



“Consider Jesus” is a nineteen-week Inductive Overview through the book of Hebrews. This recap consists of notes taken from the teaching for each lesson throughout the Bible study in 2021-2022 at Calvary Chapel Bible Fellowship in Temecula.

You can also watch the recorded messages by going to YouTube and typing in “Sally Van Wick, Consider Jesus.”

May you be blessed as you learn more about Jesus through your study in the book of Hebrews. Hopefully, this will be a helpful study tool to go along with your study. You can find the actual Bible study materials at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). You can also find Pastor Clark Van Wick’s commentary on the Book of Hebrews at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

As you “Consider Jesus” and spend time in His word, remember to always respond by asking yourself, is there a...

Sin to avoid?  
Warning to heed?  
Command or exhortation to obey?  
Good example to follow?  
A promise to claim?



The purpose of the Book of Hebrews is to exhort believers to go on toward perfection or maturity as we ‘Consider Jesus.’ As we spent time *considering Jesus*, we can’t help but call to mind how much Jesus first considered us!

The writer’s exhortation toward maturity is given and only possible because according to...

- Hebrews 1:4: Jesus is **better than the Angels** because, He obtained a more excellent name than they, seen illustrated in the angels worshipping Him.
- Hebrews 7:19: Jesus brings a **better hope** than the law because thru Jesus we can draw near to God, something the law could never enable us to do.
- Hebrews 8:6: Jesus obtained a **more excellent ministry** – as He is the Mediator of a **better covenant** established on better promises! His name is *El Shaddai*, meaning that He is the covenant keeper.
- Hebrews 9:23: Jesus is **better than the Aaronic Priesthood**, because His sacrifice was perfect, sufficient, and was once for all.
- Hebrews 10:34: Jesus brings a **better inheritance**, seen in Hebrews 11:16 as it says Jesus brings a **better heavenly country** where there is no rot or decay, there is no evil, and we will endure forever in His glory! (1 Peter 1:3-6)
- Hebrews 11:35: Jesus beat death, conquered the grave, and was raised to life again so we could obtain a **better resurrection!**
- Hebrews 11:40 and Hebrews 12:24: Jesus provided the **better sacrifice** as He is the perfect, sinless, Lamb of God who *took away* our sin.

WOW! May we always look to Jesus not only as the Author of our faith, but also the Perfector of our faith. As we press toward Jesus with eternity as our focus, we realize He is in the process of maturing and getting us ready for our better, heavenly home!



In Hebrews 1:4-14, we continue to see the supremacy and superiority of Jesus Christ. We studied how Jesus is better than the Angels evidenced in two ways.

1) **Jesus has a Better Name**

*(Hebrews 1:4; Acts 4:12; Philippians 2:9-11)*

His name is *Elohim*—God our Creator.

His name is *El Elyon*—God Most High.

His name is *El Shaddai*—God Almighty Promise Keeper, our gatekeeper.

His name is Jehovah – The Lord who saves.

His name is *Jehovah Tsidqenuw*—the Lord our righteousness.

His name is *El Nasa*—God who forgives.

His name is *El Ahava*—God who loves.

His name is *Jehovah Rapha*—the Lord who heals.

His name is *Jehovah Yireh*—the Lord will provide.

His name is *El Kanna*—He is a Jealous God.

His name is *Adonai/Yahweh/Jehovah/I Am*— Lord and Master.

His name is *El Roi*—God who sees us.

His name is Jehovah Nissi – He is our banner of Victory.

His name is *Jehovah Shammah*—the Lord is there.

His name is *Jehovah Sabaoth*—the Lord of hosts, God of Angel Armies.

His name is *Jehovah Shalom*—the Lord is peace.

His name is Jesus, and His Name is above all names!

The name of Jesus helps us to get to know who our God is. His name reveals His character, His promises, and who He is. If you want to get to know Him more intimately, start with His name!



2) **Jesus is preeminent having a better position.**

(Hebrews 1:6)

- a. **The angels worship Jesus** (Heb 1:6; Rev 5:11-13)
- b. **The angels minister to Jesus** (Matt 4:11)
- c. **Jesus is God**, Angels are not (Titus 2:13)
- d. **Jesus has a better anointing** (Heb 1:9; Is 61:1-2)
- e. **Jesus is Elohim, the Creator of all things** (Heb 1:10; John 1:1-14)
- f. **Jesus is eternal; outside of time** (Heb 1:8, 11 & 12)
- g. **Jesus has a better position, exalted, and seated at the right hand of Majesty on High.** (Heb 1:3, 13; 1 Pet 3:21-22)

Through His name we know Him more intimately, and knowing His name reveals His preeminence. Jesus is far above all, and worthy of our worship.

