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Whole Heart...

There's several things that I think that we need to know in the foundation of being able to receive the seven eyes. Of course the most critical one is to love the Lord with all your heart. And that can be difficult to do. In Revelation 2:1 the first church addresses the loss of your first love and without our repentance, He will come take it away. That's the first thing we have to labor in. Each of the seven churches is if you don't do this, and function in this realm then you're not going to have the seven eyes, or that eye. So in Hebrews chapter 3:8, *Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness*: Now, it says, don't harden your hearts like the children of Israel did when they went out of Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, and went into the wilderness. Moses wrote that the Lord said, "I used the supernatural to feed them, to provide for them, and yet they were not satisfied." Operating out of the seven eyes doesn't guarantee you're going to be in heaven. We as earth people don't know whether Solomon ever repented or not, but he did everything that pleased the Lord in the beginning and he did everything that angered God at the end. And it's not likely that he repented because God said I'm going to tear away ten of the twelve tribes from David because of Solomon. So that's a pretty good hint that God was very angry. He gave Solomon

something that was very precious to Him and he didn't use it for the benefit of God's kingdom. He used it for his own gain and for his own popularity and God didn't get much out of it. So it says, *harden not your hearts. Verse 9, When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.* An evil heart in God's eyes is not believing what He says, or not opening your heart to receive what He says. *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;* And in a lot of places we see "to the end," in the Old Testament and in the New. Solomon did not hold to the end. *While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.* And so we need to open our hearts. I didn't know how important it was when the Lord came to me in my bedroom and said, "Can you trust Me to do the right thing?" I was really struggling with God and with the church. I was busing children to church who came from hostile families and they would come and sit on my lap. I wore my nice Sunday suit, and they had dirty and dusty shoes so from the knees on down my pants would always have dust and dirt on them. When I would get to the church I would have to go to the bathroom and wet my hands and rub down my pants so that they would be kind of halfway clean. They had snotty noses and smelly bodies. And I said to the Lord, You're telling me if they don't follow you they are going to hell and they are going to burn forever. And I struggled with that, and I said, if that's the kind of God you are I don't want to go to heaven. I studied for six to nine months, I don't remember

exactly how long it was, but it was a long time. I would study late into the night, and one night I never went to bed. I just stayed up all night. It was during that time that God came in the bedroom and He stood at the foot of the bed, and the room lit up and He said, "Larry, can you trust Me to do the right thing?" And when I felt His love I knew that I could trust Him to do the right thing. And I said, Yes, I can. And from that point on nothing was ever the same. And I believe to this day I'm where I'm at because of my diligence to understand and not give up until I get answers. If there is something in your heart that is keeping you from giving all of your heart to the Lord, you're going to be up and down and every which way, like a piece of wood on the water. You're just going to go wherever the wind blows because you'll never enter into His rest not having a full heart given to Him. That's where God wants to take each one. He wants you to give fully over to Him that you might enter into His rest, that you can say, I trust Him to do the right thing, and I will be His servant. I will be the son like His Son that came upon the earth and did His will to accomplish, even though I don't see the whole picture. In 1 Corinthians 15 Jesus said when it's all done He's going to hand everything back to the Father so He can be Father God. That just melted me. There is no one who ever walked the face of this earth that knew the Father more than His Son and it's His desire to turn everything back over to His Father. And most of the church knows that the kingdoms of this world must become the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior, but they think He's going to do it. He's not. The earth is going to help us do it, as it was in the days of Noah. But in this case, there is a fire reserved on earth that will burn up all iniquity, all wickedness, everything, and Peter says even the elements will melt. The energies that were made by wickedness, by rebellion, those energies will melt so that they are no more in an forceful

manner, but will go back to the original state that God placed this earth to be. I'm looking forward to that time.

Hebrews 4:2, *For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.* You can't have faith where your heart is not given to it. And the reason that the covenant is in the heart is because the heart affects the whole body. God wanted to place the covenant, not where man thinks that is in the fallen state, but where he thinks by touching the heart of God in that covenant. God gave us a covenant to get us out of where we're at. That's a covenant of love. And what's in that covenant? God's word. And what is God's word? That's Him. It's the Son and the words that God speaks. We know that when the word comes out of the mouth of God it is energy that wants to fulfill and is commissioned to fulfill the purpose in which it was sent. It won't stop and it won't come back to the Lord until that word has been completed. So there are words that are out there from the prophets for several thousand years that have not yet been completed, that need to be completed in our time period. The words are still full of energy from the Father who is waiting for them to be completed. And we're not alone. We have the prophets, we have the angels, we have the Son who is our intercessor and priest. A priest is one who ministers to the Father and ministers then to those who are under Him. He's the Lord of hosts. He's the savior of the world. He's the light of the world. Therefore He ministers to the Father and then He turns and ministers to us. And what is it that He ministers to us? Yes, it's salvation, but it's more than salvation because the covenant of the heart is the tabernacle of the living God. So when we pollute the tabernacle of the living God, we are hindering His work in us. Everything that God the Father and His Son does in

their labor is to increase us in the eternity which will follow. And yet we stand here stubborn, like a goat, that will not go where it should go because it doesn't want to, and we don't know why. Isn't that the way we are? We are that way. We rebel against the living God who wants to do everything to change us.

And so verse 3 then, *For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.* God pronounced every day a certain way and He pronounced what He was going to do before the world was even made, and so when He completed the earth in its creation, the six days, He hallowed the seventh day because it was a day of rest that He could enjoy His labor, and He hasn't labored since. It is the spoken words that are held together by His energy, that His will will be done. An example of that is to put a kernel of corn in the ground. At a certain time an ear comes out, the tassel comes out, first it's a leaf for the ear, then it's the tassel, and the ear is just one leaf. When you see that one little leaf coming out between the stalk and one of those corn leaves then you know the ear is started. And in just about 3 or 4 days you will have a nub, and then the silk comes out and in a few days the tassels are pollinating the corn and within a month or two you have fruit on the cob that is ready to shell. It's amazing. But it all has its purpose and time, and that's the way God made this whole creation. That's why He knew you and He knew me. We're going to see in Hebrews where it says that all of Abraham's descendants were in his loins. If we aren't through the blood of Abraham then at least we are grafted in. So whichever way it is, each one of us has a job to do and God's going to fulfill it. And God has a job for the United States to do. We are to be a protection to little Israel while God deals with Israel to bring salvation and to bring a conquering

through Israel. What a blessed thing we can have, that we are laboring to bring this United States back to a place that God can use it as an eagle nation, for the purpose of honoring the people who carried the salvation from the time of Abraham until now. And the torment they went through by carrying it. Yes, we have our little ailments and things that the enemy tries to destroy us with, but it's just a few years. It's nothing compared to what the devil has tried to do all these thousands of years to not let God's people come out. You can see right now the devil is extremely angry that Trump is going to destroy that. They thought they had it whipped. Obama was supposed to be the last president, and he was going to take over. When he first came in, that's why the republicans bowed to Obama and let him do whatever he wanted. And they were even shocked because both parties thought that this was the end and then they would be in great power and walk in that with their families. But God had another plan. And He's exposed it and they're still fighting. That's why the mountain is half pulled down; that is that he has people coming that are going to honor the constitution and tear down the thing that is trying to destroy it.

Verse 12, *For the word of God is quick, and powerful...* The word of God; the energy that God releases, His will is in that word. *...And sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* The reason you can't love the Lord with all your heart is because of the intents of sin that are still in your heart. God will remove that if you allow Him to come in. When light comes in darkness has to go. Verse 13 gives us more yet, *Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him*

with whom we have to do. The creature is the human being. In other words, when you stand before the Lord, you need to realize that He sees every part of you. You can't put on enough clothes not to see the condition of your heart, of your countenance, of your being, of what you are trying to do. He sees it all and you can't hide it from Him. You can only hide it from people, but they don't count.

Chapter 6:18, *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation...* To have the covenant of God in your hearts, and your heart fully given over to Him in love, He wants a strong consolation, a strong constitution within you. So that when you speak, you speak truth and the word of God with power and that will be your defense. No one can come against the word of God because the word of God takes supremacy over everything else if you believe without doubting, and that is a strong constitution. And when you have that then you have something. Now the problem is that in today's environment most people are wishy washy. And they are so hurt if anything is said that they don't believe. And it's such a terrible thing to offend anyone. But if we don't, they will go to hell. ...*Who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us;* So, first of all, what God is doing to build your house in you, your tabernacle, is a strong constitution and then hope is set before you. Your hope of what He's called you to do. He wants those two things and Hebrews is all about that. That the constitution in you isn't wavering. When I realized that I can trust God to do the right thing, from that point on everything began to change in my life. I wasn't questioning what He was doing. I don't understand everything but I'm willing to do what He says because I can trust Him to do the right thing no matter whether I understand it or not. And so that

built in me the foundation of my constitution, or my consolation of the boundaries of what God has given me. With that constitution then I went to find refuge in Him to lay hold of the hope that is set before me. Verse 19, *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.* Now, how do we go through the veil? What is the veil? Well in the old covenant the veil was a thick material that divided the Holy of Holies where the ark of the covenant was from the three areas of cleansing; the seven candlesticks, the light to see, the government of bread, and then the prayer place of relationship and developing a love for God in the Holy Place. And so when you look in Revelation chapter 1 where it says that I looked and I saw seven candles, and in the midst of those seven candles what did he see? He saw Jesus. Because Jesus is the light of men therefore the way you get to the Holy of Holies, or the literal presence of God, is through the seven eyes of God that Jesus will give you, the seven senses that God gave Jesus for us, and what He probably used Himself when He was on the earth. He used those seven senses to be able to talk to the Father and communicate the way He did. The only difference was He didn't have any sin to interfere with that and He probably had a lot better communications than what we do or ever will. *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil.* Jesus became the veil, or the one that stopped anyone from coming to the Father. You had to go through Jesus to go to the Father. He was our protector, because as you know that anyone that went into the Holy of Holies without purification would have been dead. And it's still the same today even though the covenant of grace is in Jesus. When we come to Jesus we live in Him. Living in Him we get the seven eyes of God and in that seven eyes of God we then see and put government on us so we know how to act in the presence of

the Father. We learn to have that love affair with Him and develop fellowship with Jesus and the Father in that place. That is when Jesus opens the veil and you can see because the seven candlesticks are in the Holy of Holies as well now. It says in Revelation chapter 4 that there were seven candlesticks but it didn't show that Jesus was even there. That's because He is the seven candlesticks and He is the light of man. So we have available to us, through the seven eyes of God, the ability to enter into the Holy of Holies. When we get there we don't labor. The Spirit does all of the labor. And that is the place of rest. And that is the hope that is set before us; that place of rest.

Then in Chapter 8:9, *Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.* Alright, now there is one of the ways of God; that if you don't follow the covenant that God has laid before you, He'll disregard you. You're worthless in His eyes, because the only thing that God knows is that He created everything. He's in charge of everything and therefore every authority comes out of His mouth, and nowhere else. Even the Son obeys. Jesus said, I only do what My Father gave me, and He gave Me this authority. He gave Me this commission that if I lay down My life I'll be able to gather it back up. And so He knew that if the Father gave it He could die and He wouldn't be lost. He would be raised again. And yet, His flesh didn't want to go through it. But when He got through fighting His flesh He came to the point He said, Lord, not My will but let Your will be done. And then the battle was over and He was able to go through it. That's the kind of Jesus that I celebrate today. Not one that is a little baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Yes, that's all important

but we face today a Jesus who has fire in His eyes. His feet are like brass with red hot fire on them, to bring judgment to wickedness and remove it that He might have finally a thousand years of rest. And for those that cleanse themselves and are valuable to Him, those are the ones who will be there in that thousand years. The rest will have to wait even if they are saved but have not overcome. Only the overcomers, those that walk into that river, the river of life that flows, the eternal church that only does the will of God, are the ones that will be there. Verse 10, *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts; and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.* So God is going to put the laws in our mind. And then He says, I'm going to write them in your heart. You have to first receive them from your mind, but you have to let God write them, that is, He's going to work the things that He has told you in your mind into your heart. If you only keep them in your mind you'll never labor for Him, because the labor comes from the covenant of the heart. And that's when it's activated and not before. And we have so much of the church activated out of the mind but was never written in their heart. And these are kind of the highlights of what we want to look at in the chapters ahead in Hebrews.

I wanted you to be able to see the highlights of what the writer here wanted to bring to us today on how to enter into that Sabbath rest and the power and the value of Jesus, of who He is. And I think the two places that tell us the most about who Jesus really is is the book of John, much of it in chapter 1, and in Hebrews. Hebrews talks about Jesus as Melchizedek and then those who were in the eternal church in chapter 11, and when we get through with this you will have a better understanding, and a perfect understanding,

if you study what God is revealing, so that you can apply it to your life and look at the areas that are hindering you from functioning in the seven eyes and then the multi-eyes, or the senses that we have.

So let's start with Hebrews chapter 1:1-2, *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.* Jesus has been appointed heir of all things upon the earth. I'm not sure what all the "worlds" means, but it means the creation and probably means the different dispensations, or the stages. We're getting ready to enter into the last stage of the seven days. And it could very well be that the worlds means that there are seven worlds that He created. And we're getting ready to enter into the seventh world. I'm not sure but anyway, it's plural. Verse 3, *Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on the high.* Jesus is sitting on a throne, the heir of all things and the worlds that He made, and He is sitting in the brightness of His glory. That means that if you are in Jesus you see the brightness of the worlds that He has made and what we need to do and how we need to get it done. That speaks such volumes, just that verse. The brightness of His glory. The glory has to do with what it is that the Father has given Him, and the express image of His person, which is the Father, and upholding all things by the word of His power. If there is anything you need to get out of this teaching is to understand the word of His power. When God gives you a word it is full of power to accomplish it. God gave me lots of words and because I said I can trust God to do the right thing, even though

I don't understand it, when He gave me a word I believed it and kept it in my heart. And so that word had power to perform what He said. And even though it has taken years to accomplish, I'm coming to a place of lots of harvests in my life because of the word of His power. You have to understand that. If you don't, you'll never enter into His rest. If God says He's going to tear down the mountain and I see the mountain halfway done, I'm in a place of rest, because God's word is working. There are some foolish people fighting against the word of God but they won't accomplish anything. Now wouldn't that enter you into His rest? When you begin to believe and not doubt, because unbelief is sin. Jesus who died on the cross for our sins died in our place to purge the sins that we might walk in the word of His power. He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. He's interceding for us and building in us what we need, the character and the ability to walk in such a way that we are obedient to Him in the power that He's wanting to release on the earth. It won't be like it was in the charismatic move; that is, that they used His power to build their own kingdom. Even though they started out right they ended up amuck because they didn't purge all their sins, that is, self-centeredness. But God let it go anyway just to show them the power that they could have. Not many kept flowing from one outpouring to the next. The Pentecostal received tongues and they stayed there. And then the faith of healing came, and then the faith of His word came, and it ended up that I'm going to speak "money, money come to me." Well that's not really faith word. That's self-centeredness trying to build your own kingdom. And He had to shut that down. But we can see that it will work. And it's starting to work, but it's being done in such a way that He gets the glory for it. We are a vessel of God's power and when it's released, when we are quiet and believe and trust Him that He'll do the right thing, then the Lord is my

shepherd I shall not want. If you are in a place where you don't want anything then He can trust you not to touch His power, not to use it to make you somebody. The power is made to show that there is a God who will save the lost, and not to show who you are or how much you know. We have to come to a place that it's pure to help them and nothing else. If that doesn't happen He won't use us. The hope that is set before us is to lay hold of the hope that we will enter into His rest. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. We've started to enter into His rest but we've not completed. There are areas where I feel like I'm at rest but there is still a part of the heart that has to be given over so that we can say, I fully trust the Lord.

Verse 4, *Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.* Jesus was superior to the angels. Verse 5, *For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?* Did you ever stop to wonder how Moses was able to accurately write the first five books when He came out of four hundred years of being in Egypt? It's because he was on the mountain of God and he touched the mind of God so that he knew how to write it in absolute and total accuracy. And the world can't understand that. But in touching the mind of God it's like a five gallon bucket of sand, and you take out two little grains of sand but as you take them out you can see all the other grains of sand. When you touch the mind of God, the mind of God is so full of knowledge that it's like a wall. You can only just touch it and a little glimpse comes on you for a second or so and you have such understanding of one particular subject that it's like, Wow. Wouldn't that be nice instead of going to college for years to touch the mind of God and

know books and volumes? Well that's what you can do. Verse 6, *And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.* The angels are spirits and the angels that minister unto you are a flame of fire. So that when an angel comes and ministers to you, they burn away the wickedness of what other people have done to you, or what you have done. So He has ministers that are flames of fire, but the Son is even greater than that. *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.* So when God gives us the scepter, or the rod of righteousness, He's giving us the power of His kingdom to destroy wickedness. Verse 9, *Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.* If you have not loved righteousness and hated iniquity, or if you love iniquity there is no way you can have peace. And so if you love righteousness and hate iniquity, it says that God will anoint you with the oil of gladness above the people that you fellowship with. Verse 10, *And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Who are the heirs of salvation? We are! And so, are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?* See, you're not alone in your labor to receive your

eternal salvation. You have the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, you have ministering angels to help you, that are flames of fire. We have a lot of things going for us and all we have to do is just get in the middle of that river and do the will of God. Then the seven eyes will function and we will walk with great power and great authority. You see now why we need to go back and look at the foundation of the seven eyes? Because you can do all you want to but if you don't have this foundation that was laid by the Spirit, you're not going to walk very strongly in the seven eyes. I believe as we go along that by the time we get through Hebrews we will have the foundation of what it's going to take to enter into that rest. That's what we need. To start winning is to start letting the Spirit have full authority, unhindered, to accomplish the will of God.

Sanctuary and Dominion

Let's turn to Psalm 113. I love David because David isn't high and mighty. He is down to earth and what God wants to do as we go through Hebrews is to build character that is absolute, that is unmovable, that is anchored, and yet is not high and lofty. That's very hard to find. David was humbled to be king over Israel and to be the things that he was. And so in Psalm 113 starting with verse 5-6, *Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!* As he meditates upon the Lord, he realizes that God is high and lifted up and His glory is all of creation and yet He humbles Himself to deal with the rebellious self-centered ugly people at times (most of the time), to work with us. Now that should tell us something about what God expects His children to be. That is, strong. And so here that's what David sees. Verse 7, *He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;* I don't know about you, but He did that for me. As I look back, I lived in a pile of manure and He took me out of it. Verse 8, *That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people.* That you might walk with princes.

