

## **LESSON 6 – Let us go outside the camp to Jesus bearing His reproach.**

### **Light at the end of the tunnel...**

- Where the author ends...bearing the reproach of Christ outside the gate....Why here?
- Q&A
- Remembering ...
  - Where we started.
  - Where we have traveled.
    - Jesus is the loudest and greatest word spoken by God
    - Jesus is greater than
    - Sickness = Dull of hearing Cause = sin, unbelief? Remedy = Jesus & Discipline
    - Living by faith
    - Lay aside sin and encumbrances...and run
    - Joy Rocket...what a testator we have!
    - Bearing the reproach of Christ outside the gate.
  - And yet we barely scratched the Hebrew surface.
- Encouragement

### **Big Picture**

- Hebrews big themes...WHY THESE?



- Underlying these themes is the theme of desiring greater things...a greater city of God.
  - See Hebrews 11:13-16
- James also tags the theme of endurance...and desires. James 1:12-16
  - Desires...seduction (Temptation)...conception (internal agreement/decision/giving in)...birth (Sin outwardly)...Maturity of Sin (Destruction and Death)
  - When you see sin in your own heart or it has grown as visible outward fruit...look internal at what you desire...find the lie...shine the light of truth onto it...and turn your hearts desires to something of greater worth...JESUS

## Those who are lost must learn to follow!

### **Hebrews 13:7-17**

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- Last exhortation **book ended** by a word about their attitude towards local leadership
  - PAST tense ...remember those who led...who spoke...result of conduct...PRESENT TENSE...imitate their faith.
  - Possible some have died because of their faith
  - PRESENT TENSE...have confidence...and submit...again *joy* is to be the result.
- Why did he end here?
- Elders...Are you quick to follow those more mature in the faith than you?  
... whether from your congregation, the Christian community at large, historical leaders, or the apostles? ... or are titles puffing you up?
- Members...Are you easy to lead?  
...Or constantly complaining, kicking, fighting, scheming, hiding, going your own way?

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- **Vs 8 - Why say vs 8 right where he does?**
  - We all are transformed into the image of Christ...Peter, John, Paul...all of us.
  - He wants us to compare our leaders to Jesus Christ...are your leaders looking more and more like Him...if not, follow Christ and also find another local leader!
- **Vs 9**
  - Your leaders ought to teach you doctrines established in **normative ways throughout scriptures**...not one verse taken out of context.
  - **Grace ought to be a major theme...not salvation by works.**



## Hebrews 13:9b-12

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- **Vs 10**
  - Switches from physical eating of food to spiritual food...i.e. heart needs spiritual food to be strengthened...what you eat or don't eat physically will not defile you nor help your heart to be strengthened. The heart is spiritual and moral where food is physical. Matthew 15:10-20
  - Being religious is not going to save us.
  - Focuses them on the real altar and not the shadow.
  - How do we partake of this altar?
- **Vs 11**
  - The animals' bodies are taken out of the "dung" gate and burned.  
Lev. 4:12, 6:11, 16:27, Ex. 29:14.
- **Vs 12**
  - Jesus suffered outside the gate...what gate?
  - Playing off words as it was both the gates of Jerusalem... and actually outside of the gates to the real holy of holies...i.e. earth!



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- **Vs 13**

- We are commanded to go outside the camp...out of Judaism ...into the world...where Jesus is reproached...and bear it with Him.
- Matt 10:32 echoes this in the command of Jesus



- **Vs 14**

- Reinforces the view of a future city...a future holy of holies...which is to come.
- Stop trying to fit into this world...it is not our home.

- **Vs 15**

- Do your lips give thanks to His name? Or are you just spewing out memorized words?

- **Vs 16**

- Do you do good and share sacrificially?

**NOTE:** Last two verses tie to Loving God and Loving Others...2 greatest commandments!

## **Hebrews Closing Points**

- Don't turn back to Judaism...press on in the Christian faith.
- Imitate the faith of those who taught us the Gospel.
- Foster a desire in your heart for the future city made by God.
- Go into the world called Earth outside the camp (accepted false religions of this world) and outside the future city we long for (heaven/new Jerusalem) to bear the reproach of Jesus so long as it remains today (this life).
- Combining the last two points in vs 15 & 16 we can agree with Desiring God statement, "missions exist because worship doesn't"...and also say, "discipleship exists because joy in sharing and good deeds don't"

## BOTTOM LINE:

- **Greatest joys are found in Jesus so we must go to where he is to get them in this life...even if it costs us our lives.**
- Where is he in this world/age and what is he busy doing? His Holy Spirit is busy...
  - bearing reproach outside of the gates of Heaven spreading the Gospel message (**Evangelism**)
  - teaching his bride to obey everything He commanded (**Discipleship... through studying the word of God and imitating faithful people**)
  - caring for widows and orphans (**Serving... the needs of others...those weakest among us**)!
- Where are you busy?