*"No one is holy like the LORD,  
For there is none besides You,  
Nor is there any rock like our God."  
1 Samuel 2:2*

*"That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting  
That there is none besides Me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
I form the light and create darkness,  
I make peace and create calamity;  
I, the LORD, do all these things.'  
Isaiah 45:6-7*



In Hebrews 2:1-18, the writer uses nautical terms to drive home the point that believers must *anchor* into the Word of God to keep from drifting with the tide of the world and culture.

The question is not, “how far can I drift from the principles lined out in Scripture and still go to heaven?” Instead, we should daily evaluate our life to make sure we are not becoming so familiar with the things of God that we grow complacent in our relationship and dependence on Him.

Jesus gave us His spirit *to convict us of sin, righteousness, and judgement* (John 16:8). He is willing and ready to empower us to be an effective ambassador for Him.

When we abide in Christ and continue to grow in His grace, we are assured that we will spend all eternity in His glory worshipping Him. The question is not “who is saved?” We saw in 2 Timothy 2:19 that *“the Lord knows those who are His, so let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.”* Rather, our question should be “am I growing in my relationship with Jesus?”

So, we must take heed that we do not drift from God’s plan of salvation, because His work is sufficient on our behalf. Jesus came...

- 1) To taste death on my behalf as my Cupbearer
- 2) To guide and perfect me thru suffering, as the “Captain of my salvation”
- 3) To sanctify, to set me apart for Himself
- 4) To deliver me from drifting into bondage and fear
- 5) To satisfy the wrath and justice of God on my behalf as my merciful High priest, and He is able to aid me when I am tempted

As we consider Jesus, we see that He alone is the anchor of our soul! As we abide in Jesus, our Anchor, He will keep us from drifting away from the reward of Salvation. So, let us determine for ourselves to stay as close to Jesus as possible so there will be no question when it comes to where we will spend eternity!



The theme of Hebrews is the supremacy and superiority of Jesus. In Chapter one, we looked at His deity and the fact that He is *better* than the prophets and *better* than the angels.

Chapter two focuses on His humanity as He came in the form of man to taste death as our cupbearer. His death satisfied the wrath of a Holy God as He paid for our sins, once for all. He came to justify, sanctify, and redeem us from sin, and to conquer Satan. He was raised in victory and is seated at the right hand of God Almighty! The writer uses nautical terms likening Jesus to the “*Captain or Navigator of our Salvation.*”

In chapter three, we learn that Jesus is *better than Moses*, seen in His titles, His work, and His position, and that Jesus is a *better rest*. The writer uses construction terms likening our lives to a house with Jesus as the Master Builder. Since He is *the builder* and He is the owner of the house, I can allow Him to be my Overseer, my Lord and Master.

After we are **commanded** to “*consider*” or “*intently study*” we are then **warned** “*do not hardened your heart*” using the Children of Israel as an example of disobedience. Jesus was compared to Moses and was also compared to the High Priest. Jesus alone is our Mediator. We no longer have need to go to a person to approach God on our behalf (1 Timothy 2:5). Jesus tore the veil that once separated us from God, giving us direct access to His throne!

The first warning was to “Take heed,” found in Hebrews 2:1 “*Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.*” In Hebrews 3:1 we are commanded as “*holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, to consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus Christ.*”

If we fail to *take heed* to the Word of God, without *considering Jesus*, we will be in danger of drifting. Drifting carries the idea of going with the flow, to give in to surrounding pressures, to slip, carelessly pass or miss. In other words, if we fail to take heed and consider Jesus in all we do, we will unintentionally drift away from Christ.

The second warning is found in Hebrews 3:8 and 3:15, “*Do Not harden your hearts.*” This exposes the Danger of unbelief. So, as we go about our week let’s remember what the Psalmist says in Psalm 37:3 “*Trust in*



*the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land (do not drift), and feed on His faithfulness (take heed to His word). Delight yourself also in the LORD (and His faithfulness), and He shall give you the desires of your heart.*

Do you truly believe and trust Jesus, even when you don't see favor in the land or in your circumstance? Are you drifting, being deceived, or seduced by your own lust, comfort, or what is going on around you? Only as you continually *take heed* and *consider Jesus* will you avoid the danger of your heart growing hard through the deceitfulness of sin.