Psalm 114:1, *When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob*

(the unrefined) *from a people of strange language; Judah was his sanctuary.* Judah had the promise of the Messiah through David. Whether David understood that fully or not I don't know, but here David was of the tribe of Judah and David said that Judah, his tribe, his people and himself, represented the sanctuary. Not only that but he made a tabernacle for the Holy of Holies ark and they worshipped day and night for years. Maybe that was the reason that he wrote this. He was of the tribe of Judah and Judah was responsible to build that sanctuary. He wanted to build the temple but God wouldn't let him. And then it says, *And Israel (not Jacob) his dominion.* Now, we have the sanctuary and dominion. Those are two important things God is calling us to walk in and we'll only find that to the degree that we need in Hebrews. The sanctuary and dominion. Chapter 11 of Hebrews is all about dominion and a people who allowed God to be in their hearts, even in the Old Testament, for a sanctuary. Now what that can do for you is make you strong or make you shipwrecked. And one of the things that has to take place if we're going to be successful in this is to be exceedingly grateful and happy when God shows you something in the kingdom, or shows you something that needs to happen on the earth. Then when you pray and you see it happening, you acknowledge that it is God that did it. He's the one that opened the door for you to do it. Now that open door is like this. There are some of you that are going to walk through a door, sit down and eat, and you didn't do anything to earn food. And then there will be others who worked and prepared that food for you, or you wouldn't be eating any. Now, if you go in and you brag on the good food that you had at your plate and say, "Man, I'm a good cook," they would say, "You didn't cook any of that. You just sat down and ate it. So why are you gloating that you had such a good meal and that you had something to do with it?" Alright? That's the way you have to

see it when God uses you because He's opened the door, He's given you the power, He's given you the word, He's given you everything. All you have to do is go in and perform with obedience what He has asked you to do. And then be thankful to the living God that He used you to do something that pleased Him, and that's it. And if you go beyond that and begin to say, "Wow! Look what I've done," you'll be shipwrecked. And the enemy will come in and try to carry you off because you've opened the door and God says, If that's the way you want to be, move over. I'll find someone else. I am God and when I want to lift you up I will. And if He doesn't want to, He doesn't have to. Jesus said, Why do you want compliments all the time, when it's your duty to do certain things? We are a nation that seeks undeserving compliments. Totally underserving in many cases. Someone strikes out playing baseball or softball and they say, "Good job." Do you know how ugly it is to say that? It's ugly because it's not a good job. And even when you do a good job, who gave you the talent? Yes, you developed that talent but who gave it to you to begin with? David goes on, verse 3-4, *The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs.* He sees the mountains and the hills in Israel skipping and leaping because of the joy that God has placed in Israel that Judah is a sanctuary and Israel is dominion upon the earth. And then he says to the world, verse 5-8, *What ailed thee, O thou sea (or, the world), that thou fleddest? Thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back? Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs? Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob (the unrefined); Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.* See David's attitude? That's an attitude of a winner in God.

Now in Psalm 115:1, *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy*

name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. So for the mercy or grace of God and truth, release Your glory upon the earth, but not for us. And there again goes back to the fact that God will not release His glory upon the earth if we begin to take it. That's what happened in the charismatic move. They started eating the glory of God and were hungry for it because their flesh is never satisfied. And if you don't guard and know that can happen, you'll be carried off. Verse 11, *Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.* Now, this is the part that protects David from God dismissing him from His life. Verse 11 again, *Ye that fear the Lord...* Now what we're going to read has to do with the fear of the Lord. Verse 12-13, *The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.* Why is it that He blesses those that fear Him? Because they won't take His glory. If you don't have the fear of the Lord, it's very dangerous to prosper you. And so if you're not prospering it could very well be to the degree that you have the fear of the Lord is the degree that you will prosper. If you meditate on that it will really grow on you and you'll see all the areas that you could prosper in if you just gave God the glory and not you. Verse 13, *He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.* That means everybody. Verse 14, *The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.* If you have the fear of the Lord. Verse 15, *Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth.* I don't know if that does something to you, but when little old me can realize that the Creator of heaven and earth is mindful of me, that just blows me away. I don't take that lightly nor for granted. Verse 16, *The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.* That's why Jesus is qualified to be the Lord of hosts and to lead us into destroying the wicked in the earth.

Let's go to 2 Peter 3:10, *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.* Now, an example of that is when we used to have cassette tapes, if we wanted to reuse that tape what did we have to do? We had to put it in a machine that wiped it clean, took everything off of it so it was blank. Then you could take that tape and put it in a recorder and it would record a whole new message. That's the way the earth is going to be. God is going to release a fire that will melt the elements. The fire won't destroy the energy but it will be like decay in compost. It goes back to earth. And the elements, or the recordings of wickedness and the energies that were turned from good into evil will be erased from the earth and everything will be renewed or new again. Some people think that we're just going to be in heaven but David didn't see it that way. He said the Lord gave the earth to mankind. God is looking for those He can trust to live forever with Him and care for the things He has made. He chooses those who will not touch His glory or walk in self-centeredness, but have a heart that will love Him fully. He's going to have a pure church, a pure bride, and one without spot, wrinkle or blemish. So this fervent heat is going to melt away the elements. Now, until that time comes we have to deal with the wickedness that is still in the element forms which has power to destroy our will to serve God. But the day is coming that it will all melt and go back to the original creation and the energies will be pure and holy because God is a consuming fire and He destroys wickedness by fire. To a small degree, when the anointing comes on you and you feel heat, it is actually burning some of the elements up so that energy is no longer forcing you to do what you don't want to do. That's what that heat does. The two men that walked with Jesus after He rose from the dead said,

did not our hearts burn within us? They understood that elements were being burned up in them so that they are no more. So why are we messing with and fussing with elements that have already been melted up but may still be in our memory? Verse 11-13, *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.* Yes, new heavens and a new earth. That's going to be new when it's all put back in a right place, the way God created it. That's what justice is; putting it back the way it was created in holiness. That's the way God sees everything. That's why the wrath of God remains on the wicked. And those that touch His glory are not worthy to be in His presence. But God, as David saw it, humbled Himself and He came down and He worked with human beings, His creation, to help you come out of where you are at. He sent His Son to burn away some of the elements that are affecting you, that you can't get rid of, and when the anointing comes it will melt the elements. It's a small degree in comparison to what's coming, but it is a deposit of that which is to come.

Now, let's go back to Psalm 116:1-2, *I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplication. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.* David loved the Lord because He sent His fire to consume some of the torment that He was going through. Verse 9, *I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.* And these chapters here build on him getting excited about God and what He's done for him and what He's doing and what he's seeing happening in Israel.

Here God is using Israel as His sanctuary and as the dominion upon the earth. And that's what people hate about Jews. They see the sanctuary, where it's supposed to be, and they see the dominion that He gave them. But they use the dominion for their self-gain for the most part. Now, he said, when I walk with the Lord I walk in the land of those that God has given life to. Only God can give you life. Otherwise if you haven't been given the gift of life through salvation through Christ, then in God's eyes you are dead. In Revelation in the fourth church He said He's going to kill all the children. That doesn't mean He's going to massacre them. It means they will not be in heaven under those conditions. He's going to kill them all, destroy them. That's how God sees those that don't want Him. They're the same as dead. And if they don't want Him, there is no hope and they just must be destroyed. Wood for the fire. David saw it. The wicked are just fuel for the fire. Then in verse 10, *I believed, therefore have I spoken*: I've told people the glorious things about God and all that He's done and everything He does. And then what happens? *I was greatly afflicted*. Now, the reason that I'm saying that there are some things of intimacy that are between you and God that shouldn't be spoken is for that very reason. If you're getting clobbered you're probably sharing some of your intimacy with God you shouldn't be sharing. Let it come out by joy and excitement and thanksgiving that God is who He is and what the Bible says and that you believe it. But there are some things better left unsaid because within twenty four hours you will be hammered. And that's what happened to David. He got all excited and began to tell everybody and guess what happened. He was greatly afflicted. Verse 11, *I said in my haste, All men are liars*. Verse 15, *Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints*. That's what the fear of the Lord does. The death of this world, of the desires that are in mankind, when that death takes place on

the cross it's precious in God's sight. Now, verse 16 is huge. *O Lord, truly I am thy servant*; Now, why would he say, Lord, I know that I'm Your servant. I am Your servant. No, he said, O Lord, truly I am Your servant. As if he needs continuous confirmation that God gives by speaking, by helping you. Even David struggled with, Am I really Your servant? Am I a servant of the Lord? And that's a good question and it comes from the fear of the Lord. And it causes you to go back and to study your life to see what you're doing, to see if there is something that isn't right to give you an inkling that you may have gotten off the path. You have to come to a place that you examine your life. You should have flags that go up when joy leaves. You should have a flag that goes up when your pride begins to arise. You should have a flag go up when you think you're somebody. But your strength comes by knowing that God is on your side. You're in the government of God the Creator. He will sustain you. He will protect you. That doesn't give you pride. That gives you confidence and faith in God. And that's what we need. And so David says, *O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds*. David was a mighty warrior but he wasn't arrogant. And when he was in trouble he didn't try to go out and make things happen, he waited on the Lord. Lord, send your word that I'll be successful. And when He sent it, what did he do? He jumped up and went, because now he has it. He has the victory in his hands because the word of God said he would be successful. And when a word of prophesy comes that God is going to use you for this job to do and this is what you're going to see, you should be jumping up and excited that God has given you that word that will be fulfilled even though you have no idea how it can happen. And that's what blesses the Lord. That's why unfaithfulness, unbelieving, is sin.

Now, Psalm 118:25, *Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.* After the fear of the Lord has done its work David says, now Lord, I'm ready for prosperity. Because I know that You opened the door. You're the one that's given it to me and I'll use it for the kingdom of God and not for my own sake. Verse 26, *Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord:* I'm blessed when I come in the name, or the word, of the Lord. To me it's the same thing, because if you come in the name of Jesus, Jesus was the Word. *We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.* The horns represent power and authority so he says, bind up the sacrifice, that is, you dying on the cross, bind it to the horns of the altar of death that His power and authority would come through you.

Psalm 119:11, *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.* I believe that what I have shown you here is the foundation for Hebrews. We have to go into Hebrews with this attitude because He is calling us to rise up as kings and priests unto the Lord and the only way that can be sustained is to have the attitude that David had.

Let's go to Hebrews 2:1, *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.* What that means is when God has shown you something, either through the Holy Spirit or the Holy Spirit through someone else, or anyway that is connected to God moving in your life, that you need to pay attention to it. Go back and revisit the things He has spoken to you. Verse 2, *For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast,* That means if God sent an angel to deliver a message to you, the message that the angel gave you is steadfast. It

won't be removed. *And every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;* So if an angel comes and gives you a message, or the Holy Spirit, it's steadfast. It's absolute. Just as when you have transgressions and disobedience you're going to receive judgment on you and it cannot be removed unless you do something about it. It's just as solid as that. That's what he's saying. So what you have done in rebellion and what you have done in disobedience will bring judgment to you and you can be assured of it, because it won't be removed unless forgiveness is there. Verse 3, *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;* What is the book of Hebrews doing here? He's building the fear of the Lord in you, and the joy of the Lord, in this chapter. So he's arguing with the people that read this, how can you neglect such a great deal, that God humbles himself, comes down to you and wants to help you come out of where you're at and you reject Him like a spoiled brat. Verse 4, *God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?* Now, signs and wonders were there in the early church and it drifted away because of sin and self-centeredness. God is bringing the changing of the dispensations with signs and wonders once again. It will help those who don't have faith in God to see in the physical what God does. He tried it in the charismatic move and it was a failure, to some degree and He shut it down. Now He's brought the prophetic. The prophetic has to do with the prophets. Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, as well as the prophets God is sending today, the spirit of Elijah. Verse 5-6, *For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?* Who said that? David

did. Verse 7, *Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands*: He set Him over the works that God made. This is the same thing that David saw. David said, the heavens are God's but the earth has been given to man and we're responsible for it. And God holds those who have dominion upon the earth as very precious people. That dominion is laboring in God's kingdom to advance His will. That's what the kingdom of God is, to advance His will. We are in that river of life that flows from the throne of God. Verse 8, *Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet*. That is, if we get in a right place with God and know His will, you will find that all things are subject under your feet. *For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him*. But when it's complete that's what you're going to see. And in doing that you will feel no ownership of people at any point of time in that. It's not easy sometimes when you have people that you love that are people who don't care. They say they care but their flesh supersedes the will of God. Verse 9, *But 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*. That is one of the key understandings in Hebrews; that Jesus tasted death and He is now our intercessor. A priest worships God and then turns and ministers that life to someone else. But what has happened in today's society is that they've not worshipped God but worshipped philosophy and then turned and ministered philosophy to their people. That's an abomination to God. Those are the people that are crying out for justice upon the earth. They are under the theologies of man and not of God. God sees everything from the beginning of what He made because this is just like a plant that's growing. He planted the creation and

it's still growing and being completed – His will and His wishes. Verse 10, *For 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 their salvation perfect through sufferings.* The only way that I'm standing here today is that when God said this is time for this sin to go, the only way that God could move me was to lift his covering in that area and let the devil begin to torment me and hurt me. Yes, it is the devil doing it but it is because God lifted His covering. When Saul was tormented with an evil spirit it was because God lifted his protection above him. And when we come through that wrestle, we are like Jacob. Even though he was Israel, he limped. Paul said, God gave me something to keep me in line and I asked Him three times to remove it but He wouldn't. And so it is up to us to determine if what we're going through is something God has allowed that will move us into a new realm with Him or is it just the enemy not liking what God has called us to do. And it's a hard thing to know the difference; but over the course of time you can learn. That's always in my mind; is this something God has given me to move me into a place that I don't want to go? My flesh doesn't want to change. Even Jesus who had no sin in him shed tears of blood to give His life up. He even said, isn't there another way, Father? And when the Father said nothing, Jesus said, It's done. Let's go. I've given up. And once we give up our flesh it's not hard to walk through it. Until we give up, our flesh is fighting and screaming all the way. So when I suffer it's not a hardship for me. I know that God is doing a work in me and I am a legitimate son. Legitimate sons are disciplined and corrected and changed. That gives me hope that I am His servant, because He is changing me through suffering, bringing obedience. Verse 11, *For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.* And so Jesus is the sanctifier

and we're the ones being sanctified but Jesus calls us brethren. Jesus is saying, You know, you're in a battle to take back this earth. You know what? I am too. I'm in this battle with you. Let's get it done. Verse 12-14, *Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. Forasmuch 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 had the power of death, that is, the devil;* And so he's saying, Jesus participated in what we are doing by coming on this earth as a human being, flesh and blood, and Jesus overcame death by dying on the cross. Jesus was given the power to be resurrected by the commandment of the Father. So when He was raised up He then had dominion over death and He had dominion over this world. And so He is in the process of helping you to do the same thing His Father did for Him. He is the sanctifier to us and we're the ones being sanctified. And then in the sanctification we have power over the devil. Verse 15, *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.* God removes our bondage and we are now no longer subject to the areas that He has redeemed. You should no longer be subject to those powers, because Jesus is a consuming fire that destroys the elements. That means they are gone. They are gone. Verse 16, *For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.* And so Melchizedek, when He came out to Abraham, and Abraham received the blood of Jesus and His body, the one who was going to come to earth in human flesh was there ministering to Abraham saying, I'm going to come through your lineage. And I'm going to liberate the earth and its elements from wickedness. Verse 17, *Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and*

faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. Now that's a description of a priest. So our job to start with is to worship God, learn to know Him, and receive life from Him. Then as a priest you turn and you give life to others who are on the earth. Verse 18, *For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.* If you love the Lord, God is on your side. If you desire to walk as kings and priests upon the earth in dominion to take back the earth for the Lord, for Jesus, He'll call you a brother and a co-laborer of God's mission. And that is to take back the earth. But we must have the right attitude. If you would study the beatitudes in Matthew 5, those beatitudes will line up with your attitudes when you have the desires to please God on your heart. May God bless you. It's available to you if you'll seek Him.

Entering into Rest

Hebrews 3:1, *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling.* You're participating in the heavenly calling. So therefore we can go on in chapter 3 and see the fulfilling of prophecy through Hebrews that there is a holy brethren. He uses holy brethren. I love that. What does "brethren" mean? It means we're on the same level. We are all laboring for Jesus who was commissioned to straighten this world up and get the people laboring to take back the earth. And so God doesn't call us servants, Jesus calls us brethren. Because He is a human being and we are human beings. Therefore we are brethren. *Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.* So Jesus was faithful to the Father who appointed Him, just as Moses was appointed and was faithful in his house. Now, can you put your name in there and say, I am faithful in my house with the appointment that the Father has given me? That's the question as we begin to go further into Hebrews. Verse 3, *For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honor than the house.* And so, Moses completed his faithfulness even though he wasn't allowed to go into the Promised Land because of getting angry at the people and kind

of taking over instead of letting God deal with them. Verse 4, *For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.* We're going to build some things. We're going to do some things. But Jesus and the Father are the true builders and we are like Jesus was to this world. The Father tells us what we need to build, do, and take care of, and we simply carry out His commands. And that's why Jesus as our high priest is the best you can find. He holds the keys to death and to hell. And He's building your house in you. He can unlock the place you're at and let you free. Here and now. He will get you out of hell. David said, "Get me out of hell." So Jesus has the keys of death to loosen you from death to life and from hell to heaven. We should be very thankful. Verse 5, *And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;* Seeing God move to loosen Israel from bondage, from Egypt to the Promised Land is a testimony. And so the Old Testament is full of testimonies of how God released His people from bondage. Verse 6, *But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.* Christ is the Son, and His house is who we are if we hold fast with confidence and rejoicing in the hope that has been laid before us and stay firm to the end. To the end. Not just a few sentences, not just a day, not just a week, but to the end. That is, He is calling us to a lifestyle and to separate ourselves from those that don't want that lifestyle. Verse 7, *Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice.* If God is speaking to you in some way to change in your life then do not harden your heart. He didn't say, don't harden your mind. He didn't say, don't get tough with me. He said, don't harden your heart, because that's where the covenant is. The only way He can help you is for you to open your heart and to love Him with all of your heart. If you love Jesus with your heart, you won't

sin against Him. You can't because no one destroys the things they love. Now you could change from loving something to hating it and then destroy it. But you won't destroy it while you love it. So it says, *Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness*: Now, the children of Israel agreed to come out of Egypt. To do that, God had to put them in to a place of slavery that they hated being there. If you don't hate being where you're at you'll never be moved. So why do we complain about coming to a place of such torment that we hate it and want to change? Because that's the only way that God will move, that He can move is for our flesh to be hurting, and when it's hurting we want to change. The best way to teach children, little babies, not to touch something hot is to be there and let them touch it. You can tell them, don't touch it! But if they do touch it and it hurts they won't want to get around it again, because they don't want to be hurt. And so therefore we cannot help someone that doesn't want to get out of the hurt. The hurt must become great enough for them to want to get out of it. That's why you can't help someone who is on drugs, or that is down in the dumps until they won't "eat the seed." If they "eat the seed," the next day they will be back wanting more. But if they plant the seed in the ground, they learn to hope that they will have a crop that they can feed themselves. In that way you help them. And so to know when to help someone is to know if they hate where they are at enough to destroy the very thing that they loved.

The children of Israel grieved God for forty years because a lot of them didn't want to change. And so God just said, Okay, you're not going into the Promised Land. All the ones twenty years and older who came out of Egypt are going to die in the wilderness. We'll give them a life in the wilderness and they'll

even be under the supernatural. You're going to eat the bread that God gives you and you're going to drink the water that God gives you, I'm going to be a supernatural God to you, but it's because of the youth that you're getting it. The younger generation who didn't experience what the older ones did in Egypt wasn't drawn to go back. And so therefore those who haven't experienced their flesh getting everything they want are a different people. When you let your flesh get everything it wants, what happens? It's almost impossible, it's not impossible, but it's almost impossible to come out of it. The only way it's possible is for God to give you a miracle. They couldn't shed their old way of life so God put them in the wilderness but they were always restless. That restlessness was because they didn't enter into God's rest. Verse 8-11, *Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.*) So if you want to back it up and say, If you don't err in your heart, and you love the Lord with all of your heart, and know His ways, you will find yourself entering into His rest. Now, let's just stop and think a little bit. When you go into a public place, the music practically blasts your brains out. Kids go down the road with headphones on, oblivious to what is going on around them, because they have their ears plugged and there's no rest. They need music, they need action, they need entertainment, they need something to keep them from being bored out of their tree. There's no rest in the mind. They can't spend an hour sitting in a chair just thinking about the Lord. They can't quiet themselves. Fasting is a way to quiet our flesh so that our flesh doesn't own us. Our flesh becomes loud and we have to quiet it to hear God.