## Questions and Answers



## Remember Context

Author



Genre



Themes



Recipients



Early Church w Jewish background

When

**Before  
70 AD**

Purpose

**A word  
of exhortation**

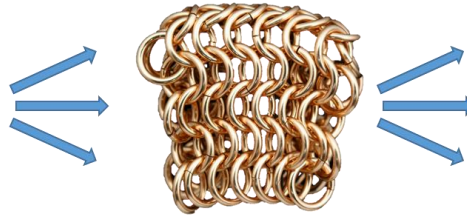
OT Knowledge

Ps. 2; 8; 95; 110; Jer. 31; Ps. 40; Hab. 2

## Basic Flow of Book

### Old Testament

- Genesis
  - God Created
  - God Spoke
  - Abrahamic Covenant
- Exodus
  - Moses – Prophet
  - Mt. Zion Giving of Law
  - Desert
- Leviticus
  - Tabernacle
  - Levitical Priesthood
  - OT Covenant Rituals
- Joshua
  - Entering promised land
- David
  - Kingship/Rule
- Jeremiah
  - New Covenant
- All the many stories of the OT



LUKE 24:13-35  
Road To Emmaus

Acts 2 – Peter  
Acts 7- Stephen  
Acts 13:15 – Paul  
Paul uses OT to Exhort

### New Testament

- Jesus was God
- Jesus Created with God
- Jesus is the Greatest Word of God
- Jesus paid for sins
- Jesus now rules with God as His Son and our Savior
- Jesus is greater than prophets
- Jesus is greater than Angels
- Jesus is greater than Moses
- Jesus is greater than OT priests
- Jesus is a greater sacrifice
- Jesus offers a greater Rest than the promised land
- Jesus had a greater priestly calling than Aaron
- Jesus fulfills the Abrahamic covenant
- Jesus is a greater High Priest than Levitical High Priest
- Jesus is the guarantee of a better covenant
- Jesus reigns over a better ministry
- Jesus entered a better Tabernacle
- Jesus offers a better inheritance
- Jesus offers a new and living way
- Jesus faith is greater than OT saints
- Jesus lives in a better kingdom than Mt Sinai

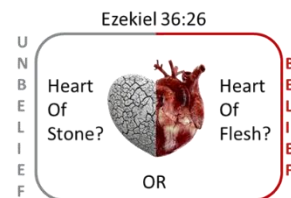
## Exhortations

- Appear to be a spectrum of possible issues within the congregation.
  - **Drifters...**
  - **Neglectors...**
  - **Diseased babies...**
  - **Fakers or Unbelievers in Sheep's clothing...**
  - **Loafers or walkers versus runners...**
  - **Unable to find repentance (so hard in unbelief they are doomed)...**



### • Hebrews 5:11-6:6

- Can we lose our salvation?
  - How did we prove this?
- What then was the main point of this warning passage?





## Major Truths We Learned

- Christian Faith defined by Hebrews is...
  - Believing that God is.
  - Believing that God will do what he says he will do.
  - Believing that God is good and a rewarder of those who seek Him.
  - Trusting and Taking Joy in Jesus Christ alone



