what's going on the prophecy of Habakkuk is now speaking but it's speaking now at the end it shall speak and not lie though it tarries wait for it don't believe anybody who says it's not happening and you even see again that video at the

of this study where the top minds in the military of the u.s. the most powerful nation on the earth is saying we don't understand how we're gonna pull with with these megacities and the enemies within our midst and even in overseas very all about everything we know about strategic warfare we need to throw that out the window and start again at the end it shall speak and not lie though Atari wait for it because it will surely come it will not tarry behold his soul which has lifted up is not upright in him but the just shall live by his faith so it is in the context of this massive correction upon the covenant community that Habakkuk receives the insight and the understanding that it's okay he says we shall not die and then God makes him understand that just those who are declared righteous by God shall live by faith

Christ says to us that these visas right the vision and make it plain upon tables

Christ says to us these things have I spoken unto you that you should not be offended don't commit apostasy don't turn back and so Christ gives it to us undiluted you're gonna oh Jesus you're so negative

Jesus why do you have to be so negative why are you just giving us all this bad news because I want you to be mature I want you to run the race that's set before you with patience so here's what's gonna happen and here's how it's gonna go down get ready for this so that you don't lose faith that you don't commit apostasy that you don't fall into the sin that so easily besets us which comes from fearfulness I want you to be faithful so I'm telling you ahead of time what's gonna happen so that you can prepare yourself back to Hebrews 12 therefore lift up the hands which hang down so now that we understand that this is a loving father correcting us for our own profit

therefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble means so we're running this race and we're and stop it have some Christian backbone and go forward we are soldiers go forward engage the enemy and make straight paths for your feet don't wander around or maybe I can be popular maybe I won't be too controversial I try to be nice mix straight paths for your feet understand what we're involved in less that which is lame be turned out of the way but let it rather be healed so we all have this cowardice we all have this weakness if it persists we're going to be thrown in the lake of fire cowards go into the lake of fire first the faithless go into the lake of fire first so we have to just make straight paths for our feet less that which is

lame be turned out of the way but let it rather be healed same thing we read in Revelation where Christ says to Ephesus remember therefore from when you've fallen same thing you sing appalled is saying to the Hebrews you you you would stood persecution in the past you did the right works you need to remember that remember therefore from whence you are fallen and repent and do the first works do what you were doing before or else I don't know about you but when Jesus Christ says or else that's not comfortable do this or else I will come unto you quickly and will remove your candlestick out of its place unless you repent so this is whatever's playing let's get it healed and let's just set our mind make the big decisions early we're done we know what we're doing where we are heading we are marching to eternal life we are not afraid of death because we understand what comes after the grave he says follow peace with all men and notice men is italicized it's not follow peace with all men that that's not what Paul Paulette remember this is in the context of Hebrews 10 where he says consider one another so this all of this that we're studying now is in the the context of considering one another follow peace with all all brethren make sure we have peace with all Brethren and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord so don't think that we will see the Lord if we're in conflict with one another you know I'm so righteous and God loves me so much that I can persecute my brethren I can tear my brethren apart I can backbite my brethren and then God's gonna receive me in the kingdom why cuz it's me I'm special he says like look unless there's

peace and harmony and holiness in the congregation peace and holiness nobody is seeing the Lord I don't think we take this seriously I think that we think we can be perverse we can have conflict we can have sexual immorality in the camp and still we're gonna see God no way Paul is saying look unless there's peace and holiness no man will see the Lord so this is again in the context of Hebrews 10:24 let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works so we don't want anybody to fall into this situation where they're not at peace were not at peace with one another or there isn't holiness so we're considering one another to turn one another to peace blessed are the peacemakers we're considering one another to turn one another to holiness and that's what Christ says in Matthew 5:22 I say unto you that whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment so brethren if you have any conflict with anybody clear it up it's not worth it clear it up love one another fervently well whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment and whosoever shall say to his brother you fool shall be in danger of the council but whosoever shall say Rocco whoops wasn't you though fool shall be in danger of health
fire in Galatians Paul writes for brethren you have been called unto freedom only don't use your freedom for an occasion to the flesh but by love serve one another so that we're call to freedom there's no you know at nine o'clock you do this at 9:15 you do this and I'm there's no regimented process here we're free but use the freedom not for the flesh