God speaks in a still small voice. If your flesh is noisy you'll never hear Him. But the world doesn't understand that because they live in a world where they have to be entertained. Verse 12, *Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.* Be careful if you have unbelief because that unbelief will allow you to depart from the living God. And what does it mean by unbelief? Unbelief is first of all not trusting that God can take care of you. We just got through seeing that He was displeased with the children of Israel because they couldn't trust Him to provide. And so because of that they were in a place of torment. And in God's eyes that is unbelief. And not only that, but unbelief is also not trusting that He can direct your path, or that He can build in you the temple that needs to be built. All of these things are unbelief because God has given Jesus the power to bring life. I've had the Lord ask me about some things that I do, don't you believe Me? Can't you trust Me? The first time He spoke to me in that regard was, "Can you trust Me to do the right thing?" Can you believe, or are we in unbelief? When we are in unbelief we're not in peace are we? We're in turmoil. We're striving to do it ourselves, to take over. Verse 13, *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.* Hardness of heart comes from the deceitfulness of sin in your heart. Verse 14-17, *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? They sinned by not believing they could take the Promised Land. If God says that He is giving a commission to us, and that we are halfway through it, can He not then take us*

the rest of the way? He can. And if we don't have unbelief and we walk in rest it will get accomplished, even though we don't know how. Look at what has happened around you in the last 8 years. And things will happen even quicker now. You can see what has happened in eight years. If someone had told me twenty years ago we would be where we're at now in everything that has happened in this nation and in the world I would have said, "No way. It's not possible." What can happen if not just one or two but twenty, thirty, or forty stand in agreement and not doubt or have a hard heart of unbelief in their hearts, but believe that, Yes, it is going to happen. I don't know how it's going to happen and I'm not going to worry how it's going to happen, I'm just going to do what God says. Right now He is saying, Fortify yourself. Get fortified. And then you will watch and see Me do marvelous things. Verse 18, *And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.* The conclusion of the brethren that were laboring to enter in couldn't get in because they couldn't quiet themselves and believe that God was going to do it. You don't have to know right now how He's going to do it. It's just that He promised it and His promises will come true for those who believe and the others will be sifted out. Those who do not believe will be cancelled because of their own choice, no one else's. And so we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. That is, enter into His rest.

Chapter 4:1, *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.* We need the fear of the Lord in us. If we don't change and die and do what the Lord has called us to do, we may not enter into the rest. Not everyone is at rest. How do you know if someone is not at rest? What are the fruits of believing? To have hope. And some things

you lose hope. How do you lose hope? That's a trick question. When you already have it you lose hope. It says that once hope has arrived it's no longer hope because you have it. So then you move on to a new hope that God gives you. And so the most critical thing is first of all believing and secondly is prospering. Prospering in what? Prospering in the physical and the spiritual brings peace. When you see yourself prospering without an understanding how it happens, it just does, that's the blessing of God. How does that happen? It only comes through walking in peace and entering into His rest and He does the labor, because I couldn't do it. I still can't do it. But if God takes over my life I can do it. I am who I am because I'm in Christ Jesus. That's all there is to it. And the reason I'm here where I'm at is because I was sick of being in charge. I was sick of being where I was at. I no longer wanted what I had, I wanted Him. And when I want Him and love Him, I don't want to hurt Him anymore.

Verse 2, *For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.* So here Paul is saying that the gospel was preached to those that were in the wilderness just like it is to us today. But the word preached did not profit them. It doesn't profit you if it is not mixed with faith. So we have all these people listening to a message and those that believe the word are benefited. Those that just hear it and say it was a good message but don't believe it, won't profit from it. And to believe is to put it into practice in your life. Verse 3, *For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.* He said, there's a rest in Me, even though I'm not going to work. You can come because I'm resting. God is saying, I have

rested because I planted a seed which is called the world. I planted that seed and in that world I commissioned it from start to finish. And so He's like a farmer that plants a seed in the ground and the farmer waters it, keeps the weeds away, but that plant keeps growing. He keeps the interference away from it so that it can produce what it's supposed to. And God says, "I have rested from My work, but the thing that I do is protect My words. I have people assigned to keep the weeds out and to water the plants so they might grow and produce and do what I commissioned from the very beginning to the very end." There are ministering angels who labor, and Jesus intercedes for us, because you have to understand, the Father is resting. Someone has to be a priest and intercede. "Father, You're needed down here to help us get this done because of Your commissioning." And then the Father gives a word. And He helps us a little. But the idea is that for us to enter into His rest is to sit with Him and watch His spoken word and the power of it fulfill each generation and accomplish His will. Then you begin to know His ways. Can you understand that? You won't understand His ways if you don't understand that He's done working. He's not working anymore. He is sitting back watching His plant grow, that is the world from the beginning of Abraham to the end. He's watching it grow. But if you need some help, the Priest, the One that can contact the Father will say, Father, we need a little help; and in doing that He helps us. But then He rests again and watches His word grow. And those who will enter into His word will carry out His plan and He'll watch and rest. And for those that have the word of God in them and are fulfilling that word, the power of that word is the commissioning of God on the earth for this period and this season and this time. It's like that leaf that comes out of a stalk of corn. After the one little leaf the ear begins to come out and then the silk comes out to receive life and the tassels release

the pollen that goes in to every silk for every kernel of corn and produces a crop. But God himself doesn't toil in it because He's already commissioned it. He just watches. I think it is very fitting that God is laboring now in the prophetic, because that's what God is. His whole plan was prophetic. And He had prophetic people along the journey prophesying what they saw as the will of God to help you and me today. Because of those prophecies we can see that we are in the river that flows from the throne of God. Verse 3 again, *For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.* His works were finished from the foundation of the world. Verse 4, *For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.* To work on the Sabbath day is to deny the fact that God made the seventh day a place of holiness. At least one day of the week you are going to rest and believe that He will still prosper you in six days of labor. There are some people who work every day and Sunday is no different to them. But for those that are in the Sabbath rest it is a celebration of us also living in His rest by not doing anything. And in today's society that is almost an unheard of thing. But back years ago I remember Dad going to the gas station and getting gas on Saturday night. They went Saturday night because it wasn't open on Sunday. 50 years ago you never had a gas station open on Sunday, except maybe on the highways. You didn't go anywhere. Verse 5-10, *And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.*

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. That's the reason you don't have to be all worked up. When I preach, I enter into His rest. And if I don't get anything I say, Lord, if You don't want me to say anything to this people, it's fine with me. This is Your house. It's Your people, and if You have something to say, I want to come to a place of quietness so I can hear what it is You want me to say. And in five minutes He can give me an hour and a half sermon, if He wants. And if He doesn't want it He can be silent, and then we have open mic. And I've had it where He didn't speak so we had open mic and I was really blessed with what came forth. You have to come to a place of quietness and trusting Him. Verse 11, *Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.* We have to labor. That always was kind of a hard verse. He tells us not to labor, but we have to labor to enter into that rest. What is it we have to labor for? We have to labor to take off our labor. He said, cease from your labor. So the labor is to take off your labor; your will, your goals, things that you would like to do, all of that has to fall to the ground. Let it go because it's worthless. It doesn't amount to anything. And then enter into God's work, which is eternal. If you can't take off your labor you'll never enter into His rest. Verse 12, *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,* If you are trying to labor to get rid of your own will then the word of God is like a sharp two edged sword that will separate your soul from the Spirit of God. The reason it needs to separate it is that your soul needs to get saved from your labor. And so therefore He separates and saves the soul so that the Spirit can live in the soul and do the work of the Father. *...And of the joints and marrow...* The joints are what moves your

body and the marrow is what gives you life. And so you have to separate the joints of your body, moving and doing what you want, and allow the life of the Spirit to work....*And is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.* You have two things to deal with in your heart. The things you think about and the cunningness of trying to accomplish your thoughts. Verse 13, *Neither is there any creature (people) that is not manifest in his sight:* Do you realize that you manifest in God's sight? Every time your thoughts and intent begin to rise up and to come out, you are manifesting the things that are in you before God. So, *Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.* You're laid bare before God. He knows everything you're thinking, and wanting to do. Verse 14, *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.* Why would he begin to speak now about the heavens? Well, when you enter into His rest, you have to go where He is, in the heavens. The way you get into the heavens and rule and reign with Him in the heavenly places is to enter into His rest. He's in charge, He's doing the will of the Father, and you've left your stuff on earth. To be in heavenly places and rule and reign with Him you have to go into His rest, which is the heavens. Verse 15-16, *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.* And so we're not like Abraham that sees a city that's not made by hands, but we are only halfway where Abraham sees. Abraham didn't live in the heavenlies. We can live in the heavenlies but we are still also on the earth. So we're halfway there so to speak. Abraham only saw it from a distance and that was his hope; to live in that city built

without hands. And we are in the heavenlies in rest watching this world grow to the end as He planned. And if you can comprehend what God sees in the heavenlies of the world in which He made to the finish, you would begin to know His ways; why He's doing what He's doing. He's at rest and what moves God is for Jesus to intercede for us to help us attain the next level, the next place, the next thing God wants us to do to carry that mantle into the next dispensation. That's our job. And that's the eternal church. So we come boldly before the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help us in a time of need. The time of need is when we're struggling to get where we're supposed to be. We know that God has showed us where we need to be so we must go to the throne of grace and cry out for Him to help us a little. You know, if you get your vehicle stuck in a snow bank you need a little help getting pulled out. When you get pulled out your vehicle will carry you on again. That's what happens with us and God. Sometimes we get stuck in a bank and we just need to be pulled out and get on the road again, and then we can go. A little help is what God said He would give. He didn't say He would do it all. He didn't say for you to stand around and watch while He does it. But He guides our steps if we're not in unbelief.

Growing Up

Let's turn to Hebrews 5. Chapter 5 is the beginning of growing up in the Lord. This is where the rubber meets the road. Verse 1, *For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God.* So in the Old Testament a high priest was one that ministered because of the people's inadequacy and ignorance. So verse 1 continues, *...that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.* If I were to be your high priest I would be trying to help you come to God with infirmities of my own as well, so you would have to deal with not only your infirmities, but mine too. Verse 3, *And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.* And so the priest offered a sacrifice for himself, and that sacrifice was to remove his sin, and then he ministered to the people so that his infirmities would be less of an issue. Verse 4, *And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.* The high priest in the Old Testament was ordained by God, like Aaron was. Verse 5, *So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.* So Christ came as our High Priest, but He wasn't like the other high priests

that sacrificed animals. He came and lowered himself to be the sacrifice. He had to humble himself to do that. The high priest of men didn't have to die. They had to mentally and emotionally die to their will and take on the will of God, but Jesus not only took on the will of God spiritually, but He physically died as well. Verse 6-7, *As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;* So in the days of Jesus' flesh, He offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears to His Father that was able to save Him from death, and was heard. The only witness that Jesus heard His Father was that Jesus became obedient. Jesus knew, according to this, that the Father heard Him. But the Father said nothing. And because Jesus heard Him say nothing, fear came into His heart; the fear of His Father. Not the fear of satan that many today walk in. When God puts His fear in us, it causes us to walk in obedience. And so here he is saying that this fear came on Jesus because He cried out to His Father who could deliver Him from this death, and the Father heard Him but wouldn't say anything. So He didn't change His commission and He didn't have to be told what to do, because He already knew what He was to be doing. Now it says in verse 8, *Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;* That is very important. The sons of God learn obedience through suffering. We're to be like Jesus was; He was a Son in the flesh, like we are, and He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. Has anybody ever experienced that? If you haven't then you're not a legitimate son. And now in verse 9, *And being made perfect,* What is perfect? Total obedience. He became totally obedient to His Father because He was made perfect in Him submitting to the Father. *And being made perfect,*

he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him. By Him defeating death, He became the author of total life forever. Now we all know that, but we need to remember always that if we stay obedient like Jesus did, we will have our hope set in a right place to receive eternal life. And if we are not, then we are endangering ourselves of missing eternal life, because when the enemy gets a foothold in you what happens? It multiplies.

Let's read verse 9 again, *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all of them that obey him.* You can't just love Him, you have to obey Him. That's tougher yet. "I love you, but I'm not going to listen to you." No, if you love me you're going to listen to me. All those that obey Him will have eternal life. Verse 10-11, *Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec. Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.* What does that mean? It means when you don't really want to hear about changing, you can't be taught. If you don't want to change you won't draw on the Spirit of Life that brings change. How many can see that? Let's read it again. *Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.* Now, there is the problem of not growing up. When you don't need to be taught the basics over and over and over, and be reminded over and over of the basics of salvation then you begin to grow up. The Lord brought me to a place that I was sick of where I was at and I really wanted to know God. And for the first time in my life, I decided that I was going to go with Him and that was it, no matter what it took. I didn't care what it took. I just wanted to know Him. And if you don't come to that place, you'll never be an adult in God. So then in verse 13, *For every one that*

useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. The word of righteousness is the power of God in you to come out of the grip of satan. Abraham was credited because of believing God; it became his righteousness. Because he believed he had to obey. He obeyed God and it was credited to him as being righteous and he grew up. He didn't stay as a baby receiving milk, where God had to teach him over and over, but he received the words of God even though he didn't have any idea how they could come about. If you want to be somebody who God can use, you have to come to the place that you believe it and then not only desire it, but pursue Him. You have to pursue God. I have people that tell me they would like to be this or that, but if I don't see them pursuing it I don't pay any attention. It is just talk. But when I see someone pursuing something I know how to do, what happens? I am activated to help them acquire what they are pursuing. As a pastor, if you say you want God but you're not pursuing, I don't pay any attention until I see you pursuing with everything in you. Those that are unskilled in the word, or the power of the word, which is righteousness, are still babies. Verse 14, *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.* You mean you have to use the seven eyes of God? You have to exercise them so that you can discern. So you have to practice. And where better to start than yourself? Practice discerning right from wrong for you. Not for other people, but for you. So let's read verse 14 again, *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason...* The reason is, I need to exercise my senses if I want them, so that I can discern good and evil. If we're born again and don't have any senses, we may have been born into something but we have no communication because we don't have any senses like we do in the physical. Everybody knows the five senses, or at least

most people would. And if just one of those senses isn't working, you would be upset. I would be upset, because I wouldn't be able to fully communicate in the physical, and to me the worst one would be sight. Of all the five senses I think I could give up one of them, but to not physically see would be the hardest. The other day the vet came over because I had an unborn calf with its head turned backwards and I didn't want to hurt the cow. The vet put his hand in to find the head. I said, you have to use another kind of seeing, don't you? He was seeing with his hands. And that's all right in that situation, but it's not all right all of the time. So he could "see" by feeling. And he found the head and pulled the whole calf out. So we have to exercise those senses so we can discern good and evil. If you discern good and evil from theology of today, you'll never make it to heaven. You have to have the senses of the seven spirits, the seven eyes of God, to be able to know good and evil. If you don't know good and evil the way God sees them in the place you were born again into, you won't make it to the end. That's why He gave them to us, so that we could make it. Now, this chapter five is for the purpose of you growing up. To be an adult, you have to see. What you become is dependent upon being able to see good and evil. God has given you the tools and you have to exercise them by reason of making it or not making it.

Let's go to Ezekiel 47:1, *Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar.* Alright, let's interpret that verse. He brought Ezekiel to the house where God lives on earth. In the Old Testament His presence would be there. The waters represent life everlasting and they came from under the

threshold. Why would it come from under the threshold? It's because the door is not always open for everyone. It didn't come through the door, it came under the door. And it flowed eastward; east means new beginning. So this water came from under the threshold and the house stood towards the east. The waters came down from under from the right side of the house; we know those that are on the right are the sheep, and the south side represents the pleasantness of God's altar. Now we don't think of God's altar as being pleasant but it is once you have died. And there are several altars. There is the altar of incense where you fellowship with Him, and I believe that's what this represents. Not the outer altar where you are burned and die, but in the Holy Place is an altar and in the Holy of Holies there is another altar. Those two places represent intimacy with God which would make that a south side. If it was the north side it would be judgment and hardship. But on the south side is pleasantness.

Now in verse 2, *Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.* So he took him from the north of judgment and change and took him to the east or new beginnings. Verse 3, *And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles.* So as you get in this river that flows from the throne of God, that is a new beginning, you measure a thousand cubits and the waters are up to your ankles. Now, that's not very deep. But at least you're in the everlasting waters of life. Verse 4, *Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins.* Now when

you're up to your loins it's a little more serious. When you just barely get your tennis shoes wet it's not a big deal. But as you grow in God it becomes more serious. Verse 5, *Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.* In other words, he couldn't walk over it. And so in this river, the fourth level of being in the will of God is to fully depend upon Him, that the only way for you to survive is to fully depend upon Him, swimming, and you can't touch the bottom. Verse 6-8, *And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.* When you get to a place in that river of life that flows from God, when you get to the place that you are fully dependent upon Him, you'll go out to the people and wherever you go people will be healed. God's going to give an anointing to those who are fully dependent upon Him; He will use you as a vessel of life. And you'll go to the desert. What is the desert? The desert is a place where there is a people that want Him. God takes them to the desert to remove the world. Now, our president said he's going to drain the swamp. What did he mean? The swamps are where the pollution is. And he's going to remove the pollution that is in our government. Those who are in that polluted government are angry that he is upsetting their position, just like the money changers when Jesus went into the temple and turned over their tables. He said you've made this a house of thieves and not a house of My Father. That's what our president said he would do, and there are many people who are cheering him on, Do it! Well I have news. God is also in the

midst of turning the tables upside down of those who say they are children of God but are not. And it's for their own good. Because there are a lot of good people who will otherwise go to hell. God's not called us to be good. Jesus said there is only one good and that is the Father. But we're called to be righteous. It's God's mercy and truth that brings righteousness upon us. And so the river is going to go to the desert and to the sea of people. Those who want God He will pluck out and save them and they will be healed. Verse 9, *And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth (in the things of God), whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live:* so those who are in that river, that eternal church that is doing an eternal work of what the Father wants done, wherever they go, people will live. *And there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and everything shall live whither the river cometh.* What an awesome thing!