The book of Hebrews was written to those in danger of falling back under the rituals of the law *and* traditions of man. Unbelief causes us to think we can work our way into a favorable position with God, but *belief* or *faith* causes us to rest in and rely upon God.

As we consider Jesus, we learn that Jesus is supreme, and superior. Specifically, He is better than the *prophets*, better than the *Angels*, and better than *Moses*.

Using the illustration of the children of Israel, the writer established that Jesus is a *better rest* mentioned ten times just in chapters three and four.

This idea of a '*better rest*' points to the fact that Jesus not only delivered us out of the bondage of the world and sin (Egypt), but also has provided us with freedom from those things that enslave us. Jesus is the *fulfillment* of the law, and "*Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*" That freedom results in great rest – knowing there is nothing we can do to earn it!

There are six things we are to **remember**:

- 1) We are to remember His *Promises*, using *illustrations* of those who have gone before us, especially the illustration of God's finished work.
- 2) We are to **remember** the *urgency* to respond to the rest He has provided for us, with the emphasis on 'today.' If we believe, then we can enter His rest.'
- 3) We are to **remember** the *lack of work required on our part* because God is not concerned with what we are doing "for" God, but the work God is doing "in" our hearts.
- 4) We are to **remember** the *diligence* required to enter His rest. As I rest in His finished Work, the works He created me for will automatically flow from my life to His glory! We learned that serving God revolves around believing and trusting His provision of Grace (Hebrews 12:28).



- 5) In Hebrews 4:12 we were exhorted to **remember** *His Word* because it is alive, it is powerful, it is sharp, and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of our heart.
- 6) Then, the seventh and final thing we are to **remember** is that His name is El Roi, meaning God *Sees* and *Knows* all.

I pray as you consider Jesus and intentionally strive toward His rest, that you understand more about what it means to get to know Jesus as **Jehovah Shalom**, *The God of Peace*. (Ephesians 2:14-18).

*“You will keep him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stayed on You,  
because he trusts in You.”*  
Isaiah 26:3



Throughout Hebrews, we see the **Supremacy and Superiority of Jesus** demonstrated in that He is:

- Better than the Prophets,
- Better than the Angels,
- Better than Moses,
- He is a better Rest.

Then, in Hebrews 4:14 – 5:11 we see that we are to Consider Jesus because **Jesus is a Better High Priest** (*better than any earthly High Priest*). He is better because He has a **better Title** as *the Great High Priest*, which is seen in His...

**Better location** as He:

- Passed through the heavens and is seated at the Right Hand of the Majesty in Heaven
- Provides better access to the *Throne of Grace and Mercy*.

**Better qualifications**, His qualifications are better seen in that:

- He is the only Mediator between God and man.
- He is the better sacrifice...*as the Author of eternal salvation*
- Jesus' life was Perfect, *unlike any other earthly Priest*. He came to serve, not take. He did not seek His own glory, but the glory of the Father.
- His sacrifice was perfect because He was the sinless Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, once for all.

Finally, we are reminded of the first two warnings of the book. These warnings are centered on Who Jesus is, and **because He is better**:

1) **We are to take heed to anchor into His Word!**

Hebrews 2:1-2

*"Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away."*

2) **Do not harden our hearts.**

Hebrews 3:13-15

*13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: "Today, if you*



*will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."*

In Hebrews 5:11-6:12 we see the importance to move past spiritual infancy and to be intentional in our pursuit to "*Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*" 2 Peter 3:18

Oh "*That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*" Ephesians 3:16-21



Hebrews 5:11-14 warns of the **danger of not maturing**, causing us to draw application for our own lives.

Hebrews 6:1-12 encourages **spiritual maturity**, as the writer pointed out six basic principles, or the ABC's of Christianity that we are to move past, and begin to grow in His Grace as we hunger after the Word of God. It is only as we study the Bible, or *have our senses exercised to discern both good and evil*, that we will know truth from error.

Hebrews 6:4-6 teaches us how important it is to **study our Bible inductively**, reminded that *context always rules interpretation*. As we look at context, we remember who the book is written to, what was happening at the time socially, politically, spiritually, etc. The book of Hebrews was written to the believing Hebrews (Jews), as well as all the Hebrews who were *taught about* the finished work of Jesus.

The three warnings so far are to; *'take heed lest we drift'* and *'don't harden your hearts as in the rebellion'* and *'be diligent to enter into HIS rest.'* As we keep these warnings in mind and tie them to the phrase *"If they fall away"* in verse six, noting this phrase means to *slide alongside* or *drift*, it seems to make a little more sense.