but to love and serve one another for
all the law is fulfilled in one word
even in this you shall love your
neighbor as yourself but if you bite and
devour one another beware that you are
not destroyed by each other so unless
there is peace no man will see the Lord
and if we're biting and devouring one
another

we're actually destroying one another so
Paul says consider one another and
provoke one another to love and to good
works in that vein he says to the
Thessalonians we exhort you brethren not
you ministers you brethren that are
empowered by the Holy Spirit we exhort
you brethren warn them that are unruly
so there are brethren that are unruly
they don't want to be governed they
would they want that occasion for the
flesh and Paul is saying it's the
Brethren that need to warn them and
remind them that God is real and God is
returning and without peace and holiness
no man will see the Lord comfort the
feeble-minded so there are feeble-minded
there are people who are fearful our job
is to comfort them support the weak and
be patient toward all again all not all
men looking so back to Hebrews 12
looking diligently where to look
diligently this this is this is serious
work God wants us to look diligently he
says

lest any man fail of the grace of God so
again he says consider one another in
considering one another were searching
diligently we're looking we're taking
stock of our congregation we're seeing
if a brother is in trouble seeing if his
sister is in trouble looking diligently
lest any man fail of the grace of God
now how could he fail of the grace of
God lest any root of bitterness

springing up trouble you and thereby
many be defiled
so bitterness is something that can take
that can occur within the body and when
bitterness takes place in the body it
becomes something that troubles the
congregation and many can be defiled
so bitterness is like a virus when I'm
bitter I have to talk I have to pull
people aside and share my bitterness
with them and then they catch the virus
and they become bitter as well and many
become defiled and Christ told us that
he says in Matthew 24 and then shall
many be offended and shall betray one
another and shall hate one another and
there's no peace here and there's no
holiness here and they will not see the
Lord and so we have to be careful and
make sure that warned each other
provoke each other to love so when we
hear bitterness when we see bitterness
we should panic if we truly fear God if
we truly believe in God's Word when we
see and hear bitterness we should panic
and provoke the brother or sister to
love and good works
Peter said it here you therefore beloved
seeing you know these things before
beware lest you also be in led away with
the error of the wicked fall from your
own steadfastness so it can happen
there's no one saved always saves we
have to just stay endure to the end and
Satan has so many traps he says here in
addition to bitterness being one of the
key
traps he says lest there be any
fornicator that anybody could could fall
into this trap any sexually perverse
person lest there be any fornicator or
profane person as Esau who for one
morsel of meat sold his birthright for
one morsel of meat he sold his

birthright and it says so we go back to
Genesis that Jacob boiled soup
and Esau came in the field came from the
field and he was faint and Esau said to
Jacob feed me

I pray you with some red soup some red
stew because I'm faint therefore was his
name called Edom or red and Jacob said
sell me today your birthright and Esau
said Behold I'm at the point to die and
what profit shall this birthright do to
me

so Esau is completely self-centered and
he's completely now centered he's not
thinking like Abraham where God made a
promise to him and Abraham's thinking
eternally Abraham's looking for a city
whose builder and maker is God because
he has a view into the future he saw is
just present tense it's all about now
and it's all about staying alive now
he's not thinking even if I die because
of my birthright because of my promise I
must be coming back to life and so it's
all about today and not dying the fear
of death so what profit shall his
birthright do to me and Jacob said swear
to me today and he swore to him and he
sold his birthright to Jacob then Jacob
gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils
and he ate and drank and rose up and
went his way and this is how Esau
despised his birthright and so we can be
the same that were human

we have passions

and rather than be thinking of holiness
and seeing the Lord we're thinking of
satisfying these passions and it's like
I just want satisfaction now and we
despise our birthright

we just we despise the Covenant we
despise the promise God wants us to have
a long term view and like lease us like
well what good is there I'm about to die