Now, let's go to Romans 8. This whole chapter is about the Spirit of God. Knowing the difference between the spirit of man and the Spirit of God. The spirit of man has life but its not eternal life, because of mans' fallen state. Our spirit needs to be changed from the spirit of man to the Spirit of God as our source of direction. And so verse 14, *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.* So in this chapter and in this book, wherever it talks about the sons of God, he's talking about those who are being led by the Holy Spirit, hearing His voice and obeying. They're adults. They're eating meat and not milk. And to be led by the Spirit is to function out of the senses that we were given when we were born again, which are the seven spirits or seven eyes of God. That has to do with Isaiah 11:2. If you don't have those senses being activated, how can you walk by the Spirit of God and be able to discern right

from wrong? It's foolish to even think that you can. And that's why people who want God become discouraged because they can't live up to what they know they are supposed to be and do. But if they understood the seven spirits, or senses, they would be able to do it and wouldn't become upset because it can't be fulfilled. They would understand the ways of God. Now in verse 19, *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.* The creature is you and me. Our expectation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. The human race has been waiting for those who are led by the Spirit to manifest themselves upon the face of the earth. There's only one problem. Most of those sons of God will be tormented by the church that is not functioning by the Spirit. They are functioning out of the thinkings of man and it goes against the Spirit. That's what killed Jesus; people who were functioning out of their own mind and not out of the Spirit of God put Jesus on the cross. The persecution that I feel doesn't come from the world. It comes from the church. And so the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth, and those are the ones who are in the desert waiting for the expectation of the manifestation of the sons of God to teach and show them how to know God and to be in His presence. It's the same as what we talked about in Ezekiel 47. Verse 20, *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly...* I didn't ask to be in a fallen state and born in this world. I didn't willingly accept it. I just didn't know anything else. *...But by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.* Jesus has given us the hope of coming out of that place of ignorance that we talked about in Hebrews, of being a child. We have hope of growing up and functioning out of the seven spirits of God that we might know Him and be where He is. Verse 21, *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of*

God. Now that glorious liberty, what did the first verse of Ezekiel 47 say? The river comes out of the south. The thing about that river is even though you have to die, there is a glorious liberty that bursts in you from the freedom of the bondage of satan and his kingdom. That's why it comes from the south, which is pleasure. The pleasures of God is the glorious liberty and that we are not under laws but in love with Him. When love explodes in us there are no issues of having to do something, you want to please Him. Verse 21 again, *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.* Now he's back to the children of God. When you get that glorious liberty you're still a child. But you're growing up into the sons of God. Verse 22, *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.* When Jesus died on the cross, He went to the heart of the earth and where did He end up? He ended up in the depths of hell. Satan took over the heart of the earth. Because he took over the heart of the earth he could pump wickedness throughout the whole earth. He didn't have to be omnipresent. All he needed was to own the heart, because if the heart is polluted the whole being is polluted. That's why God puts the covenant in our hearts; to keep our whole being from being polluted. And so Jesus went down in those three days in the heart of the earth and He preached to the prisoners that wanted Him, and loosened them from that place and broke the power of satan who rules by death. If satan can destroy you before you're saved then you never have the opportunity to be with God forever. And so satan fought; he's fighting you with death. First of all that death becomes numbness, so that you can't hear, feel, or sense anything of the spiritual realm of God. And then secondly, when you die, you go to your second death, according to Revelation, where no one will ever know you again. There is a fire that is waiting to

burn the elements, that is, all of your labor of wickedness. All the wickedness on the face of the earth will melt and when that melting takes place, that is the end to wickedness of anyone that's walked on the face of the earth. That wickedness will all be burned up and it will burn up all of your labor so that no one will ever know or remember you again. Can you understand that? When God sends that fire all of the elements will be melted so that there won't be any labor, any energy left that is wicked. Only that which is eternal will not burn therefore that work will remain. And if you do an eternal work and that work will not be destroyed, then in the new earth you have wealth that remains. Isn't that awesome? That's how it's done, according to the scripture. And so why would we mess around with releasing energy that will be destroyed when the fire comes and melts the elements that are not eternal? So the whole creation is groaning and travails in pain together until now. Verse 23-25, *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.* And so the Lord is laying before each one of you the responsibility of your eternal destiny, having to do with the wealth of laboring in an eternal labor that will not be destroyed. It will last. But if you choose to ignore that great salvation and labor for that which will be destroyed by fire, it will all be lost and have no value. The Lord has spoken with me regarding a lot of things, and said, "You can do it but it has no eternal value." We get all worked up over things that have no eternal value yet we don't get worked up when we're not building wealth that is eternal. And it's because we don't have the seven eyes to know the wealth that can be obtained through being set free, because the whole earth,

the whole creation is groaning to be set free from the pains of the wickedness. The earth is waiting for the day that the fire will come and destroy all the energy of wickedness so that it can produce like it was created to for all eternity. That's the hope that is set before us. And the question is, what will you do? You can labor and fuss over earthly things and ignore spiritual things; millions of people do, and if that's what you want to do, go right ahead. Do it. The decision is between you and the Father and His Son.

To know Jesus and the Father

Let's turn to John 10:14-18, *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.* Now we could say the same thing for us because when we lay down our life He gives us power to take it up again in a whole new realm, just like He did with Jesus. And Jesus spoke in John 17:3, *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.* Eternal life is knowing the two who can give eternal life. And Hebrews is a whole book on learning to know Jesus and the Father, and eternal life, and how to grow up in the kingdom of God. For that reason I'm very excited. Jesus said, the Father loves Me because I lay down My life. If you want the Father to truly love you, lay down your life for Him, and you will be loved and protected and given a place in His kingdom that will be second to nothing in the universe. Jesus came for the sole purpose of you knowing

Jesus and the Father and what happens if you know them? You receive eternal life. Only those that are married truly understand knowing someone. In a husband and wife relationship you learn to know everything. Sometimes my wife and I start talking about the things we didn't realize before we got married, of what she is like, and what I am like. It's the same way with God. We will know His ways when we know Him. And so what we're going to look at in Hebrews chapter 6 now is that to know Jesus and the Father is really the main subject of this whole book of Hebrews. And there isn't any book like it that goes from beginning to finish like it does teaching you how to be a child of God and walk then in sonship. I think outside of the teachings of Jesus, Hebrews is the best way to learn how we are supposed to be as God's children. So let's pray. Father I pray that we will continue to gain understanding of who You are and how we're to interact with You. So that You will love us. Thank you for being my Father and my God. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Hebrews 6:1, *Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection*; I've had ministers over the years say to me, You don't preach anything on doctrine. And I said, no, I don't. I only teach two things. One is who God is, and the other is how we can be united with Him. That's all I teach. And so we don't need to be taught over and over and over again the doctrines of Christ and all the mysteries. It says, let us go on unto perfection. So from this point on, we are going to be taught how to walk in perfection in our living God. Verse 1b-2, *Not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment*. We don't need to keep going over and over again. That's what small babies need.

They need that doctrine. Verse 3, *And this will we do, if God permit.* Now why did he put that in there? Well, if we don't have the right attitude, He won't permit us to go any further. That attitude is, I want God. I want to know Him. And if you don't have that you won't go on. That's all there is to it. You won't go on unless you're ready to do like Jesus did to the Father and that is, sell Himself totally out to the Father and do His will. Jesus testified, *Because I've done that My Father loves Me.* Verse 4-5, *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,* You know, we have no idea how we're going to live in the powers of the world to come. And the reason we walk in the lower levels of power that we have is because in our human flesh satan's host is laboring to try to destroy us and deceive us and God can't take a chance on you being deceived walking in the great powers of the world to come. And so we only have a deposit of that as of now. Now, when I first received the baptism and was anointed of the Lord I was on fire for the Lord and everybody could see that I was. I didn't care what anybody thought. I don't care what people think. What I'm concerned about is what does God think? And if you walk in a realm of absolute, no one will challenge you. In my early days people came up to me and said, whatever you do, don't turn your back on God. When I asked why, one said, because there was a day I walked like you are walking but I didn't take what God gave me as precious and I cannot get back to where I was. And so here the author is saying, it's impossible to get back to where you were at if you turn away from God, if you were made partakers of the Holy Ghost. Verse 6, *If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.* There's the key right there. How do you know you've

gone too far? Well, if you feel the Spirit nudging you to repent then you haven't gone too far, because who is it that comes to you to convince you of your sin? The Holy Spirit. And He's the one that takes you to Christ. So if you have the desire to get on your face and repent then you haven't crucified the Son of God afresh. Verse 7, *For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:* Every time something grows that is under your care, and God waters it and makes it grow, that is a blessing from Him. And that's why we pause to give thanks for God blessing us by having the food that we eat. Verse 8, *But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.* The things that grow thorns and briers, or the things that are cursed, you're not to give. God doesn't want that kind of offering. The thorns and thistles were cursed. And the only thing they are good for is to be burned. Verse 9-10, *But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.* Someone doesn't pay you for ministering to the Lord. He does. We don't do it to be paid; we do it because we love Him. And so we minister to the saints and we minister to other people wherever there is the opportunity to minister to a human being. Verse 11, *And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:* Most people forget that we have to make it through to the end. Verse 12, *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.* Now, I know enough about God that God didn't have to verbally speak to me and say, those who follow Trump will become bold, because right here it says that. Follow people who are bold, who will inherit the promises.

Our president Trump stood up and declared the constitution. And when He declared the constitution, he called it a righteous thing. He had to confess before the people that he was fellowshiping with that evening, God was with us. Isn't that exciting? We are an expert group at doing a certain thing. And when people cry out to God He goes to those who are expert in that field to get the job done. So therefore I submit to our president because what he is doing I am not qualified nor could I do it. But he can do it and for him to do it is not as hard as it would be for me to do it. But if he was to do what we are doing it would be hard for him. So God said, he's laboring for you. He's My servant. And from that point on I began to watch him very closely. Verse 12 again, *That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.* Those are the kind of people you want to hang around. Abraham was so precious to the children of Israel because it was through him that God promised and so they are children of Abraham. They say Abraham is their father. Why? Because they want to get the promises that were given to Abraham. And now Jesus is our High Priest and we follow Him because He's the one who has the promises, that is, the promise of eternal life to all those that love Him and want Him. He said, The world will see Me no more, but you shall see Me. Verse 13-15, *For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.* Now, what is he talking about, because He could swear by no greater He swore by himself? The idea of making a statement is submitting yourself to someone that is more powerful than you are, so that if you don't fulfill it this man who is stronger and bigger than you will come and straighten you out. But because God is God He could not say I guarantee you because the god of

gods that's over Me... No, because He is God alone. So He couldn't swear by anybody else. He couldn't say someone else is going to straighten Me out. No, it says in here that God cannot lie. Why can't He lie? Why can't He say something that isn't true? What happens when you say something? A command comes out of your mouth. And if He would say an untruth, that command would cause a virus. If God would say a lie, He would start a virus that would pollute everything that He has created. Therefore He cannot lie. He cannot joke around, He can't do anything except say the absolute, so He says it in two or three words. When God speaks He doesn't ramble on. That's why the disciples said, just say yes and no. Don't say anything more, because you'll pollute your character and make it weak. The faith word people believed this in the beginning. But what they ended up doing is using that power to fill their pockets and they actually polluted themselves to the point that they couldn't do anything. Do you understand what that means? We cannot expect to walk perfectly when we lie. Verse 14-16, *Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife.* When you get where God wants you, your striving is over. At that point you begin to grow in it. And I believe that God wants us to begin to grow in what He's called us to. Some of you will still have to strive to obtain. But for those that are in that place of rest and the striving has ceased, then your call and your purpose will grow instead of trying to get somewhere. It says that we are established in the earth; planted there. That's where we'll grow. We'll grow by the river that flows from the throne of God. On each side there were trees. And those represent people who were not striving but there was healing of the nations in their leaves. Then in verse 16-17, *For men verily*

swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: Immutability has to do with being absolute, unchangeable. Verse 18, *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation.* I'm excited when I see people's consolations, or their faith, their belief, everything becoming solid, rather than fluid, knowing but not quite able to plant in. And if you feel yourself planting in then you are planted in the earth and you will then quit striving and begin to grow in that. That is the Sabbath rest. Verse 18, *That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us;* There it is. The hope that is set before you. You are going to become strong and secure in that thing that is set before YOU. And it can be different for each one of us. And that strong consolation, or the environment that God has given you authority around and over and through will become solid. And when it becomes solid you'll be like President Trump was with his inauguration speech. His consolation as president of the United States had things in order. Verse 19, *Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul...* Now the anchor of our soul is the hope that is set before us. That is the anchor and that's why the consolation around us becomes solid. We are planted in the earth. We have a job to do. Every one of you have a job to do. *...both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;* Do you know what I just said? If you are established and planted in the earth and you enter into the hope of that which is set before you, you will begin to be able to enter into the veil through the seven eyes of God. And into the veil is the Holy of Holies, the presence of God. The sons of God and His saints are the ones who are qualified to go in that place.

Verse 20, *Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.* Now, as we are planted we are going to look at chapter 7 and see a new realm of appreciation and thankfulness for Jesus Christ. Because when we are laboring to get somewhere and we're pressing in to find the Lord and the Father, there is a labor and a struggle and sometimes in that struggle we miss some of the valuable things that we are receiving. And one of those is Jesus as our High Priest.

Hebrews 7:1, *For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;* Now Melchisedec was the priest and he was in the order of the Most High God. Verse 2-3, *To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.* Which describes Jesus. It says Melchisedec was without father and without mother. I believe that he is talking there of no earthly father and no earthly mother, because then he goes on that he had no descendants, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life. If he would have not had a Father, who is our God and Father, He would have been from another planet somewhere beyond. He wouldn't be in God's creation, because all things come from the Father. He was made like the Son of God and He abideth a priest continually. Who else would be qualified to give the wine and the bread to Abraham as a covenant of promise that the enemy, the wicked, will be destroyed? Because the bread and the wine is a covenant that the godly will take over the earth and the wicked will be removed. And so Jesus in a different setting (at that time Jesus had not been made flesh) came and ministered

the covenant to Abraham. Verse 4, *Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.* Now that is saying quite a bit for a Jew, because Abraham was it outside of God. The promises were in Abraham, and they were in Abraham when that promise was given. So therefore they are children of Abraham when that promise was given so they are heirs to that. The only way we can receive it if we are not of Abraham, if we were not in the loins of Abraham, is to be grafted in. And in God we are just as important, if we are grafted in, as those that were of Abraham. He accepts us the same. Verse 5, *And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:* So he's saying here that even the tribe of Levi that did not tithe, but were tithed to, still gave a tithe to Melchisedec because they were in the loins of Abraham. Even though they weren't born. That's how much they attached themselves to the promises of Abraham. They were Abraham. And if we attach ourselves to our High Priest and the promises that were given to Him from the Father, and He is our Savior and Lord, we then are attached to those promises and we can receive them. It's the same thing and the same way. So they were the sons of Levi and they received the office of the priesthood. Verse 6, *But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.* And so Abraham gave the tithes to Melchisedec who, if He wasn't literally Jesus, was the representation sent from God that had no descendants on the earth as a priest unto Abraham. And He blessed Abraham and Abraham blessed Melchisedec. Verse 7-12, *And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them, of whom it is witnessed that he liveth. And as I may so say, Levi also, who*

receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. And so what he is saying to the Jews, to the Hebrews, that in the Old Testament we had the Levitical priesthood, but in the New Testament we have one in the order of Melchisedec and that is Jesus. And we have a change of the law. The Levitical priesthood was good enough for the law but it's not good enough for the supernatural. Verse 13-16, For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. We talked in the last chapter about the Levitical priesthood. They had a problem, in that they had infirmities and you had to deal with their infirmities along with your own when they ministered to you. But we have a high priest who when He ministers to us is in total purity. Therefore the ministering we receive from our High Priest has so much more power and potential and ability to prosper and acquire the hope which is set before us. Verse 17-18, For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. The weakness and unprofitableness of the law, because it was strictly out of our obedience and they just couldn't follow it. Neither could we. Verse 19, For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which

we draw night unto God. And so our hope is not like the hope of the Old Testament. Actually the hope of the Old Testament was us. We are their hope. They will become perfect and complete when we attach ourselves to the living Savior and together bring the kingdoms of this world down so that the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior. Until that takes place they're not complete. And it isn't just in the hope of us but it's in the hope that we will attach ourselves to the new Priest (Jesus). We have a new high priest that will put us on the path, forgive us our sins, to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and we can then receive the hope, be planted upon the earth and take it back for the Lord. And our consolation will be strong and set as a mighty warrior. Let's go back to verse 16 again, *Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.* That's the difference between the Old Testament and New Testament. The laws were carnal commandments because there wasn't a spirit like we have, but now our hope is after the power of an endless life. Verse 20-25, *And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: (For those priests were made without an oath; but this was with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)* By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. God is continually interceding for Larry Troyer. And you can put your name in that place and you can say our high priest is praying for us. I knew that someone was praying for me when He called me. There's no other way. Stop and think about it. If nobody else prays, Jesus will pray

for you to enter into that right place. It doesn't mean that you'll accept it, but it means He is interceding for you. He is your High Priest. And He has the tools you need to get to the place of your promise. And so he's telling us through this message here, hang around the people who are inheriting the promises. The One who has the most promise and hope is Jesus. So Jesus should be to us like Abraham is to the children of Israel. Verse 26-27, *For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.* And when He offered up Himself, what happened? This is really important. The earth received the blood and the water and the earth was cleansed. The earth is what gives us food. Paul said, don't you know that when you eat food it goes into your stomach and begins to be digested and separated? That which is good is taken by the body and that which isn't taken just passes on through. Why? Because the earth was cleansed for those who want God. So there is another realm that we haven't experienced. The curses on the food is removed no matter who touched it. Otherwise it would always be unclean. And that was Peter's message when all the different animals came down in a blanket and He said, Kill and eat. And Peter said, "No Lord. These are all unclean." But the Lord said, "What I have cleansed don't call unclean anymore." So therefore we can walk in purity eating the food that is of the earth even though the earth is polluted. It isn't polluted for those that are in Christ Jesus. Therefore we shouldn't get sick. And when I do, I feel like I haven't yet arrived. Jesus made everything right so we have the capacity to make everything right and have health. Verse 28, *For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is*

consecrated for evermore. When Jesus said My body is good meat and My blood is good drink, He was referring to the priesthood, that His body has no pollution in it. When you feed from Him you refrain from pollution of any kind. You have a high priest that is working for you. You have prophets of old that are cheering you on and have labored for you. And yes, you had parents that labored for what you're laboring for, even though many of them couldn't make it. Because it says "If God permits." That's pretty sobering. And so we give thanks to the High Priest, the Lord Jesus, for making every provision for us to obtain that which is laid before you. May God bless His word.

Our High Priest

Let's look in Hebrews chapter 8. Father again we lift our hearts to You. I'm thanking You that You are God and that Your Son is our High Priest. That He prays for us and ministers to us. Continue to draw us closer to You that we might be ready in season and out of season. And we exalt Your name, the Creator of all that exists. In Your name we pray, Amen.

Hebrews 8:1, *Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; We have a high priest that is sitting in the heavens. Let's skip over to chapter 10 for just a minute. In chapter 10 verse 12 he says something that is very profound and something that the church does not understand. And that is, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; When Jesus had completed the work of the Father, that is, He offered himself as a sacrifice to break the power of death that we might live, He then sat down at the right hand of God, with God. Verse 13, From henceforth expecting. Now, from hereon, after I have sat down, I expect something to happen, because I have done My work. When you expect something it's a result of your work, but someone else is going to do it. From*

henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. You have to understand that the enemies of Jesus were things that He and the Father created that turned against them. And pertaining to us, it would be this earth and the world that He created. The Father and the Son had everything to do with it. So he said, *From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.* First Corinthians 15 also talks about this, putting all of the enemies under your feet. So Jesus and the Father are expecting someone to put the enemy under His feet. Verse 14, *For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.* If you are sanctified, set apart from this world, you have been set aside to do a work, and that work is to put the enemies of Jesus and the Father under their feet. That's why David was so loved. That's why Abraham was so loved when he slaughtered the kings. But if you would listen or talk to the average Christian, they are waiting to be raptured away so Jesus straightens everything out. They have no idea that the Lord is sitting down with His Father and they are waiting for those who are sanctified and justified, expecting them now to finish the work. And why would that be the case? It's because the Father set the example a long time ago. He said, I'll help you with a little help along the way, but you have to rise up, you worm, and be a man and put the enemy under your feet. And if the enemy is under your feet, it will also be under My feet.

So let's go back then to chapter 8 and look at this again. Verse 1: *Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;* That isn't just our heaven, but all heavens. Verse 2, *A minister of the sanctuary.* Now in the new covenant when he sat down, where was the sanctuary? There are two places where the sanctuary is; in you, and in heaven. So you are being ministered

to by Christ, your high priest in you. Verse 2-3, *A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.* So, for Jesus to be our high priest, He has to offer us something. You can't be a high priest and not do anything. But what is it that He offers us as a high priest? We know first of all, it's the seven spirits of God. What an offering! Then not only that, but He is also offering before us the possibility of many eyes, and the coals of fire. He takes us through the fire and when we come out of that fire, we come out pure. It used to be called revival fire. If there isn't a fire in the revival, then the elements of wickedness in us aren't melted away. So, according to Ezekiel 1, we have a wheel with fire in it because we are attached to Christ and He lives in us, and the Father has a wheel with fire in it too. And so when our wheel and His wheel labor there are coals of hot fire that will bring revival. Not only will it bring revival, but it will also bring wisdom that has not been on the face of the earth before. This people in this time have the greatest fellowship with God that mankind has ever had, even beyond Moses, and that is saying a lot. There is a release of the Spirit in the new covenant that is different than what Moses and Abraham and David had. There is a wheel in a wheel, and there was an angel who took coals of fire out between the wheels and sprinkled it around the city. Then that city was in judgment and those who made it through that fire with repentance were purified. Those that didn't become broken were burned up. In I Corinthians 3, it talks about everyone being tested by fire, and that fire, even if you are totally burned up, even if all of your works are burned up, you can still be saved by fire. The fire will melt your elements. When Jesus walked with the two men after He had risen, and after they found out it was Jesus they were talking to, what did they say?