As we put all this together, I believe it is speaking to those who have "tasted," or were exposed to the gospel message that *Jesus was the sufficient sacrifice and the only way to eternity with God* as The Great High Priest. Speaking to those who then turned back and attempted to approach God on their own terms, drifting back into a lifestyle of 'working' their way into a right standing before God thru rituals and rules (the law). Thus, they nullified the sufficient sacrifice of Jesus, and it was as if they crucified Christ all over again!

This means it is impossible for those who do not trust in the finished work of Christ on the Cross, to be renewed again because they *continue* to look to the law and ignore the Grace of God, and that *Jesus is the only way!* The answer to salvation is to continually abide in Christ and allow Christ to abide in us (John 15). This explains the command to be diligent to enter HIS rest, because His work is finished and there is nothing we can do to add to it or take away from it! The writer then continues to give two instructions in the last two verses.



The first instruction is *Do not become sluggish*, (which carries the idea of being dull of hearing or lazy). In other words, it takes us back to the instruction to *take heed lest you drift!* The second instruction is *imitate those of faith* and press on *toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!*

What a great word for our lives today. Let us seek God with a heart that hungers after knowing, pleasing, growing, and following God. May God richly bless you, and keep you, and make His countenance shine upon you, and give you peace! The peace that passes understanding and guards your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus!



The writer continues to point to the superiority and supremacy of Jesus; He is better than the prophets, better than the angels, better than Moses, He is a better rest, and Jesus is the better, final High Priest. Jesus has the better covenant and Jesus is the better offering, as He offered Himself once for all.

There are three things that make God's promises unchanging or immutable:

1) **His Greatness:** Verses 13-15

His promises are insured by His greatness and ability to perform what He promises. There is nothing our God cannot do. His greatness is seen in His character, as His name is El Shaddai. El Shaddai is the name for God which points to the fact that He is a promise or covenant keeper.

2) **His Better Oath or Covenant:** Verses 16-18

His Covenant or Promise involves the fact that His Oath or His Word brings strong comfort or "*consolation.*" We have been given the guarantee of His promises through the Holy Spirit, if God says it, He will do it. Psalm 46:1 tells us "*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*"

3) **His Better Priesthood:** Verses 19-20

Because Jesus is the better, eternal High Priest, we need to be *intentional* in our relationship with Him, because if we do not anchor to and focus on Jesus, who anchors us into the Throne of God, we will drift. If we allow ourselves to drift, before we know it, we'll be anchored to something other than Jesus!

Because Jesus is superior, we no longer must *work* at pleasing God with our own efforts. We can simply choose to live according to the finished work of the cross, being diligent to enter His rest. Only an intentional, abiding relationship with Jesus will bring maturity in our walk with God. The result will be *evidence of our faith* as we wait on Him and trust that He is currently working all things according to the counsel of His will, in His time, as we walk by faith and not by sight.



In Hebrews 7:1-28 we continue to see how the book builds upon itself. As we consider Jesus, we have seen that Jesus is better than the angels, He has a better name, He is better than the prophets, better than Moses, He is a better rest, a better hope, a better sacrifice, He has better blood because His blood is the only blood that can *take away* our sins, not just *cover* them. He is better because He is the only One who has passed through the Heavens and anchors us into the Holy of Holies. Because He is immutable as the unchanging Priest of God, He is the better High Priest.

Chapter seven emphasizes Jesus as a better High Priest by introducing a character named Melchizedek. There are several views as to who Melchizedek is, we saw the superiority of His Priesthood over the Levitical or Aaronic Priesthood, as a *type* of Jesus, or a shadow of what is to come through Jesus Christ as He is a replacement of the Old Testament Priesthood. Most believe, He is a Christophany (appearance of Jesus in the Old Testament), as we pointed out the similarities of Melchizedek and Jesus.

Melchizedek had no genealogy, he was greater than Abraham because he was both a King, and a Priest (against Jewish law), he also blessed and paid tithes to Abraham. Verse three says he was made *“like the Son of God and remains a priest continually.”*

The Levitical priesthood needed to be replaced because of several reasons, including imperfection because it was temporary, it contains no promise, the priests would eventually die off, and because of its inability to meet our need to take away our sins or make us holy. Only Jesus is the sufficient High Priest, our Mediator, and will fulfill our deepest need, setting us apart for His glory, as He is the King of glory!