what good is this to me I have to stay
alive at all costs unlike the Father
faithful fathers who said you know
Abraham says even if I kill Isaac God is
gonna bring him back to life because
he's faithful he he he can't he cannot
go against his word and we know God
cannot go against his word so we don't
do we don't behave in ways that have to
do with our current physical life that's
that's not our priority our priority is
eternal life for you know that afterward
when he would have inherited the
blessing he was rejected afterward when
he would have inherited the blessing he
was rejected Paul is writing this for a
reason the people of God can be rejected
don't don't be complacent let's not be
overconfident let's not think that God
can't live without us the people of God
can be rejected that's why this warning
is here that afterward when he would
have inherited the blessing he was
rejected for he found no place of
repentance though he sought it carefully
with tears he says for you are not come
unto the mount that might be touched and
that burned with fire nor unto blackness
and darkness and Tempest
so the father's with Moses they came to
this mountain he says we're not like
this this is this is not our lot we've
come to something much higher and the
sound of a trumpet and the voice of
words which voice they that heard
entreated
that the word that would not be spoken
to them anymore so they heard this great
sound of the trumpet and they came to
the mountain and then they begged that
the word of God should not be spoken to
them any more and if we go to
Deuteronomy 5 verse 24 he says and you
said behold the Lord our God has showed

us his glory and his greatness and we have heard his voice out of the middle of the fire we have seen this day that God does talk with man and he lives now therefore why should we die that this was too much for them for this great fire will consume us it'll destroy us if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more than we shall die they were terrified they were terrified and they just said you know what this is not a good idea go you now go you near there speaking to Moses and hear all that the Lord our God shall say so you go and talk to God and speak you unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto you and we will hear it and do it so Moses we don't want to go to God and we could die this is this this glorious too much for us you go you talk with God and then come back and report to us what you've heard and then we will do what God says he says it here in Hebrews for they could not endure that which was commanded and if so much as a beast touch the mountain it shall be stoned or thrust thrust through with a dart that's how holy this mountain was and so terrible with the sight that Moses said I exceedingly fear and quake this is Moses in the presence of God's glory he was exceedingly afraid and terrified but we haven't come to this mountain which the fathers were taraf Moses himself was terrified paulus into the Hebrews and to us givers of the 21st century this is not the mountain that we've come to he says but you are calm instead unto Mount Zion and unto the city of the Living God the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels and we know from Hebrews war from chapter 1 that these angels this

innumerable company of angels are all ministering spirits sent forth to serve us who are the heirs of salvation this is what we've come to and he spent chapter seven eight-nine hoping that we'll grasp this vision of our high priest and the tabernacle that he operates within and this New Jerusalem that's coming down to earth this is what we've come to to the General Assembly and Church of the firstborn which are written in heaven so we're in the book of life this this is what we've come to so they just came to the mountain and they were terrified this is what we've come to and to God the judge of all and to the spirits of just men made tell us all these just men have been made telling us and they're just waiting for the resurrection and they're waiting for us and this is what we've come to this has to be our focus and in addition to all of that we have come to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant this is who we've come to and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel so Abel's blood just cried out for justice but Christ's blood is is the offering it's the propitiation it's what he brought to the Father to secure the reconciliation of Israel so we've come to Jesus the mediator of the New Covenant and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks of better things than that of Abel because of this see that you refuse not him that speaks don't this is the whole argument that Paul has been making don't turn back that the father's turned back and they receive severe punishment and God swore that they will not enter into his rest now God is speaking to us through a higher messenger and we've

come to just a higher calling see that
you refuse not him that speaks don't be
like the father's for if they escaped
not who refused him that spoke on earth
that death Moses much more shall not we
escape if we turn away from him that
speaks from heaven that's Christ so they
didn't escape and they incurred the
wrath of God and they just refused Moses
if we turn back if we allow ourselves to
be set with this sin of apostasy of
cowardice that so easily besets us and
we deny Christ how are we going to
escape and this is the argument that
Paul has been making from the very
beginning right from the beginning in
chapter 2 he says therefore we ought to
give the more earnest heed because of
who's speaking to us it's Christ himself
from heaven therefore we ought to give
the more earnest heed to the things
which we have heard lest at any time we
should let them slip be careful if we're
negligent this this could slip away from
us for if the word spoken by Angels was
steadfast it was good it was solid and
every transgression and disobedience
received a just recompense of reward
they were punished according to the
terms and conditions how 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 this is the argument that
Paul has been making all along and if we
don't stay in context we just swoop into
chapter 12 and we say oh be careful
about sin don't ascend so easily besets
us you know that's that's the way sin is
it's just kind of easily besets us he's
talking about the sin that easily besets
us and it's the sin of apostasy
it's the sin of cowardice is the sin of
lacking faith it's the sin of turning