“Did not our hearts burn within us?” They could feel that fire. And when that burning takes place, you walk in a different realm. The Lord has shown me that the day is coming when the fire will bring a great anointing and release the supernatural to do things that can’t be done any other way. And so how precious it is for Jesus to minister to us as our high priest. He ministers to us in that the things the Father gave Him, He gives to us. In that way we will do greater things than Him. He just broke the power of death. When I say, “just,” that was something man couldn’t do. It had to be Jesus that did it. He came and did it and it was a long way from being finished but without Him we wouldn’t have made it. And so whenever you can’t make it through then God can come and He can bring His fire and burn the things that hinder you from going where He’s called you. That revival fire will revive you and burn away the hindrances so you can walk in a new realm and get done what needs to be done. And that’s the labor of our High Priest.

Verse 3–6, *For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.* And so the reason that they’re established on better promises is that the creation of mankind is in a more full stage of bearing fruit than it was back in the time of Moses. When Moses was on the earth the plant was very small, barely started. And yet that plant had grown some because in the very beginning man fell and from that point on God had to use

mankind to help keep the devil from taking over completely and destroying everything. Noah had to build an ark to destroy all those who were on the earth as human beings mingled with fallen spirits. And so He removed them, but within just a very short time fallen angels came and ministered to Nimrod and taught him the depths of satan. And so then He brought forth Abraham and God worked with him to build a people who would destroy what Nimrod released upon the earth, the openings in the earth that had to be closed. And we're still closing them today.

Now I've said a lot of things in a short time but then we go from that, the Old Covenant, to the New Covenant. If the Lord is waiting for the enemy to be put under His feet then there must be someone to maintain authority on the earth over that which has already been taken so the enemy can't take it back. That has happened throughout all the generations up to this point. And so in chapter 10 of Ezekiel, Ezekiel sees that God changes some of the characteristics of the original covenant to help them perform the task that is set before them and that is, to make them from an ox to a cherub that would protect. Someone has to be there who knows how to do warfare to keep the enemy from ever rising again and keeping them under the Lord's feet, and ours. And that is our task today. And so we, in the last period of time, will keep satan defeated and destroyed and every time we gain ground we're going maintain it. Our only hope is to stay within the bounds of Jesus' grace and the Father's grace, so that He can still minister to us to teach us and to give us the tools we need for victory and to help us a little along the way. But He's expecting you and me to defeat the enemy. It's very plain. That's what He's expecting us to do. We have a high priest who is willing and set and wants us to have victory. The Father has given everything to the Son and the

Son has to work through us to acquire what He was given. Just as all the prophets of old. Everyone that is in the eternal church, in that eternal river, every one of them are depending upon that last army of Joel to accomplish so that they can achieve and receive their inheritance. So you're not just laboring for the Lord. You're laboring for all of creation. And all of creation is waiting and groaning for the sons of God to arise and to come back to glorify Jesus and the Father that they might be glorified in a rightful place in a wicked world that really doesn't want them.

Verse 7-9, *For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.* If you don't follow the covenant of God, He is going to ignore you. Is that what its saying? Verse 9b-10a, *Because they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:* There is the process. Now, that process is the beginning. God can't write something in your hearts until you have it in your mind. And then your soul desires that which is in your mind and then it goes in your heart. If that doesn't take place then you're not saved. You only have an intellectual relationship with Him. It keeps God distant from you and until you let Him write it in your heart He can't come and live in you because the covenant is not there. When He writes it in your heart He's establishing the covenant. He's writing the covenant in your heart that you

are to follow. If you ignore that covenant after He's written it in you He will ignore you. If you don't pursue God then there is no reason for anybody to pursue you to help you fulfill the covenant because you haven't written it in your heart. So if God puts it in your mind and you think about it and want it then Christ will come and write it in your heart and then the covenant begins. Now once the covenant is there He reverses it and He writes it in your heart and speaks it to your mind. Because now He speaks to the covenant of the heart and causes the mind to change according to what is learned through the heart. And you'll find that in Hebrews as we go along here, that it's reversed after the covenant is made. He no longer speaks to your mind but He speaks to your heart and then when He speaks to your heart the mind will grab ahold of that and cause your mind to change and come into agreement with the heart. If that doesn't happen then there is a war between the members of your body. In that war your mind is doing what the soul wants and the soul doesn't want what God wrote in the covenant of your heart. When that takes place then God begins to ignore what you want and what you say because you're not obeying the heart and what was written there. When God writes something in your heart, what happens? Who is God? He is the consuming fire, so when He writes that in your heart, if you allow it, it burns away the desires of the world. And as He burns away the desires of the world, He burns in your heart so that you will always remember. It's been burned in there so that the things that try to change your heart are gone. They're disannulled. The fire maintains the covenant by continuing to burn up wickedness. Without the covenant you're nothing. Verse 8-11, *For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers*

in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. Because He's going to write His covenant in your heart, so everyone will know. Verse 12, For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. As He destroys the iniquities, the wickedness that man are bent continually on evil, with that fire in your heart, He burns that away and the elements melt which is what? A removing that no one remembers it again. Verse 13, In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

And so God is writing new commandments in our hearts, and those commandments of covenant are new eyes, new things that we need to accomplish what He has called us to do. If we are faithful, if our heart is open to Him, He can write it there and that writing will tell our mind what has happened. Then the mind must come into agreement with what is in the heart so there is not conflict and friction in your own being, but peace. When the mind is given over to the heart then there is peace and quietness and there is accomplishment in that process. And so everyone should know, when you come to the place of that new walk, a new opening, a new place of covenant making, a place that God can trust you with new instruments that will not be used against His kingdom but for it, then you'll see a difference as God begins to move in your life. And how do you change your mind? One of the

biggest hindrances of the mind is “Lord, you’re preparing us for tomorrow, next week, next year, several years down the road.” But He’s not. If He gives you a new covenant it is for now. It’s not for down the road. He doesn’t give it to you so you can polish it up and shine it, no He wants you to get it out on the road and ride that motorcycle. And so we renew our minds by first of all accepting that it’s time to do what is written in our heart. And then, how did David get it in his heart? He meditated upon the Lord day and night. One of the ways to get your mind in agreement with the covenant that God has placed in your heart is to meditate. Meditate upon what He has done and what He is doing right now.

Let’s start in chapter 9. Verse 1-4, *Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; The first tabernacle in the Holy Place had the candlesticks, the seven spirits of God. As long as those lights burned God gave them wisdom and they would win their battles. But if the light went out they walked in darkness. So they had the candlesticks, and they had the table of incense, which is a place where you fellowshiped with God. You put incense in that bowl and that represented your death to yourself and complete surrender to God. The smoke of the incense would come up to God and He would smell the fragrance of who you are, whether or not you really are given over to Him and have the elements of this world melted away. Then the candlesticks and the table of surrender and fellowship with Him were made*

together. The third instrument was the table of shewbread, and the shewbread represented the government. With the seven candles and the intimacy with God you could follow the government of God and do it according to His will. And that was called the sanctuary and after the second veil then, *the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all, Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;* Now, all of those things were the supernatural. And so for them to go from relationship with God to the supernatural was to go from the first veil and into the second veil. And no one could do that except one high priest once a year who prepared himself seven days to be free of sin and to die the death of the things of this world and that made it possible for him to go. They say that the only way they could go in was to take that bowl of incense and push it under the veil and then crawl under the veil. The veil was about three inches thick. They went under the veil and came out on the other side and there was a place to put the golden censer so that the smoke from the censer would go up between the cherubs. And in that place God would know whether you are qualified to minister to Him for the sins of the people. And that represented Jesus. Jesus was the one who entered into the presence of God for the sins of you and me. There was no other light in there except the Shekinah glory. There weren't any candlesticks, or anything else, but God's glory and that represents what is to come. We won't need the sun anymore when the Lord comes back because God will be that light. When Jesus died, the veil was rent in two and the high priest's garments were torn. That represented the tearing away of man being the high priest and Jesus taking its place. And so Jesus represents the veil; the only way that you can enter into the presence of the Father is through Him. He knows you are ready

when you have been completely given over to the Lord. You are obedient and you know how to act in the presence of God. If you are in such a manner that you will honor God the Father then Jesus will let you go through Him to see the Father because that's what He came to show you, that you might know the Father, the only true and living God. It was an extremely fearful thing to enter into the presence of God the Father. And the only reason that we can do it today is because of the covenant of grace. We've lost the fear of entering into God's presence because of grace. But one of the seven candles is the fear of the Lord. When you have the fear of the Lord, you walk in obedience with great joy. Then you start to become qualified to enter into the presence of God the Father. That takes time and many testings to see whether you are qualified to enter. When a king in the old days took on a new wife he didn't just take her in right off. No, they went through many days, weeks, and even months of purifying their bodies to get rid of the smell of sweat. They soaked in perfumes so that when they sweat they didn't sweat smelly odors; they sweat that perfume that made them smell even more wonderful. And that's what God wants.

So there you have in chapter 9 the beginning of knowing how to enter into the presence of the Father. And by the time we get through chapter 10 then we go on in chapter 11 to the heroes who learned how to do that. I want you to spend time meditating upon the Lord, all of the things He has done, and what He's doing and where He wants to take you so that there is not a fight within our soul. We must understand where we're headed and what it is that we're doing, and that every day counts. Every day God is using your experience to help release souls held back in the dam that satan has built. Then they can enter into that river and God will raise them up. The high priest will minister to them just like He ministered

to you, and we won't have to say, "You need to know the Lord." All those that are His will know Him, and those that don't know Him you know are not saved. And that's why this move is going to be very different than any move before, because it won't just be evangelists that have tricky ways of getting people to say yes. God is not going to allow them to mess with His inheritance. All of creation is counting on the sons of God to arise and be manifested upon the earth.

Free in our Conscience

We want to continue on in Hebrews 9. We know now that we've come to a point that the first covenant was a worldly tabernacle and that the new covenant is one made without hands and that is a holy tabernacle. Since it's not made by hands it's not a worldly tabernacle but a spiritual tabernacle. We'll start with verse 8, *The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; The law cannot make your conscience perfect. That first tabernacle could not make it perfect. But this new covenant is a different ball game in that your conscience can be set free; walking in the second covenant and not under law. And so in verse 10, Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. So the old laws had to do with the kind of meats you have, the drinks you have, the washings you do, and the carnal ordinances that are imposed upon you, until the time of the reformation that cleanses your conscience. Verse 11, But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of*

this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. If we can walk in the promise of that eternal redemption, our conscience becomes free. We have laid before us eternal redemption that sets us free in our conscience. Verse 13, *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit (which is eternal life) offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* Now, the Lord hasn't called us to be good, which is the law. You're good according to the law. But He's called us to walk in righteousness. Righteousness is very different than the law. Righteousness is the power to destroy the devil. The righteous living eternal God told the children of Israel that if they don't quit sinning He's going to take a pile of manure and rub their face in it until it's fully covered (Malachi 2:3). Now, that's not being good according to man. But in God's eyes what is good is different than what is in man's eyes and intellect. In God's eyes being righteous is destroying the wicked. God made this earth and creation, this world, perfect. Satan caused it to be imperfect and God's been upset. In the Bible it speaks of the wrath of God ever since the fall of man to pollute His creation. Therefore we're to walk in righteousness, and not in what man thinks is good. And that is a dividing factor of those who are in perdition versus those who are in the righteousness of the living God. How could Elijah, who was one of two people that never died, call down fire and burn up one hundred soldiers just like that? That wasn't good for them. They were people who obeyed the king. But the king wasn't righteous. He wasn't even good. And the men had no honor for the servant of God. And so Elijah said, I'm not going to listen to you. So if you want a free

conscience, walk in the power of God. When you see pollution coming from satan to pollute this world, you have a right to begin to confront that wickedness. That's what the heart of Abraham in his righteousness was all about. If you're going to be a warrior, you have to have your conscience set free to be righteous, not good. To speak the truth shakes those up who are in perdition, because they are under law and their conscience wouldn't allow them to confront someone that is destroying God's kingdom. That doesn't mean you need to be nasty, that doesn't mean that you do it out of bitterness or anger, but out of the compassion that someday they're going to know what they need to know now, but then it would be too late.

And so if we have obtained an eternal redemption we become a good tree; and good trees, if they walk in righteousness, will not walk in the weakness of man, but in the power of God. And so the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God to purge your conscience from dead works. Dead works is agreeing with people that are in law and perdition. Now, you have to understand in doing what I'm saying, you must have the wisdom of God. Wisdom knows when to speak because if they're not ripe for the picking, (that is, broken and able to receive), then there is no reason to speak. There's no reason to confront someone. But if there is potential for them to receive what you have to say then you say it, and you say it in righteousness. Verse 15, *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament.* When you do your own works you are trespassing the Creator. There is a work that the Creator does for all of His creation. When you begin to step into that area you are trespassing. Leave it alone. You don't own someone's soul. You give the message and let God

do the rest. ...*They which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.* And so Jesus is the one who says, "I'm giving you an eternal life and that is your inheritance." Or, "Depart from Me, I don't know you and I don't want you because you are part of the group that has destroyed My creation." He's going to have a new creation where there is no one who will want to destroy but will count all of it precious as Jacob did in getting that inheritance instead of his brother Esau who saw it as nothing. God said, I'm going to destroy you continually. My wrath is going to be against you because My creation, what I labored for and what I did which is beautiful and wonderful and was made for My pleasure. You see it as nothing except just to have fun in it. My wife loves to make quilts. If she had a quilt all laid out, all ready to sew together, and some little child came in and just threw the pieces all up in the air having a great time, she wouldn't see that as fun. That's what I'm talking about with the creation. God made this creation and it's a little bit more complicated than a quilt, even though a quilt can be very complicated and challenging. But for someone to come and to mess up His creation, He's not excited about, and rightfully He shouldn't be. And so that's what we're dealing with now in tearing down the mountain and the hills. The world knows that. The government knows that if you once give man something free it is extremely difficult to stop, because within minutes the flesh has accepted it and they want it. They will fight like spoiled brats to get it. The only way sometimes that God can deal with that is to completely disintegrate the whole thing, but this time God has chosen not to do that in the United States. He's going to have people, His kingdom, rise up in righteousness and destroy the wickedness of this nation that it once again might become holy. Can anyone see that's a righteous thing? That's a holy war. Not like allah and all of them that want to destroy that they might

please what? Their flesh, when they die. Come on. For a man to die for allah to get seventy two virgins? It may not be quite as much fun as they think it is. Seventy two virgins to please their flesh. That isn't what we have. We have a promise that we will be forever with the Creator. What a difference. A difference of honoring the Creator who knows all things versus someone who pleases their flesh that Jesus came to destroy. How can a muslim make it to heaven when they want their flesh pleased versus what God has promised us? He's given us the opportunity to live with Him forever. At funerals we hear ministers say all kinds of things but nothing pertaining to fellowshiping forever with the Creator. It all has to do with pleasing the flesh. I can tell you if that is the case they are not going to be in heaven. They will be where muslims go that please their flesh.

Alright. So we must have the promise of eternal inheritance through Jesus Christ. When we are safe and secure in that promise, then the fear of the Lord comes on us. The fear of the Lord brings the understanding that you don't have the eternal life in you yet. It is the *promise*. But that promise will be lost if you break that covenant with God. And that's the fear of the Lord. And that will keep you. That's why John was able to say in 1 John that if you have Christ in you, you cannot continue to sin. There is fear of the Lord of losing that eternal inheritance so you can't keep sinning. And if you do you've already lost it probably. And so you see, it's going to take the power of God to bring this revival. And a consuming fire to burn up the flesh. The desires of the flesh have to go through the fire and even if everything is burned up, like it says in 1 Corinthians 3, you can be saved. If all of your works are burned up you can still be saved by fire. That fire consumes the desires of your flesh so they are no longer there. Those are the elements of your flesh that want something. They are burned

up so that there is no drawing in you to want your flesh satisfied. Verse 16, *For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.* What does that mean? You don't have a testament of victory until you have completed your life and die. At death if you stayed faithful you no longer have a promise, you become an eternal being. And so until you receive your eternal inheritance, solid, until you've made it through to the end, you are not yet one that can fully be a testimony. How many testimonies have you heard of people who got saved and then they went back to the world? Well that's not a testimony, because they didn't stay faithful. They didn't receive the inheritance. That's why he says the promise of eternal inheritance. It's a promise. But that promise can be broken. The reason he doesn't give you eternal inheritance now is because in this life you could go back to your flesh and he doesn't want that in this new kingdom. So therefore you have the promise of eternity. Verse 17, *For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.* You still might make a mistake. You still might not make it. Verse 18, *Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: And*

so even though satan brought sin into the heavenly tabernacle, that was purified. So now we can live in that heavenly tabernacle which is able to come in us because of Christ. Before that was not possible because the heavenly tabernacle was polluted. Jesus had to come and take His blood and sprinkle it in the tabernacle that was not made by hands but was polluted by satan. Now there is no death in the heavenly tabernacle and so when that tabernacle comes within us there is no death. And that's what we have to work with. satan wants that conscience to not be set free so that he has a grip on you and can make you feel guilty. But the truth of it is that when that tabernacle comes in you your conscience should be set free. You use the power of God to know that you are set free in your conscience to works of man. You're not going to submit to that. But what you do submit to is that heavenly tabernacle that is righteous. And righteousness has to do with the rod, or the scepter of righteousness that destroys wickedness. That's the power that we can now walk in because of the new covenant and the resurrection of power in righteousness. Even though Abraham walked in a level of righteousness, he could not access the level that we can walk in today that we experience through the blood and the bread, or the body of Christ. He experienced that covenant of power but wasn't able to walk in it. He said, someday you'll get that. And so he had to walk, not even in the law, because there was no law. And yet he was obedient and that obedience brought him righteousness. We have been fighting the enemy and the unclean spirits that are of the generations but now it is time to come above all of that because we've been set free and we can walk in the promise of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Not because we are good but because God has put His righteousness in us; the power to destroy wickedness. And our conscience becomes free. In that place when the conscience becomes free we are a good tree.

We're no longer under the works of man but under the power of the freedom of God. And we must stay humble. If we don't stay humble the devil knows when we become proud. Pride takes you out of from under the covering and you'll get clobbered like you've never been clobbered.

Verse 25-28, *Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.* You may think that you are walking to please your conscience and that your conscience has been fulfilled, but your conscience has been put in prison by those that you've been around and to the wisdom of man and the works of man. Your conscience has been held in bondage and not been set free by the power of God and His righteousness. Because of that you walk in levels of perdition and it weakens the power of God where you have been set free. As a result when you feel like you have fulfilled the desires of your conscience you become self-righteous. I feel that all the time. I've seen people that when I say something they just cringe. You know what that is? "My conscience wouldn't let me do that." "Oh, you're terrible. You're not good." That's what it is. I see it all the time. It's not that you're so good and righteous. It's that your conscience has been held down and made you walk a line that keeps you from the power of God and His righteousness. When you are set free in your conscience, you're at peace with God. You have the promise of eternal life, and the fear of the Lord comes on you and you love God and hate wickedness and the ways

and the works of men. That's why I can do what I do. It's so much more fun to walk with a free conscience. I'm not good, but I'm righteous. And righteousness is embracing truth.

Let's start with chapter 10. Verse 1, *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.* The only way that we can become perfect is of course to be obedient to Him. The only way we can be obedient to Him is be purged of a conscience that is under siege by satan and the works of your flesh. Verse 2-10, *For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. The said, I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; The said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* He's just building up more faith in us that this Jesus that came and died had an offering that the law couldn't even begin to touch. Verse 11, *And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;* Alright, we've come to this same scripture we looked at in the last chapter. Now we come with the

full understanding of where we've been in Hebrews, that from here on, because you're walking in righteousness and not in law, that is, you have the rod of righteousness to destroy wickedness. Therefore He sat down and He said, Ok. I have given you the rod of righteousness, now take back this earth. And I will be praying for you, I will be the leader for you, I am the eyes of God for you. The way that I will lead you is through the seven eyes so that when you see Me and you touch My mind you will know what needs to be done next. *From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.* Now how can you argue anything else with these two verses right here? He's sitting down and now He expects the righteousness, that rod of righteousness, to put the enemies under Jesus feet. *For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.* To be sanctified is to be set apart unto God. And so we are perfected. We are perfected in that offering of Jesus body and we believe that his body is good food and His blood is good drink. And therefore we are sanctified, set apart, and perfected to do good works. And those are the works of God. Because if we're doing the works of God then our conscience, which is to show us what's wrong with what's going on, is neutralized and it doesn't need to function as long as we are perfect in God. That was a mechanism to tell you something is wrong in your body. But it was never meant for satan to own it; to own you and to condemn you over and over and over again. And so when God sets you free, it says you'll be free indeed. So maybe we ought to walk that way.

