

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.
A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 12:12-24

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

GROWING UP TOGETHER

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.
In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

rest, hope, promises, oaths, immutability, blessings, God's faithfulness.

Chapter 12 opened up with a "Therefore", which sent us back to chapter 11 and to the Great Hall of Faith. Now, this new section beginning at chapter 12:12 opens with another Therefore, causing us to remember what we've just learned regarding (The Disciplines of Life in the family of God.)

Now in this section before us, we see the believers being exhorted to adhere to The Direction of Life (verses 12-17) and The Drive of Life (verses 18-24)

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1.) In The House of The Living God

vs. 12-13

Hebrews 12:12-13

Therefore, strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, **13** and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

**The Hebrew Believer
Is immediately reminded of Moses,
Aaron, and Hur in the Day of Battle**

Exodus 17:8-13

Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. **9** And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." **10** So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. **11** And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. **12** But Moses' hands *became* heavy; so they took a stone and put *it* under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. **13** So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Verse 13

Hebrews 12:13

13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

The meaning is; "Stop Running in Circles."
You will only injure yourself.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. **25** And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. **26** Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. **27** But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Avoid all temptations to wander and to meander and to roam.

Stop Living Without a Destination

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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2.) In The House of The Loving God

vs. 14-17

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness,
without which no one will see the Lord:

2 Corinthians 7:1

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the
flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Romans 14:19

Therefore let us pursue the things *which make* for peace and the things by which one may
edify another.

3 John 11

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who
does evil has not seen God.

Verse 15

Hebrews 12:15

15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness
springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Ephesians 4:31

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking
be put away from you, with all malice.

Colossians 3:8

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy
language out of your mouth.

Verse 16-17

Hebrews 12:16-17

16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his
birthright. **17** For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was
rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

We have no biblical evidence that Esau was a physical fornicator. However, we do know that he was very much a spiritual fornicator in the sense that he did not have the right heart to God in his relationship with God.

Genesis 25:27-34

So the boys grew. And Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents. **28** And Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. **29** Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary. **30** And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore, his name was called Edom. **31** But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day." **32** And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die; so what is this birthright to me?" **33** Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of this day." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. **34** And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose, and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Esau held spiritual things in low regard.
While at the same time, he valued the material things of life.

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3.) In The House of The Holy God

vs. 18-21

Hebrews 12:18

For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest,

Galatians 4:21-26

Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law? **22** For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. **23** But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, **24** which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar - **25** for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children - **26** but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Verse 19-20a

Hebrews 12:19-20a

and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. **20** (For they could not endure what was commanded:

Verse 20b-21

Hebrews 12:20b-21

“And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.” **21**
And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.”)

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4.) In The House of The Perfect God

vs. 22-24

Hebrews 12:22-24

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, **23** to the general (celebrating) assembly (Israel) and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, **24** to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

End of Study

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