our back on Christ it's the sin of refusing him who speaks to us from heaven and this is the argument that he's making all throughout the book of Hebrews don't do this I know it's tough I know people are evil I know it's going to be horrendous but see that you do not refuse him who speaks from heaven this is why we need the holy the Holy Spirit will empower us to go through anything this is real let people run around and live their fantasy and let them put their trust in men we put our trust in God we put our trust in this ancient text which when we study if it tells us everything that's going on around us and then it gives us the playbook it says here's how to succeed back to Hebrews 12 don't refuse him who speaks from heaven whose voice then shook the earth but now he has promised saying yet once more I shake not the Earth only but also heaven so that we read that in Revelation that the stars are gonna fall from heaven he's going to shake heaven and earth and he's calling here from a prophecy and Haggai in Haggai 2 verse 5 we can cut him here he says according to the word that I covenant it with you when you came out of Egypt so my spirit remains among you don't fear don't fear for thus says the Lord of hosts yet once it is a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land and I will shake all nations and the desire of all nations shall come and I will fill this house with glory says the Lord of hosts this is his promise he's going to shake heaven and earth and then the desire of the nation shall come and he will fill his house with glory so back to Hebrews Paul says and this word yet once more signifies the removing of those things

that are shaken so he's going to shake this
yet once more he's saying that what it means is he's going to remove anything that can be shaken the just shall live by faith if we are not deemed just by God we will be shaken we will be bastards so this is what it's all about is being among those things that cannot be shaken and this word yet once more signifies the removing of those things that are shaken as of things that are made and those things which cannot be shaken may remain this is why we need the Holy Spirit this is why we need to go through correction this is why we need to hold on to eternal life that those things which cannot be shaken may remain it's a new world and we'll just remember in revelation 21:7 he says he that overcomes shall inherit all things it's the overcomers that cannot be shaken
it's the overcomers that remain he that overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be my son that's it
we will be established he will be our God we will be his children but the fearful this is what Paul is warning the Hebrews against and warning first century not 21st century this is what he's warning us against we must be overcomers let us run with patience and endurance the race that is set before us let's read the book of Revelation and let's understand what this race is that were engaged in this agony this agonizing contest and let us run it with endurance and he that endures to the end shall be saved but the fearful and unbelieving there's the sin of unbelief this is what Paul has been arguing against throughout the entire book the

fearful and unbelieving and then the
abominable and murderers and
whoremongers and sorcerers and idolaters
and all Liars shall have their part in
the lake which burns with fire and
brimstone which is the second death we
cannot fool around with God this is real
we've been called to something
tacular and he's given us a part in it
let us play our part and let us play it
with faithful let us run with with
patience with endurance this agonizing
contest that's set before us in 22:14 he
says blessed are they that do His
commandments God commands that we're
just going to do it and this this
doesn't just mean the 10 commandments oh
I've got to do the 10 commandments it
means His commandments
it means we're searching the scriptures
and wherever he says do this that's a
command and we're going to do it
blessed are they that do His
commandments that they may have right to
the Tree of Life and may enter in
through the gates into the city and he
says I saw a new heaven and a new earth
she's gonna shake the heavens in the
earth and there's gonna be a new heaven
and a new earth the first heaven and the
first Earth were passed away and there
was no more sea and this brings us all
the way back to Genesis that in the
beginning God created the heaven in the
earth then he had an intention it was
supposed to be a unified whole and
because of Adam
well because of Satan and then Adam
everything went sideways and he's moving
back to his original intention to bring
us to T Leo's so that the heaven and
earth can be one and we can be eternal
with him so he wraps up here in Hebrews
12 therefore we receiving a kingdom

which cannot be moved this is an eternal Kingdom and we are eternal beings in this eternal Kingdom so therefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably and again the subjunctive mood is used here with these verbs it doesn't mean that we're going to have grace it doesn't mean that we're going to serve God acceptably it means he hopes that it will work out this way he hopes that we will have grace and he hopes that we will serve God accepted him do his commandments with reverence and godly fear

I think it's my observation and I include myself in this observation we do not fear God enough that this sort of [Music]