Verse 15, *Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;* What's wrong with that verse?

In chapter 8:10 we read, *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:* Wait a minute. He reversed them. That's because your conscience is clear and He can speak directly to your heart, and your heart will tell your mind what to do. But before you're saved you have to be spoken to your mind to tell the heart what to do. After you have been redeemed and set free He speaks to your heart and your heart speaks to your mind. Isn't that neat? So, *I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.* There is nothing more you can do except accepting it and believing that it's done it. That's all you can do. You can't do anything more. There isn't anything else God can do. If you can't believe that God has set you free then there is no one that can help you. He's done it. If you'll receive it you have it and then you can begin to put the enemy under God's feet so that He can stand up and say, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and Savior.

Verse 19, *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.* One of the things the Lord spoke to me was, I've given you the cup of joy but the devil doesn't want you to drink it, because in that cup of joy there is power and there is purity because you're now walking in righteousness and not in the laws of man. Anyone with a conscience that has hindered them cannot walk in the full power of righteousness until the conscience has been cleaned, cleared, and is not fighting the righteousness of God within. Now that power can go out to destroy the works of the enemy because you walk in boldness. When your conscience is clear you can walk in boldness. I'm not good but I'll walk in the

righteousness of God.

Verse 20, *By a new and living way.* We're going to start out a new living way. *Which he hath consecrated for us.* He's given it for us to be bold in a living new way. ...*Through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;* Not our flesh, but His flesh that's been set free. Verse 21, *And having an high priest over the house of God;* Who is praying for us and interceding and showing us the way, Verse 22, *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.* Our hearts are sprinkled without a conscience of condemnation on us. You see, there comes a point in time that God removes satan from tormenting us through our conscience and it is now. *And our bodies washed with pure water.* *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)* *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:* Now we can do works, but it's the works of God and not the works of man and his ways. Verse 25, *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.* If you walk away from all this after you have known it, there is nothing more anybody can do because you've been told the max of what God is going to do for you. The rest is up to you. He's sitting down. His labor is over because He's done the work of the Father and now He's looking and interceding, praying that you will rise up and finish the task that was set before you. Verse 27, *But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.* The coals of fire that are in the wheel in the wheel will destroy our adversaries. Verse 28, *He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how*

much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be through worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? When you labor in the conscience of man it will make you think you are so righteous and so holy that you are just above the law. And in reality you're going to hell. That's why you have to walk in truth and not in the righteousness of your self-indignation. That will take you to hell so quick.

Verse 30, *For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, the Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;* Every time we are illuminated, or a new light of understanding comes to us, we will be greatly afflicted until we get out of our life that which the devil took over. It's no different between what you have fought in your own generations as what we're going to fight outside of our own selves in this world. We will have to fight the same way because the wicked have owned it so long and they think they know better and they own it but they don't. They cannot take root, those that are wicked, in the earth. If you notice that in the Ezekiel river that comes from the throne of God what does it say that's at the head of the river? There are many trees on both sides of the river. They are mighty trees that bring stability to those who are just entering into that stream ankle deep helping them become strong as they go down stream. There will be many trees on each side that feed on the living water and help those who are just getting in and want to enter into the eternal church. Those that enter into the eternal church, the Ezekiel river, are the heroes of faith. Not many have

been able to do that. But those who give up everything and totally sanctify themselves and set themselves apart for the work of the living God to put the enemy under our feet and the feet of our Savior and Lord are the heroes of faith. And we are only the latter part of those heroes that have not been mentioned but when we get to heaven those who overcome will be in that as well. In the Old Testament they only could prophesy an eternal work. We literally are producing through our Lord, because we've been sanctified and set apart. Our conscience has been freed to be bold and to walk in righteousness and not in good favor with man; but if we do what God says we will walk in favor of man down the road. Verse 33, *Partly, whilst ye were made a gazing stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. It's like planting a field. You don't harvest it the same day you plant the seed. You have to wait until it's full and complete. And that's what we have to do because we know that God plants seeds and it grows and then there is a harvest. We have to know when that time is, so we wait patiently for the promise that is to come. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.* Perdition is what we have been fighting. A conscience in bondage has perdition written all over it. So we must hang on to those who believe that the soul can and will be saved. How many believe that when you understand Hebrews you will

become stronger? God is building His house with great strength and the rod of righteousness will begin to destroy those that want to teach and preach evolution and homosexuality and all the other error that speaks against the Creator and against honoring Him, They try to destroy you through a conscience that has not yet been set free from the works of man. Therefore you are judged by man, by his works, but if you do not do the works of man they cannot judge you anymore and you're free.

Heroes of God

I'm excited to go into Hebrews chapter 11! There are qualifications to enter into this realm and as we enter into this chapter we'll see some of the qualifications and the attributes of people that were there and some that aren't there. Let's just pray. Father we rejoice in Your salvation. I thank You most of all that You are God. That You don't change. That You stay the same. And that You introduce new things. New tools to accomplish Your will. You said in the scriptures that You have a storehouse of tools and You take out new tools for each generation, for them to advance and to equip themselves for the job of their generation. And Lord I thank You that You are doing that to this generation now. In Your name we pray Lord. Amen.

The first verse is a hard one to understand, but at the same time it's not hard. Verse 1, *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* So we have on one side substance, which is the promise. And on the other side is where we're at today. We are wanting to enter into the promise of this generation and what it is that this generation is required to do to be part of advancing what God is doing. Along the way there is the spoken word to advance us and equip us. We're in the process of

getting new eyes; seeing new things that no generation has seen before. Maybe some have seen it, but not to the degree we will see it because we're going to be a generation that is equipped like no other generation before. That's the only way you can look at it. You can't look at it as that we are better than any generation before. No, we have just been equipped with more than any generation that has ever been before. That's the way it is. That doesn't mean that we are better than the ones in the Old Testament. In fact, with what they had they did a fantastic job. I'm amazed at what they were able to accomplish and how they were able to see things. It's because they dedicated their whole lives to be separate from the wickedness of the world and even the wickedness of the church. And so, we're entering into a realm where God is pouring out His Spirit and for us to have a clear conscience is to walk in peace with God. Jesus is the peace maker. And He will make peace with you and God but not necessarily of the world. So He's the peacemaker of your conscience, you're heart, your inner being, to bring you into peace with God. You have to come to peace with God in the things that aren't exactly fair. The way God made the creation isn't fair. There are four things that you have to come to peace with God. These four things they took in the booth when they had the feast of booths; for a week they would move out of their house and live in a little booth. They would live in that and make peace with God. And those four things are the physical things of your make up. And you may have two or three, but you can't have all four. You're either ugly or good looking. And you're either fat or you're not. And so those four things are different to mankind. But everything else is the same. And so you have to make peace with God if you're not what you would like to be. You're not a number 10, so you have to make peace with God. It's not fair that some people are a number 10. If you can get past that part then you can

make peace with God because everything else is the same. And it's really important for you to know that going into the heroes of God. And every one of them has their problems. I was taught when I was young that if you are poor you are more apt to get into heaven than those that are rich. The Bible even says how can a rich man enter into the kingdom of God? They can't except that all things are possible with God. The bottom line is I see those who are very poor envious of the rich. Just because you're poor doesn't mean that you don't have any issues with those who are wealthy. That's a huge issue today. They want the wealth of other people but they don't want to pay the price or walk in the discipline to acquire it.

The other thing we have to understand is that all energy obeys God. That energy in the Bible is called the Spirit of God. It would be just as good to say the energy of God's creation all obeys God. It would be the same as saying the Spirit of the Lord, and in saying that and that the mountains are energy and Jesus said you can speak to that mountain and if you believe without doubting and say, Mountain throw yourself into the sea it should obey you. That makes sense to me because everything is energy and all the energy obeys God. If God puts a degree of authority in you, the energy knows it is to obey, and it will do it. It says in the seven churches in the book of Revelation that if you overcome, He's going to put white clothes on you, and He'll introduce you to the angels. Why would He introduce you to the angels? Because they are going to obey you and help you. They are ministering spirits that are going to help you accomplish what needs to be done as God gives us greater authority. How He does it I don't know, but all of creation knows because everything obeys God. And so when God gives you a word, all of the energy has in its mechanism, in its DNA, the understanding of where you are at in authority and how much they are to obey you. And so according to your faith, the energy of the

earth understands where you're at and it obeys you according to the authority that God the Father and His Son gives you to accomplish His work. They will help you accomplish your destiny through what God has given you. And when you begin to see that and understand that then your faith can increase. You don't have to know all the aspects of what it is but when God says, "Take it," you take it believing that it's going to happen but you have no idea how. You don't need to know because the energy of this creation is going to help you. You'll get it done and it will come out of things that you can't see. And that's what it says here. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Now, if I would build a house, I would build a house with the things that I see. I could go over on a piece of ground and say, "House, come forth." And if God had given me the power to do that it would be. There's only one problem and that is, God said quit being a worm and work. I've given you these things now build it. You're not going to just be holy bums. You have to work. So those kind of things are out because He wants you to work. There are things that He wants you to do. And so to build a house we cut down trees and cut lumber and all of the things involved in it. There are a lot of processes and when it's all put together you have a nice home that you can live in and enjoy. But they are all things that we see. The things that God gives us are things you can't see. It's like a kernel of corn. If I would give every one of you a kernel of corn and say, put it in the ground and it will produce something for you. Our hope is that ear of corn, that it will be a nice ear of corn. And so instead of having one seed we may have 800 seeds. And after that if we would plant the 800 kernels we would have many more seeds. And so hope is the evidence of things not seen. And that's our hope in God. We know that His energy is

laboring to bring it about. That kernel of corn goes in the ground with the word of God that picks and chooses the substance it needs. It chooses and picks what it needs because the word of God said this is what you need. So it gathers that up and makes the thing that you can't see. How can a kernel of corn go in the ground and come out with 800 kernels when it's just soil and water? Well that's all the energies that are in the ground. And that's the way it is with God. You can't see it, you don't know how it does it, but it's going to happen because God said it is. He's going to have a people who are a certain way and it's going to happen. It's just a matter of who it is that has the faith to activate that word of God that has come down on the earth to rest upon someone to have it fulfilled. When I began to realize that years ago, I said, Lord, put it on me! I wanted to accomplish the will of God, what He wanted done and I saw so few people doing it. So if you could grasp that, then you've come along way. It takes a heart of gold, because gold is the highest level of authority that you can walk in, and gold represents the Father. You can't go to a higher source. Jesus said, My Father is greater than I. Jesus is very great but the Father is even greater because Jesus came out from the Father. God has labored over us in such a way that we are becoming a heart of gold to Him. A heart of gold is one that labors for eternal values. And so to show that you appreciate and you are thankful for labor in the physical here is a representation of the spiritual things that are happening because Jesus said, if you've done it to one of the least of these my brethren. Not muslims. Brethren. There's a whole lot of difference. And so we help those that want the Lord. If you don't want the Lord, get out of my sight. I want to help those who are pressing in to God and want to walk in the supernatural, in the joy of seeing God create something because of their faith.

So verse 2 then, *For by it the elders obtained a good report*. Now, who are the elders? The previous generations, in this case, that were the heroes in the eternal church. Verse 3, *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God*. That just kind of sets the foundation for what I said about the energies that obey God. Because the word of God, the command of God sets in order the energies to accomplish what needs to be done. ...*So that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear*. They are new things. The things that God has called us to do you can't go out and find them and put them together and make it work. It has to come from the word of God putting together like a kernel of corn in the ground. You could dig all around in the ground where that kernel was put in and you won't find any corn that is going to come through the roots and come up. You can eat it and it won't taste good. It will just be dirt. But if you put that in the ground and that word of God works and brings forth a roasting ear, man! That is good! We have to get all of that in us so that we can have faith. We understand how it works. If you have the understanding then you can walk in the knowledge of it. This is a perfect example of that. With the word of understanding, you understand how the word of God works then you can have faith in it even though you can't see it and you won't know exactly what it's like until it comes forth. So they were not made of things which appear on a daily basis. So that means that when God gives you a word, it's just different than anybody else. And that's why I don't try to tell you what to do. Because I don't know the word of God that's in you. It may be different than what mine is because Paul says that the body has many parts and each part has a different commissioning. If the big toe was like the heart, can you imagine that big toe thumping all the time? And so we can't tell each other how to walk. I've been thinking a lot about Micah 4:4. It says

everybody is going to sit under their fig tree and under the vine and you won't have to tell them to know God because they will all know Him. You don't prosper sitting under the fig tree unless it's the Sabbath rest. It gives us just a peek through a crack of what the thousand year reign is going to be like. Everybody is going to sit under the fig tree and the vine. I don't know whether there will be weeds to pull or not, but whatever it is, God is going to bless those that serve Him in that thousand years and they are going to enjoy the creation as God intended. That is to let the earth labor and you just minister to the earth in that you are covering it and protecting it from the devil. The earth wants to produce but it's in agony of producing to the wicked. The wicked just rape the soil and everything. Almost every piece of ground I have purchased I've wept over because it was so dead. But we should have life in everything of creation including the soil.

Verse 4, *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.* Abel let his sheep out to the pasture that God created and the earth helped Abel raise sheep. God commanded the grass to provide and in that grass was bones. Have you ever seen bones in grass? No. Well did you ever see muscles in grass? No, all you see is grass. But because the word of God is in there when the sheep eat that grass, they chew it up and the intestines and everything inside picks and chooses what it needs for their job. Those jobs build bones, muscles, flesh, fat, and all of the parts of the body. So Cain labored and said, Look what I did Lord. And God wasn't pleased with Cain because he brought his work. God wants to be recognized as the Creator. Just thank Him for what He's doing. Understand that when you have a new eye come on you, you will see something happening in a new way and it came from God. Be thankful unto Him for all the things that you hoped for that you

are seeing happening in your life but you don't know how it came. If it came from your labor it's probably no good. Verse 5, *By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.* He pleased God. That's a heart of gold. One that just wants to please God. And that's all we have to do. If we understand the word of God and the labor it will bring it forth, we need just to please God. For lazy people that's hard to understand because "I've been waiting for years." No, you have to seek God and want Him and when you want Him, He sees that you want Him and He says, Look, I can use that person down there. And He'll do everything He can to help bring that about. But you have to seek Him and want Him in such a way that you are willing to let everything go just to get Him. Jesus said the kingdom of God is like a pearl. And what do you do? You sell everything you have and purchase that pearl. That's the way the kingdom of God is, and when you do that it doesn't always mean that you have to sell and get rid of everything you have. It means that those things are less valuable to you than the kingdom of God and eternity. So Enoch was translated because he had so much life in him. We don't know what the reason was but God had a reason.

So then in verse 6, which is a verse that is used very often, *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.* You have to realize that all energy obeys God. And if God commissions energy to do something in your life or to accomplish something through your life then it's not hard to believe it because the energy is working. You just need to be obedient and faithful to God and stay in tune with Him so that the energy continues and is not hindered or stopped because of your unbelief.

Verse 7, *By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, They had never seen rain. They had never seen a storm. They had never seen a flood. ...Moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; If God did that then to take the earth back He's going to say, you worms, get up and I'll give you the power, the tools, the energy you need to accomplish what I've set out to do. So let's get up and do it instead of being fearful and worrying how it's all going to happen. Seek God and His light, which is a protection. So Noah prepared an ark to the saving of his house. And God didn't do it in a year. He didn't do it in six months. There are some people who if it doesn't happen in three days they go on and they are done with God. But Noah went a hundred years. That's the heart of gold. Go on a hundred years to accomplish the will of God with people laughing and cursing at you and mocking you. It didn't matter. He had the fear of God in him. He moved with fear preparing an ark. By the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Abraham wasn't the first man who walked in righteousness. Noah did. It was given to him. He was the heir. He didn't make righteousness, he was given righteousness. And righteousness has to do with power and authority once again back on the earth. Even before Christ there was righteousness, or authority, that God gave individuals and leaders that they could accomplish the word of God in them. You can't accomplish the word of God in you without righteousness, because the rod of righteousness destroys the enemy. And so that's why I say I'm not called to be good. I'm called to be righteous. To be good is to be nice to you when you are like the devil, or when you're not walking in a correct manor. I don't have to be nice to you. What I need to do is walk in authority to destroy that which is hindering you and call you out so that you will walk in the ways of God. That's the way all of us are to be. That's what God is beginning to stir in*

the hearts now. And because there is a level of the heart of gold in you that will increase and grow as the righteousness and as the will to accomplish the word of God becomes greater and greater in you. It won't happen all at once but it will grow like a tree. And the fruit of growing that is fellowship with God because that is your nourishment.

Verse 8, *By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.* He didn't know where he was going to go. God said, Abraham, get out of here and I'll show you where you need to go. So Abraham went and step by step God kept showing him. As he pursued God in obedience it was revealed to him step by step just exactly what I'm talking about right here. New words because you're obeying. God says, I'm not giving you the whole world to start with. No, I'm just saying that if you will be obedient then this is my goal to bring you over to here. But if you stop here, these are all gone. And that is gone too because it's everlasting. As long as you stay faithful and obedient and do what I want then it's everlasting but if you stop it's gone. But that isn't the way it is with eternal. Eternal is once you have accomplished then I'm going to change your whole being and burn you totally up so that there are no earthly things left in you to make you fall. I'm going to burn you up until there is nothing left, except gold and silver and precious stone.

Verse 9, *By faith he sojourned in the land of promise.* We are on a journey of promise. A promise of many souls, millions of souls being saved. ...*As in a strange country, dwelling tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise.* What!? Isaac and Jacob had the same promises as Abraham in them? That's

because they walked in the same faith as Abraham did. If you walk in the same faith as anyone who has a promise and is on their way to receiving the promises, you will receive it too. You, like Isaac and Jacob, are heirs with the same promises that were given to Abraham. And you can receive that promise if you're fat, if you're ugly, if you're pretty or if you are skinny. That should be great comfort to you. Verse 10-13, *For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.* So we have a stalk of corn. Here's the ground and here is the corn. If someone would cut the stalk off what would happen? You would never see the ear of corn. But they believed that this kernel of corn would grow all the way up and have tassels and leaves and out of the leaves would come an ear of corn. But they never saw the ear of corn. Verse 14-15, *For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.* What does that mean? That means that if they weren't looking for this promise and had their mind on where they were before they might have gone back to where they were at before and never get that promise. But they didn't. They had their eyes set on the promise and that alone. They let go of all the other things that they had hoped in their life to accomplish. And so they ended up acquiring the promise. Does that speak to you? Have you ever seen anyone

that turned around and went back? Most do. Very few don't. But the heroes are those that keep their eyes set on the promise. It says that you are to follow the people who inherit the promises. If you find someone that inherits promises as you go along, we're going to get to the real promise eventually down the road. Verse 16-17, *But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.* Verse 10 says he was looking for a city which had foundations whose builder and maker was God. Then you get over to 16, they didn't get there but God is preparing for them a city and when it's fully grown and the ear of corn comes out then it's a city. Until then it's not a city. It's just a foundation. The seed and the coming out of the ground is the foundation of what you're going to receive but it's not there yet. You have to keep going until it's complete and at the completion of it you receive the reward. Verse 17, *By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.* Where have we ever heard that before? When God sent His Son Jesus, He called Jesus His only begotten Son. He created many angels but the only one that was born in the flesh was Jesus who came from the seed of God. And the beginning of the seed of Abraham was Isaac. And the only one that God said came from heaven was Isaac. The rest of them were from the creation. I don't know if you can grasp what that means. But David said, I knew when I was in my mother's womb from the time I was conceived that I was of the Lord. And that came from God. It was not His seed, but it was ordained of God to be something. The word of God was in David from birth. Verse 18-19, *Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead;*

from whence also he received him in a figure. It could have very well been that God chose president Trump from the time that he was in his mother's womb that He was going to train him to do what he needs to have done. Those are the heroes of faith. Verse 20, *By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.* I often thought Isaac would have been better off if he would have just kept his mouth shut when he blessed Esau. But he did bless him and he was extremely blessed. He met Jacob who was limping and in sheep clothes. Can you imagine what that would be like? He smelled like an old sheep. He didn't have fancy clothes. Probably had a sheepskin on him and walking along and here comes Esau riding on fancy horses, in beautiful clothes. He was a hunk. And everybody followed him because he was blessed. But Esau was blessed with the physical blessings and Jacob was blessed with the eternal blessings. They both walked in the blessings of God. I remember one time the Lord speaking and saying, be careful who you bless because they will be blessed. If you bless them they will be blessed. Their blessing may have to go into the physical things and the physical things can hinder them from ever being saved because they are satisfied. Their flesh is satisfied. But if you are blessed with the eternal things then your joy is in the eternal things and not in the physical.