Gideon



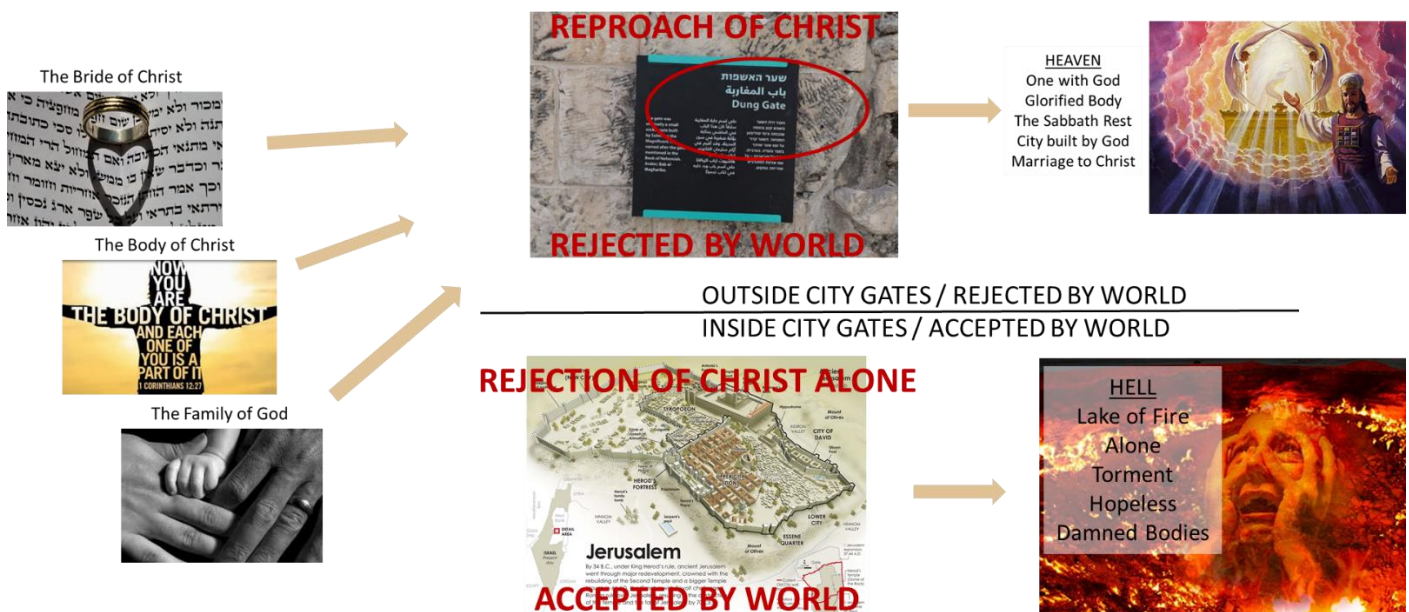
Samson



Ephesians 6:10-17



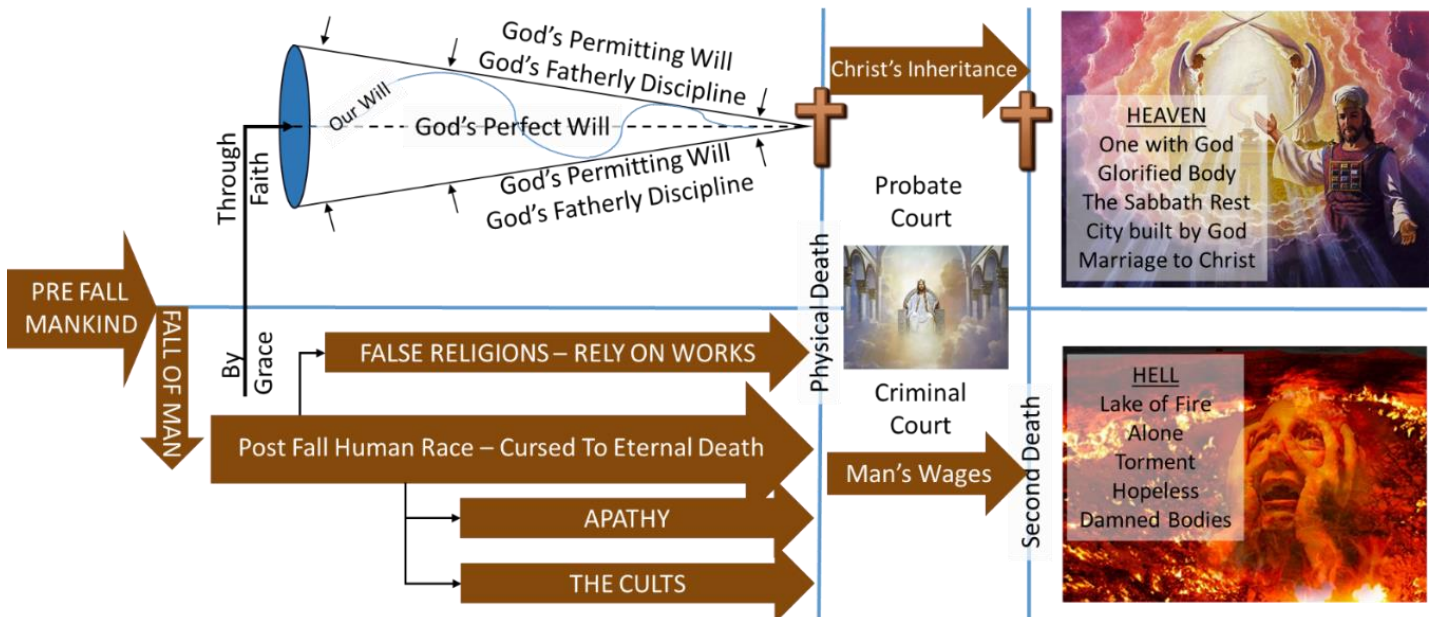
## Joy of Our Inheritance...Outside the City Gates



## What's Discipleship Got To Do With It?

- If I were taken to a foreign land and my children were kidnapped, would my wife ...
  - Forget about our children and just spend all day talking to me on the phone
  - Forget about me and just search for our children
  - Forget about both me and my children and just play video games on her phone
- Wouldn't it depend on whether she loved me or not? The more she loved me the more she would love what I love.
- A proper desire for Jesus Christ will
  - Create a love for his letters to us
  - Create a love for his true church
  - Create a love for people who are lost and may be his children someday
  - Create a longing for Him and his return
  - Create many things which look like His image...a healthy care for our bodies, our environment, our holiness, courageous and bold witness, sacrificial love, etc., etc., etc.
- Anything else is not from God...but our flesh trying to act religious.

## HEBREWS VIEW OF SALVATION / SANCTIFICATION / DISCIPLESHIP





## **Encourage One Another So Long As It is Today**

### ***Hebrews 3:12-15***

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, <sup>15</sup> while it is said,

"Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me."

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### ***Hebrews 10:19-25***

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. *NASB*