Protestant idea of Jesus is it sort of crept into us and it's programmed us and it's this like I'm okay you're okay God's okay everything's okay no problem we're all just gonna we're gonna be in heaven we're gonna be in the kingdom it's not having it's heaven on earth and it's all the same and not everything's good and we don't have a sense of panic when there's a lack of holiness we don't have a sense of panic when there's aggression and conflict in the body in fact many times we're the perpetrators of conflict in the body and we just don't care we don't have this godly fear it's good to fear God fear God is a healthy thing God wants us to fear Him and so we need to serve we need to have grace and serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear why shouldn't why does Paul want us to serve God with fear he says he concludes for our God is a consuming fire I wonder if we think about that that our God is a consuming fire that's that's pretty deep that our

God is a destroying fire
that's why the Israelites feared so much
to speak with him that's why Moses was
exceedingly a friend and this is what we
need to understand that we are dealing
with the God of Israel and he's not to
be taken for granted
he's a consuming fire so
let us fear God and let us serve him
with reverence and godly fear and warn
the unruly and this this this appeal to
serve him with fear it's not new it's me
from the beginning he said let us
therefore fear we meet to be afoot we
can't be complacent we can't have this
sense that again once saved always saved
not to worry about put our feet up we're
definitely going to be in the kingdom
there needs to be a sense of week this
is a tall order and we need all the help
of the Holy Spirit we can get and each
other and not forsake the assembly
because we need to be encouraging each
other we need to be looked at having
each other's back let us therefore fear
lest a promise being left us of entering
into his rest any of us should seem to
come short of it and this is why he
needs us to consider one another in
Revelation we saw that his head and his
hairs were white like wool as white as
snow and his eyes were as a flame of
fire he's angry
the Jesus that's returning is full of
wrath the wrath of the lamb is coming we
have to operate in such a way that we
hide ourselves the same way the
Israelites had to have blood over their
doorpost so that the wrath could pass
over them we must have this same mindset
that this wrath that's coming upon the
earth will pass over us because of the
blood of Christ
so in Timothy Paul says and we'll just

wrap up with these last couple of scriptures do not therefore be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord they're going to try to make us ashamed they're going to shame us it's going to be evil it's going to be hate speech Paul says do not therefore be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me his prisoner but be you a partaker of the afflictions of the gospel and that's what Hebrews is all about that were not to be ashamed of this the moment and we're going to participate in the afflictions in this agonizing contest of preaching this gospel and not backing down and willingly partaking in the afflictions and when we suffer these afflictions Christ says leap for joy that's a command leap for joy when we encounter these afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God and so in Revelation we remember that he says right blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord from now on it's a blessing to die in the Lord it's a lesson to suffer for Christ's sake and this this has to be the view that we have going forward if we have the human view that we mustn't suffer we must never be uncomfortable then we're not gonna be successful the view that we have to have is there's a finish line there's a joy that was set before Christ we're part of that joy there's a hope that's set before us we set our minds we set our course we make straight our paths and we're not backing down we're gonna cross that fit and we're gonna cross that finish line together we're gonna look out for each other we're gonna support each other we're gonna provoke each other to love into good works yes says the spirit that

they may rest from their labors oh you mean we don't rest now we don't go to Sabbath services put our feet up and have a coffee I thought we could rest I thought the Sabbath was all about rest I didn't know there was work to do we labor to enter into that rest this is not the time for rest this is the time to labor and we're going to services to be strengthened in the spirit so that we can do the work of the Spirit yes says the spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them and then finally here we'll just conclude in Revelation 12:11 they overcame the devil and we overcome the devil's puppets by the blood of the Lamb this is our understanding though it's the wrath of God we are concerned about not the wrath of man not the wrath of the devil and so we're going to overcome him because we believe in the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony it's all about having the testimony this is how we win we win through our testimony and they loved not their lives unto the death so let us run with patience the race that is set before us because when we cross that finish line when there's chaos all around and everybody's losing their minds and we keep our mind focused on meeting the Lord and we look after each other and we encourage them we provoke one another now we cross that finish line then we're going to rise in glory with all of the other Saints who are waiting for us and this is why we must endure Jesus Christ is Lord we have one more chapter God willing we'll cover that next week remember that we do have the chance so if you'd like to join us on the chat please feel free to join us at CGI dot Church online dot org CGI dot

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