Verse 22-23, *By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.* *By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.* Proper has to do with being anointed. This is interesting. The parents weren't afraid of the king because Moses was anointed of God. Verse 24-25, *By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the*

son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. That's the anointed child. When you're anointed to do a task, you have more joy in doing what you've been called to do than to do something other than that to please your flesh. Verse 26-29, *Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.* The Egyptians thought because the Children of Israel went through on dry ground they could do it too, but they found out they weren't the children of Israel and the spoken word didn't apply to them like it did to the children of Israel. It was the spoken word. God said to Moses, raise your rod, (which was the rod of authority that was given to him) and speak and watch what the commandments were for the waters to separate and to dry up the ground for the people to cross over all in one night. Verse 30, *By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.* That is also a sign. They went seven days and after the seventh day everything crumbled down and we're going to have a new earth. A new beginning. Verse 31, *By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.* It's amazing what faith can do. It will bring you out of the enemies camp and put you into the inheritance of Jesus. Wow! That's the word of God. That's what the spoken word can do if you believe and are thankful for what God has done. Verse 32-33, *And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who*

through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Who is missing in those two verses? Where is Solomon at? He wasn't a hero. He didn't destroy the enemy. He took lands, he took over what David did. You can be like Solomon that had the seven eyes of God but didn't conquer his place in the tree, in the plant, of God's creation. You can have the seven eyes of God. Solomon did. And he got great wealth but he angered God, even put his own people to task of laboring for him, for his wealth and his pleasures, and didn't care about the people. His gold was in his heart but it was of the flesh. It's because he owned everything. He owned the people, he owned the possessions. You can't judge somebody else because what you are required to do may be different than what they are required to do. To get where you need to be you have to have specific things done, and someone else may have to do something totally different to acquire and to accomplish. If you're not careful you can become self-righteous in thinking that person doesn't know what he's doing because he's not doing what I'm doing. You've heard me say many times I don't want a bunch of Larry Troyers running around. One is enough. We have a lot of other things that need to be besides me to accomplish the will of God. And that's why I'm very slow to say what you need to really do, but I can tell you when you are off of the path and that's what I do. I don't tell you what you're supposed to do. I just say you're off the path. Get back on. Get in line with God and get in a place where God can speak to you once again so that you can continue on the journey to the promise. And you may have many journeys because on this journey of the promise each step along the way is a promise. I've obtained some of the promises from God, but not all of them have been fulfilled yet. Verse 33 again, *Who through faith subdued kingdoms.* We are subduing kingdoms to take back the kingdoms of this world to

give them to the Lord Jesus so that He can return them to the Father so He can be all in all. *...wrought righteousness*, We bring forth righteousness by obeying Him and righteousness is given to us so that righteousness can be the authority that will take back the earth. *...obtained promises*, They obtained the promises. They kept going until they obtained the promises that they were given even though none of them in the Old Testament received the full promise. They died without the full promises, knowing that it was coming but in their day it wasn't there. That's the uniqueness about what we are. We have the possibility of living through the thousand year reign and everything being completed and seeing everything done in our day and receiving all the promises without dying. Verse 34, *Quenched the violence of fire (witchcraft), escaped the edge of the sword*. What is that? The words of the flesh. They escaped the words of the flesh. What does it say in Hebrews 4:12? That the double edged sword divides flesh and spirit. That's what the edge of the sword does. And those that were heroes escaped the desires of the flesh. *Out of weakness were made strong*. When I realized I couldn't do it anymore, then out of my weakness I sought God and became strong. It didn't happen overnight, or in a year or two, but I began the journey of promise, and I'm still on it. *Waxed valiant in fight*. Waxed means I became strong and absolute in what I was fighting. *Turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection*: They had the idea that if they suffered more they would have a greater inheritance for God. *And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:)*

they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. And so at any time if the stalk is cut off before the ear comes out, then the promise would be broken. When the ear comes out the promise is complete. We are coming to the completion. In fact, in a very short time when the thousand year reign takes place, those of the heroes will be standing on the side of the river speaking to those that are in the river saying, how long is it? These have seen but the ones that are in the eternal river that are alive are the ones who know what is going on. Outside of that the rest don't know. That's why so few people really know what is going on. But I can speak by faith what God gives me knowing that it's going to happen. God is going to rule again and the wicked are going to be silenced. They may do wickedly but they won't have any power. They will just be a mouse in the corner. So the great cloud of witnesses are also part of your arena that you are operating in. Only there is a little more involved in it than that. Go! Get it done! Make us complete! Those are the stars that will shine forevermore.

Made Perfect

We've gone through all but two chapters in Hebrews and we've received the foundation for becoming heroes of the faith. And we will be the first fruit of those that walk in the thousand year reign. The disciples were the first fruits of the new covenant but we will be the first fruits of living in the absence of satan and sin. What a deal! That excites me and I'm ready for that. So we'll go on with Hebrews 12. Lord, we rejoice in Your salvation. Thank You for the power of Your word. That Your word can bring forth substance of things not seen, of things not even understood until we receive them and are taught by the Holy Spirit. Thank You for putting me in this day. Thank You for putting me in this hour to acknowledge the Creator and watch Him work in the United States and across the world. My hope and trust is in You. In Your name we pray, Amen.

In the last verse of Hebrews 11 it says, *God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.* Then we begin with chapter 12:1, *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses.* Plural. Witnesses. The great cloud of witnesses are those who were in the eternal church, that were in the river of life that flows from the throne

of God. Death could not hold them therefore they are with God in heaven and they will come back with the Lord. It isn't those who were raptured out of the earth, it's those who were from the eternal church who are passed on but that were like Moses where the angel rebuked the devil and said, let him alone because he's God's, and God took him to heaven. Even though Moses died on the earth he didn't have to go to a waiting place because he overcame all of that. Those are the cloud of witnesses that we see here that are cheering us on so that they can become perfect because of the labor that God is doing on the earth through the ones that He's chosen to labor through. So, *let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.* With patience run the race. We need patience because we understand that all things over the course of time grow into the next step. It's not just "bang" and there we go. Everything grows like a tree. And so that's why we have to run with patience the race that is set before us. And also it says in other places, the joy that is set before us. The joy of running the race of the will of God, being in that river with linen clothes, that is, sanctified, set apart from the world and non-polluted. Verse 2, *Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;* Jesus is the author of faith, and He's the one that will finish the faith and hope that we have in Him. *Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.* Why was it joyful for Him to endure the cross? Because in the spiritual realm He will save the human race that God asked Him to create. What is the word of God? In the spiritual realm it's sweetness, but in the physical it's bitter. So Jesus experienced the sweetness of the spirit but the bitterness of the flesh. That's why He *endured* the cross. It doesn't say that He had joy on the cross but He endured the cross. And what we are called to do right now is endure the duration it takes to transfer us to that thousand years

and to remove death and hell off of the earth. That is an enduring and not the part of the joy. But the joy is to live in the spirit with the Creator and see Him work and do His will through His people. *Despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* When someone tries to shame me, I can say, but I know who I am. And that's all we need to know. I know who I am in Christ Jesus. Despising the shame, here He is the king, He created everything, and all the things that Jesus went through. He came on this earth to save us but we were trying to shame Him. And then, after it was all done, he sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Satan came and tried to shame Him too. He told Jesus, If You would just bow down to me I'll make it easy for You and we'll have the whole world. If I have You and You have me we should really be able to take over this world. But Jesus had a bigger picture and so do we. We have a bigger picture than anything satan can give us. Verse 3, *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, let ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.* You haven't done what Jesus did, and that is, you haven't shed your blood because of sin. Verse 5, *And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:* When God disciplines you, you have to counter it with, Can I trust God to do the right thing? Because the devil is going to tell you, He doesn't love you anymore. But you counter that statement with, "Can I trust God to do the right thing?" That has carried me so often because yes, I can. I know that in everything that God does, His motive is to increase me because He commissioned me to be an increasing person. And if my motivations, if my actions, if my labor is not to increase, no matter who it is or where it's at, then there's no life in it. I'm not here to increase myself. I'm here to increase

Jesus Christ and His kingdom and the brethren that are laboring to get there also. It doesn't say for us to increase the world and the people of it, but it's here to increase because Jesus said if you've done it to the least of these my brethren you've done it unto Me. Jesus did not try to increase those who didn't want Him. In the last chapter of Revelation, when He says that when you enter into the thousand year and when it's all done, the curse will be gone. There will be no more curse. We won't walk in any curse. We won't experience any level of the curse. It will be only increase, multiplication and expanding, full of life and joy. The curse brings the weeping and the sorrow and all the things that are involved. And I know there are a lot of people that would say, God doesn't curse anybody. But He curses everybody who doesn't follow His will. What is Deuteronomy 28 all about? You'll be blessed if you do this, cursed if you do this. That's the blessing and the curses that are on the earth, still here, but Jesus has come that you might have power to remove the curse of unproductivity. And it's up to you whether you want to do that. I enjoy prospering physically and spiritually. John said in the book of 3rd John, I want you to prosper spiritually and physically.

Verse 6, *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.* If you don't let Him give you a spanking once in a while you're not a legitimate son. You're illegitimate because an illegitimate does not allow your father to speak to you. Verse 7, *If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.* A bastard is an illegitimate son. And if you have that weapon in you that says I know that the hand of the Lord is here to increase me. If God could just touch me then I would

have life because there is no death in Him. Just touch me Lord. Just touch me, even just a little. So we have to become legitimate sons by the Father. A father is one who knows through experience and through knowledge that you have not yet received and he wants to teach you that. If you can do that then you know that He is causing you to change. The people who are true fathers and that discipline children, or those who have not yet known what they know, if you listen you will soon learn that you increase if you pay attention and obey.

Verse 9, *Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?* Now, isn't it interesting that chapter 12, after the heroes, and all the steps of coming to that place of being a hero in chapter 11, then comes back and teaches on being rebuked and caused to change along with what it takes to become a hero through the discipline of God your Father. And if you don't do that you'll never be a hero, because that's what they went through to become heroes. Verse 10, *For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit.* That is, your earthly father tried to correct you so your parents weren't so embarrassed of you. My dad always used to say, "before you get out of the car, you remember who you are. You're my boy and I want you to be decent." But it's for our profit that God directs us. *But he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.* And we could put in there, of the heroes of faith. If you want to be a partaker of holiness then you will be a hero of faith, a saint that walked in the presence of God. Verse 11, *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous.* And I can say that the cross that was before Jesus was not something that seemed joyous for Him. In fact He cried out with tears with such pressure that He

actually sweated blood to not have to go on the cross if there was another way. *Now, no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.* Now why would righteousness have to be peaceable? Because of your fleshly condition. If you're not peaceable in righteousness then you stir up your fleshly anger and release it in that righteousness and it becomes polluted so therefore you have to stay in peace, not being affected by satan and his kingdom or to walk in bitterness because we'll see here it says that bitterness defiles many. So therefore we cannot do anything in righteousness but walk in peace and quietness so that it will be the spirit and then the spirit will have the full power and authority according to what the commissioning of that word was to have done in righteousness. Otherwise God can't move like He wants to. He can't use you because of your own righteousness. So, *the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.* What are you exercised by? By the peaceful righteousness and the rebuking when you're not. Verse 12, *Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;* So if you have feeble knees and your hands hang down it's because someone shamed you and you don't know how to get out of it, or you've been rebuked and you don't realize or you can't accept the fact that God is disciplining you so that you can come into that place of heroes. Why do you have coaches in sports? It's to rebuke the things that hinder you and encourage you to make it to the mark. And those that listen to the coaches can see that they have experience. They can see what you're doing wrong. It's the way that we do things that releases the results in righteousness. And so peacefully we exercise the things that God has taught us so we learn how to do it. So therefore when we have hands hanging down and we have weak knees it's because we haven't accepted

the discipline and we don't believe God is big enough to help us come out of where we're at. And once we get over that then we'll enjoy the thing that's set before us, even though it's hard and even though we have to endure certain things. We have to endure to the end. We have to be faithful to the end. And the only way you can do that is to remove the world and be disciplined by God and not to be set in a religious fashion and enter back into perdition. Verse 13, *And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.* Let the healing take place. Verse 14, *Follow peace with all men, and holiness.* So all the people that you come in contact with, you don't become angry but walk in peace and righteousness and holiness. *Without which no man shall see the Lord.* If you don't walk in righteousness the way it was described you're not helping the Lord, because you're no different than the world. That doesn't mean you're to compromise, it means that if that's the way they want to walk, then let them walk that way. That's why you've heard me say, do it if you want, don't if you don't. It's your choice, not mine. If you want to choose to live in the land of the curse that's up to you, but I'm not going to. Verse 15, *Looking diligently,* or paying attention to what is happening in your life, or what's opposing you, or what your opposition is because you've gone to a different level to push that opposition out of your life. You have to be diligent in it. *...lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.* Let's look at this. We can fail the grace of God by being angry, flying off the handle, doing all kinds of things in righteousness other than peace. If that takes place we fall out from under the covering of grace. A lot of people think that can't happen, but it can and does. And so if we don't do according to holiness then we can fall out of the grace of God and then it's possible that a root of bitterness springing up trouble you,

and when bitterness troubles you, what happens to the spirit of the Lord? It first becomes silent and then if the bitterness continues that bitterness drives out the word of God in your life. And the bitterness takes over. And when the bitterness takes over, many are defiled. In other words, you then with your bitterness, put your bitterness on others and they are deceived as well. Bitterness hinders you from the light and the light is what keeps you on the path. When that light goes out because of bitterness then it defiles all those that are around. Verse 16, *Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.* Now, why does he put Esau in with the bitterness? Esau somehow became bitter in God calling him to be sanctified and set apart from the world. He loved the world and in fact his father favored him because he was a hunk in the world. But somehow bitterness that had to do between him and his brother rose up in him and he considered the physical at that time more important by selling his birthright for a bowl of soup. And then he got up and walked out, leaving and thinking that nothing happened except he finagled his brother out of some soup that he liked. But that's not what happened. Let's read verse 16 again. *Lest there be any fornicator. A fornicator is one that rejected God for the world. Or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how 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.* God didn't repent. You're not getting it. And God hated Esau and his descendants and fought them. To fight Esau's descendants was to fight the flesh. There was a release that took place in the early stages of Esau that covered the earth that we still fight today. Even as nimrod released satanic activity on the earth, Esau also released fleshly desires, spiritual forces, that we fight today because Esau rejected what God had to give

him and had his right to be. The first battle that the children of Israel had was fighting Esau's descendants when they were on the way to the promised land. Verse 18, *For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:* The raw word of God, or the unfiltered word of God, frightens men of the flesh. But those that have gone through the process of being sons and disciplined count it as joy rather than frightening. Those that are frightened are frightened because they will not be in charge if they obey. And they're not used to giving up their rights and so we have today two worlds. Worlds that want a covering of our constitution that is based on biblical foundations versus I will do what I want to do. For example, women have rights to destroy the babies within them. That's the other world. That I can do what I want and it shouldn't affect anybody else because as long as that baby is not in the community it's still my choice. That's the way they think. And that's an Esau spirit that has that attitude. Verse 20, *(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 through with a dart:* Unless we really want God we will not be able to endure the hardship and the punishment that a Father does to those that are disobedient. We will not be able to endure it if we don't want God and instead we want our own choices. But for those who are thankful that you are where you are at with the Creator and want to be drawn closer to Him, those are the ones that can endure the process. So they could not endure that which was commanded and they were fearful. Verse 21, *And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)* Even Moses was fearful when the Father came on the mountain and saw all the lightning

and thunder and heard the voices. And God did that purposely, to put the fear, because those people didn't know who He was. He wanted them to know who he was. So He came with lightning and thunder and voices that they couldn't begin to endure themselves. They became fearful and said, we can't stand to have God speak to us anymore. They said, Moses why don't you get the word and then tell us. And God said okay, if that's the way you want it that's the way we'll do it. But God was intending from the beginning for every man to hear. But they couldn't endure the commands of God on their own. In this new covenant we can.

Verse 22, *But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.* What is new Jerusalem? Let's look at Revelation 21:1, *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.* Okay, John said he saw new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven prepared as a bride dressed for her husband. So new Jerusalem is the bride of Christ. It isn't a city made with hands but it is a people that are housed as a tent where Jesus and the Father live in them. And so as they approach mount Zion, which is kingship, the presence of Jesus and the Father have residue in them of kingship. And then of priesthood which is Jerusalem. And so there is a fellowship because Jerusalem was a place where God was going to remove their sin. They had sacrifices and then they had fellowship with God and that's what Jerusalem was; the sacrificing and the forgiveness and removing of sin for another year and fellowship with God and His people. But the new Jerusalem is after the cross so therefore the new Jerusalem is us as the temple that houses

Jesus Christ and His Father and guided by the Holy Spirit. That is new Jerusalem. That is what Abraham was looking for. It's just that we have a deposit of that which is to come. That is new Jerusalem. So we are new Jerusalem in the making. And we will birth that into the thousand year reign where all the enemy is silenced for a thousand years. That's who we are! We are walking where Abraham wanted to but we yet have not completed that whole transition to the end. But we will participate if we are in that river of Ezekiel 47 where the sin and the things that so easily beset us is set aside and God infills us with His presence and we do His will. And those that have died in that river will come down as a bride of Christ. And there is a difference between the bride and the church. Those that are in the church are brethren of Christ. But those that have entered into the river are the bride of Christ because they personally know. They're not the ones beside the river saying how long, how long. They are the ones in the river telling those that are on the side of the river how long. Then in verse 3 it says, *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.* That is new Jerusalem. Not the old one but the new one. He will literally be with them. Not just a presence or that the high priest would go in once a year to where God was and then come out.

Then in Revelation 3, looking in the spirit of knowledge, Verse 10, *Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, which is patience of righteousness, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.* Now we discussed that as well, didn't we?

How to not let someone take your crown. If you are a king then you know who you are. Verse 12, *Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God*, If you overcome you are a pillar in the temple of God, which is you. You're the tent. And what does a tent do? It protects from the world. It is a covering from the world. *And he shall go no more out*: Who isn't going to go out anymore? God. God's not going to go out of you anymore. *And I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem*. That seals it right there. New Jerusalem. *Which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name*. That's new Jerusalem. We are what Abraham was looking for. What an awesome honor of those that in the Old Testament were seeking a city not built by hands and Abraham was waiting to receive that and here we have it and we aren't even excited about it like they were. And here we are. We are the new Jerusalem. And we are a pillar, or a covering, or being developed into a cherub that protects the kingdom of God.

Let's go to 1 Peter 2:3, *If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious*. Have you tasted that the Lord is gracious because He still has given you grace in all the things where you've stumbled and messed up? That's being gracious to you. He's being kind to you. Verse 4, *To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men*, The Lord has been gracious to you because, *To whom coming, as unto a living stone*, and you are, because you are the temple of the living God, you are a stone because the stone is in you. *Disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious*. That stone is precious because it's the stone that destroys the four areas that satan wants to own of you. Verse 5, *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ*. That's also a description of new Jerusalem.

You're lively stones but it's a spiritual house. It's not a physical made by hands but it is a spiritual house that has been given by the word of God in the spiritual realm in which we are born into. We're a holy priesthood which is what new Jerusalem is, it's a place that worships God. To offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God. And what are those spiritual sacrifices? Enduring the hardships of this world to accomplish His will. That's the part that is spiritual sacrifices. Verse 6, *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.* They won't be confounded, meaning, they won't be confused. Verse 7, *Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner. And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.* Or you walk in the grace of God. So, because of that, *Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;* Which is exactly what after we got through with the heroes that it goes right into removing the things that weigh you down of sin which can easily take you off the path.

How many knew that there was so much in Hebrews 12? I didn't until we started going. But when you get the whole picture and then you keep going you see a progression of what to do next and how to do it and how to know that you're in the right place. So let's

go back to Hebrews 12, verse 23, *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect.* Now he's addressing again the general assembly and the church of the firstborn. The firstborn were like the disciples and those that received Jesus and they are written in heaven. *And to God the Judge of all and the spirits of just men made perfect.* God is the judge for those that are made perfect. So therefore when you are not yet perfect in an area and he wants it perfect He's going to bring judgment to that and you're going to endure it so that you can get to that place of receiving all of the things that He wants you to receive that you might be made perfect. And the spirits of just men made perfect are the ones that are in that river at some level. And if he just started working you over you may just be ankle deep or knee deep, or you may be up to the waist or up to your neck, but you're still not deep enough that you have to swim. And then when you're made perfect you walk on top of the water. You don't have to swim. Like Peter did with Jesus. Because Peter was rebuked by saying *O ye of little faith.* You don't have enough faith. If you had the faith the powers that were created in this world would lift you up. Verse 24, *And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.* He is our high priest and He's the mediator, the one that helps us understand the covenant to walk perfect in it. *And to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.* Abel sacrificed an animal that God made but here Jesus died because once and for all He defeated satan for us, the power of death, that we can now overcome death and death doesn't have to be in our genetics anymore. Our DNA is absent of death if we have the new covenant in us. Verse 25, *See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but*

now he hath promised, saying, *Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.* We're in that season. The heavens and the earth are being shaken. And when it's shaken that's when you can't depend on anything you depended on before because the spirits in the heavens and under the earth are shaken and it's different. But we've been taught and trained how to function amongst the shaking. Verse 27, *And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken.* Okay, what are the things that are shaken? The same things as things that can be burned. It's the same difference. *As of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.* There you go. So He's shaking the wicked so He's in the process of removing the wicked seeds and the weeds so that the only thing that's going to remain is those that want God. How long that's going to take and what that process looks like, I don't know. Verse 28, *Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:* I remember saying, Lord, how am I doing? And He said, you've stayed within the bounds of My grace. And I said, that's good but it doesn't sound like I'm doing very well yet. I've just stayed within the bounds of His grace. That humbled me. And I said, Lord I have to do better. If all you can tell me is that I've stayed within the grace that You can still work with me, that I'm obedient enough that we're making progress. That's what it means. Verse 29, *For our God is a consuming fire.* And when that consuming fire comes you can feel the heat, you're being blessed. Because He is burning up, He is shaking your life and shaking out of it that which fights against His kingdom. How does He shake it out? He shakes the things that are of the world and makes you so miserable that you finally say it isn't worth it. Now how gracious is God to do that? When you say it's not worth wanting the things of the world because it just hurts too much to be

shaken. Has anybody ever experienced that? God is a consuming fire. God raised the standard today. And if you're not where you need to be, get there. Because God is wanting to move on.

Bearing His Reproach

I like the way Chapter 13 starts out. Verse 1, *Let brotherly love continue.* There is an individual labor and fight that you go through but there is also a corporate labor and it doesn't do any good to be in the corporate if you haven't had that fight in your own individual life. Verse 2, *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.* The early church believed they would receive a better reward if they suffered. If you remember in chapter 11 it says some of the people refused mercy so that they would have a better reward because of their suffering. And yet the church in today's world teaches that Jesus suffered for us so that we don't have to. That is a doctrine that I never believed and I have pretty strong evidence that it is a false doctrine. And so here he is saying that we suffer adversity because we are still in our bodies. Verse 4-5, *Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* People who covet things and other people are not really ones you want to be around because they are either jealous or bitter. Verse

6, *So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.* When those who have life in them speak a truth and believe it and the hearer accepts what was said and believes it, the faith of the speaker will come on the hearer. It's just like the type of people that you're around. When someone believes something and you hear it enough you begin to believe it too. And that's what he's saying here. Now, as a pastor, if I have spoken the word of God to you over and over eventually you will become like that word because you see life in it in me and you want it and then that faith will come on you. That's why people who are full of hell trying to get people to be saved is an unhealthy thing. You need to take notes that when someone you know has life in them there is the possibility that they have something to give you in faith by their experience, whatever it is. If you hang around God, His faith and His power will come upon you too. Verse 8, *Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.* We understand that if God changed, two plus two would no longer be four. It might be five or six or ten, or who knows what. But since God doesn't change He has to work out a salvation, a way to counteract what the enemy has tried to stop you or block you from doing. When I went over to chore this morning one of the stoplights wasn't working and so they just put up temporary stop signs instead. That was all you had because nothing was working. Well, that isn't the way it is with God. Everything always works the same. You never have a sign up there saying, today two plus two doesn't work so just be careful as you go about today. No, everything that God has created always works because He doesn't change. And so we can count on when God says something, a promise, a way of Him doing things, it will always be that way.

Several places in the scripture God speaks to the children of Israel and says, you perish because you don't know My ways. You don't understand My character; who I am, how I operate, how I think, what it is I want done, and how I want it done. You don't have any idea. But if He is our Father then we should know His ways.

Verse 9, *Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.* Now what does that mean? Let me give you an example. Different denominations have different doctrines. One of them is once saved, always saved. Now that is a smooth nice doctrine. I can get saved and I can have a good time. Or I can be a catholic and be baptized into St. Peter and so when I die I should be ok. And if I'm not, the people who go by when I'm in the cemetery will pray for the dead that they will make it in to paradise. They keep praying for me and eventually I'll make it in to paradise so I'll be alright. Now that's a doctrine but it doesn't get you anywhere. Things like that that we believe or we do, we think are going to help, but they don't. It doesn't profit us anything. But what will profit us is that in our hearts we are established with grace. That is, we do what God has called us to do and He is teaching us in the process of becoming what He wants us to be. So instead of having doctrine that will get us there, we have to work with the Lord to know His ways. He doesn't change. Once we establish that we can use anything in the scripture here of His ways and apply it to what we are facing in our life. We can apply the Bible to any age and it never gets old because everything is the same for every generation, just different tools or things. That's all it is. And so we know that nothing changes. So we can use this Bible so that if it says God is going to do something and we see God begin to do it we

know that this all applies to what God is doing. We can see what God is doing. You don't have to wonder, you know. And so, those that occupy themselves in a certain place, we need to observe what doctrine they live by because everybody lives by a doctrine. Well, I believe this. Another person believes that. But if that believing doesn't get you anywhere then you need to reconsider what you believe. Verse 10, *We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.* There were some sacrifices that the priest didn't eat. Verse 11, *For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.* If it was a sin offering they burned it outside of the camp. They took the blood, brought it in, and sprinkled it on the mercy seat and on the people but the body was burned outside. So he said, verse 12, *Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.* If you know anything about Jerusalem, where He was sacrificed on the tree was on the hill of Golgotha outside of the Damascus gate, about two or three blocks. And what was the most striking thing about His death? He cried out in a loud voice, *My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?* And I don't know how much it was just for Him to express His feelings but the only time that Jesus felt that He was abandoned was on the cross when He died. And that's why when we die in our flesh God abandons us so that we have to deal on our own merits, and that is, our own will, as to how much we want to die. It is after that that God will look at our death and be able to work with us according to the willingness of our death. And in that process we say, *I don't know if I'm even saved.* I'm not sure if God even loves me anymore. Well that's because God abandons us when we go through the death process. He did it to His Son and He does it to us because He doesn't want to fellowship with sin. He's given us the power to destroy sin. So to the degree that you get set

free is the degree that you have died and allowed God's power to come on you, which is His word. What does the word then go to from there? The word is released in truth and the truth takes us to light and light releases brokenness because we see who we are and that brokenness brings life and that life gives us power over the darkness. So the word releases truth and the truth brings light and the brokenness comes to us because of that and then when that brokenness comes, God pours in life and in that life there is power. We have to go through these processes before we begin to see the word that was given to us begin to be created. All of this represents the sprouting of the seed before power starts to come. Those things have to happen before we're going to see any effect upon the earth. Truth has great power in it. It has great light in it. It has brokenness in it. You could take all of that and push it back in to the word, because it's all there. It's like a kernel of corn that sprouts. We get truth, we get light, we get brokenness, we get life, and then we get power. And the power would be the ear of corn. That's what we want. We want to walk in the power. But to get that power you have to go through all of those processes to advance.

Verse 13, *Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.* That takes place in the brokenness. That's going to the cross and dying to your flesh and to your sin. If I want to go into a deeper level of love I have to get rid of some of the experiences that I had to go through to get rid of the garbage that was in me. I think that is where we lose portions of our first love. The harshness of getting set free. And that harshness is bearing His reproach. Jesus wept bitterly before He went on the cross. But He dealt with it and said, Not My will but Yours be done. And then He got up and told the disciples, it's done. Let's go. They are ready

to come after Me. If we don't do that we won't have the love affair with God that needs to take place to be totally healed.

Verse 14, *For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.* We have a deposit of New Jerusalem in us. But the problem is that we still live in our physical bodies so we can only have a deposit of that as long as we are in our fleshly bodies. And so even though we have a portion of it we're looking for the full portion of New Jerusalem that is to come where there will be no more sin and no more pain and all the things that go with the process of being tested and proven to be faithful to live with Him forever. So we're still seeking a city because we don't have the full hope of it but we have a taste of it. If you have a taste of that and refuse it and leave it, the Bible says that there isn't anything more God can do. He's given you a taste of what is to come and if you walk away from it He can't do anything more for you. So who are some of those in the Scripture that were not able to bear the reproach of serving God? Well, Lot was one of them. Lot didn't. Cain didn't. He didn't have the fortitude to honor God in a right way and he got angry. And we have Moses, one of the greatest men who ever walked the face of the earth. He let reproach stir him to strike the rock when he was supposed to only speak to it. There is a part of me that is not happy. Every day there is a part of me that is not happy and that unhappiness is that I can't enjoy the created world the way God created it. I am limited to a very small portion of that enjoyment of God's creation because it's so polluted. That's a part that is upsetting to me. Every day. I don't go to certain places or do certain things anymore. Why? Because there is so much pollution in it that it would hinder my walk with the Lord. That's upsetting to me. We should be able to enjoy the pleasures because God said He made this for His pleasure and we're His children. We

should be able to have pleasures on this earth and enjoy it. But we can't because of satan's control over people and flesh. And so we have to look for a city that is coming that is absent of sin and destruction. So the thing that we can do, in verse 15, *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.* In chapter 11 Paul talks about the people that didn't want to be removed from the pain and they thought that they would get a better place in eternity for the things that they suffered because they were to suffer along with Jesus. Their hope was to get a better reward because they were bearing His reproach. That's what they thought. We are taught with a different doctrine today, that Jesus died for us so we don't have to go through it. But that wasn't their idea of it. We were to identify with Christ and the reproach of what this world is. And so those that don't feel that reproach haven't died to their flesh and they enjoy this world. That's exactly what they do. They enjoy this world. Because of that they have a doctrine that doesn't profit them.

Isn't this interesting that this 13th chapter, the last chapter, after going through the whole process of learning to know how to enter into God's presence and how to be one that is a hero in the eternal church; he then comes back with the need to understand our need to embrace the reproach that Jesus did as we go in life. So therefore those who are born again, those that have met all of this criteria (truth, light, brokenness, life), when you get over to this place you feel the resistance of this world coming down on you, trying to crush and destroy you. It's pressure of those who have not died to this world. The truth hasn't brought them into the light and brokenness. They walk around not feeling anything wrong. And they can't because they're not receiving the reproach

of this world but they are fully enjoying it and they are deceived in the theology that everything is ok. If you never die to the world, and just enjoy the world and enjoy life and just have a nice little puppy dog Jesus that is so sweet to you then the devil will never come after you. But that's not what the Bible says. And I'm not saying this for us to enjoy the suffering but we do have to come to grips that there is pain in this world. When the reproach comes on you that others don't feel, don't become bitter and angry because of it. That's just part of who we are in this age in which we are living until the sin and all of the wickedness is removed from this earth by melting the elements so that the powers of this age are dissolved. Verse 15, *By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.* So that bitterness and all the things that would like to set in would lead us to begin to take over. When you become bitter you begin to take over and that's when you begin to defile. So we can't take over. God will bring justice upon the earth. Through the ages those who have died to themselves and taken on the character of Christ and the character of what God wants them to be before Christ bore the reproach. To this day much of Israel has refused to bear the reproach anymore because from Abraham on they have been persecuted and tormented and they're tired of the reproach. They don't want any part of it. That's what we're dealing with in the children of Israel. They became bitter in carrying the light of the gospel. And in one sense you can't blame them. But on the other side there is such a tremendous blessing that they are missing and it makes me very sad. We talk about different people who are leaders in this nation and it comes up that they are Jews. It's so sad. They are to be the ones who carry the gospel but they don't want the reproach. They just want the joy of life. And so they push away the reproach and they have a different doctrine

that doesn't profit them.

In John 1 it tells us that the word was made flesh, the life was the light of men, and He came full of grace and truth. And I think this is the way it works in my life, the way we talked about it earlier (truth, light, brokenness, life). All those things have to take place before power can come. But in John 1:4, *In him was life; and the life was the light of men*. We can't just have Jesus in our mind, but we have to have Him in our heart so that the light shines so that brokenness can come. A lot of people would argue that you just say the word and it's done. But that's not changing you until the light comes so you can see who you are. In that process you begin to also carry the reproach that the world and the devil wants to put on you. In that way the reproach brings a wrong death. Even though God broke the power of death it's still in existence in the earth. Until sin is completely wiped out, and the powers of it, we're going to have that reproach against us. Hebrews 13 says that we are to be established in grace. And that means that if we're under grace then the devil can't condemn us. We don't have to have a doctrine that removes our guilt. But we're received by grace from God that we can make a mistake and He won't dump us. As long as we want to change He'll keep working with us. You'll stay in the bounds of His grace as long as you want to change but when you get to the place that you love the world more than you love change you're coming into a dangerous place with grace. Grace doesn't always stay with you. It says in the Scripture that we can go beyond grace into the world and grace will leave us. So if we stay, our hearts know that we're under grace. I wouldn't have made it where I'm at today if it wasn't for His grace. Because the work of grace makes me weak but Him strong. And so when He's strong and you're weak and He comes on you, then you become strong but not by your power

but by His and you know it. That keeps you broken and humble. It keeps you in a right place. It keeps you in relationship with the One who gives you power. Where with theology and doctrine, you're doing it yourself. I could set up this doctrine and so therefore I can do everything accordingly and as long as I stay within that doctrine I'm all right. That's what you're fighting in the world today; the thing of doctrine that takes the place of grace. It may take a little bit to soak in and to really see how much doctrine that you can build in your own life. You think doing certain things will keep you, but you have to watch that because habits are theology. Grace is knowing that I'm always in danger of making a mistake but I have a Father who is helping me and we're in unity and in a covenant that He loves me and I love Him and that together He's going to get me out of where I'm at and I'm going to become His son to live forever with Him. And that's why He came with grace and truth. Moses didn't make it into the promised land because he let the people's sin get the best of him. He got angry with them and struck the rock when he was supposed to speak to it. And we could go on of many things. And then we have, in chapter 1 yet, verse 41, *He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.* I love that little phrase there, "Hey, brother! We have found the Christ.!" Do you know why? Because they were looking for Him. You won't find Him unless you are looking for Him. God tells me to do something and six months later I find it in the scriptures. That's because I'm doing His will and after I know it by faith, then I look at it and say, yep, that's what I was doing. That's what I prophesied right there. And then also in verse 45, *Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.* I've found Him! But the rest of the world didn't have a

clue. He came as a light but those that walked in darkness never recognized him. The ones who recognized Him were the ones who were looking for Him. Psalm 119:105 says that Jesus is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. So how can we ask anything more than a lamp to my feet and a light to my path? And that light is naturally the seven eyes of God.

Let's look now in Psalm 132. Verse 13, *For the Lord hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.* David, because he was king and bringing forth kingship, saw Zion as a very important part. Being king upon the earth and having rule over the wickedness and the darkness of this world was a very important part in David's life. Just like a priest was with Jerusalem. Verse 14, *This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.* That's what God is speaking to David. Verse 15, *I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. There will I make the horn of David to bud:* What does that mean? The rod of righteousness budded. And so will the power of a king bud. That's what God was speaking to David. You're the king, and you're going to bud too. *I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.* If you have the seven eyes of God you are anointed. You have the anointing to see. That's an anointing of God. That's how precious the seven eyes are. That's why there are seven angels guarding the seven spirits of God, because they are the anointing to see into the realm of the spirit as to what is going on so that you can destroy the works of darkness in high places. Verse 18, *His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish.* Right there is what God is doing. The enemies that are trying to destroy the things of God, He is shaming right now. They have had their time and now He's causing them to be in great shame and they can't stand

it. They are throwing fits and acting as children. But upon those that follow God's anointed what will happen? They will flourish. What does it mean to flourish? It means to prosper, to get strong. It means to be a pillar upon the face of the earth. The enemies will walk in shame – you don't have any power when you're in shame. But God is going to cause those that walk in kingship for their horns to have life. And when you have life you have power. And that will usher you in to being heroes of faith. That's the formula for heroes of faith. And not allowing bitterness of the journey and the bitterness of death and hell wanting to destroy you but you embrace the things of God and you also embrace what Jesus did, not in looking for suffering but knowing that it exists. The environment of the earth is that you will live in that reproach until it's over.

Isaiah 62:1, *For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.* Salvation comes from the lamp that is on fire. That's revival. When the lamp burns it goes forth as salvation. You will see Zion and Jerusalem begin to rise up in righteousness, that is, to take back the earth. God's not going to hold His peace until it's done. Verse 2, *And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name.* The world is going to see the righteousness that you walk in, the power. And so the world is going to see the righteousness and the kings will see it as well. Verse 3, *Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.* A royal diadem has to do with kingship. It's a place of authority in kingship and God's not going to be silent until it's done. Verse 4-5, *Thou shalt no more be termed forsaken; neither*

shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee. Isn't that awesome? Verse 6, I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, And give him no rest, Give who no rest? Give God no rest. Till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Isaiah 65:12, Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not. Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed. The wicked are going to be pulled down and they won't be fed. Verse 14, Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit. And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord God shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name: The teachings of today say that can't be God. But that's His ways.

Isaiah 66:1, Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. The word goes forth, the truth hits you, you see it in the light, and brokenness comes to you. Those are the

people He is looking for. Verse 3, *He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not. Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompense to his enemies.* I'm hoping that Hebrews has changed you as much as it has me. But you are without excuse because God has shown you the highway to be in the thousand year reign. In the thousand year reign are the heroes of faith, or the heroes that walked and stepped into the river and let God change them to become what He wants them to be. May God bless His word.