All of this is merely a shadow of what is to come, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, our Great High Priest. As we take a step back and look at the context, we realize that we aren't to focus on shadows, but rather on substance. So, let's continue to “consider Jesus” who is the substance. As we abide in Him, Jesus will be the anchor of our soul.



The theme of Jesus being better continues throughout the book of Hebrews. In Hebrews 8:1-13 the main point is that the Old Covenant was replaced by the New Covenant, which is better. And there are four reasons why the New Covenant is better, all revolving around Jesus.

The New Covenant is better because:

- 1) Jesus is a better High Priest — verses 1-2
- 2) Jesus is a better offering — verses 3-4
- 3) It involves a better place — verses 5
- 4) It is based on better promises — verses 6-13

Hebrews eight is a summary of the first seven chapters dealing with the context of Jewish believers beginning to drift back under the law instead of embracing the finished work of Jesus on the Cross. We are reminded that Jesus is the Mediator of a better Covenant because it was:

- Absolute / Not Conditional
- Spiritual / Not Carnal
- Eternal / Not Temporal
- Individual & Personal / Not National
- It was Internal / Not External

In contrast to the Old Covenant, the New Covenant provides a new and final way to know God, through the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Studying this chapter has reminded us that the earthly tabernacle is a type of a better, heavenly spiritual reality. This means that, even the best churches fall short and are only a shadow, which should always point to the perfect which is Heaven! Believers are to be on guard against drifting back under the Old Covenant, or a set of rules and regulations to be in right standing before God. We are to be on guard, so we do not look to the temporal, but the eternal. Paul summed it up perfectly in Galatians 3:2 as he asked the Galatian church, "*Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?* "

By the New Covenant of grace, His mercies are new every morning and that should result in a desire to turn to Jesus and relinquish everything to Him. A desire to turn from sin and simply walk in the Spirit, allowing Him to guide us every step of the way, to be anchored to Him. Our



relationship is not because we 'have to' but rather from a *response* to His love as He has provided a better way.



Hebrews nine is divided in to two simple sections revolving around the contrast of the:

- 1) **Inferiority of the Earthly Tabernacle.** It is an earthly *shadow* that is merely temporary and will pass away. It has limited access, it is only symbolic, and it is based on the works of man which are not acceptable. “Without faith, it is impossible to please God.”
- 2) **Superiority of the Heavenly Tabernacle.** It involves a better place, is not an earthly creation, but rather an eternal, permanent dwelling that will abide forever. It involves better access into the Holy of Holies for believers, due to the better, incorruptible blood of Jesus Christ. It involves a better sacrifice as Jesus is better than the sacrifices of the Old Testament, involving His better death and better blood. The blood of Jesus is better because, without His blood, there is no forgiveness of sins and no deliverance from being subject to the law. We also saw that He is the better Mediator of the better Tabernacle because His service and sacrifice was once for all, “it is finished.”

The contrast of the Earthly Tabernacle and the Heavenly Tabernacle shows us that even though we are saved, it is possible for some to settle for the earthly and dwell in the ‘outer courts,’ never truly entering in. It is easy to get in the habit of allowing the Pastor or Women’s leaders (any person) to do the interceding on our behalf, but God invites each of us to “come to Him.”

Others may enter the Holy Place or Sanctuary and become busy “doing” or “serving the Lord” just as the Priests worked continually at cleansing the outward flesh but never dealing with the inward heart.

We have been given access to move past the outer courts, past the holy place, and enter in the Holy of Holies, to that personal communion with Jesus. As you consider Jesus, remember He is inviting you to come to Him. He has torn the veil that once separated us from His presence. And because of His blood, we have been given boldness to enter the Holiest place, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us.



Today, if you hear His voice, simply respond, enter His presence, and give Him the worship, honor, and glory due His name!



Hebrews ten is a review of the first nine chapters of the book. Chapter ten closes out the first section of the book which deals with doctrine, and the begins the second section of the book dealing with duty or application of that doctrine.

The Supremacy and Superiority of Jesus, is seen in that Jesus is not *only* 'over all things' but He is also 'better.' He is better than the Prophets, the Angels, Moses, He is a better rest, the Better High Priest, He brings a better Hope, a better promise, a better covenant, He is a better Heavenly Tabernacle, and we are reminded that Jesus is a better Sacrifice, because...

- 1) His blood is better, as only His blood takes away sins.
- 2) His sacrifice involved the will of God or His desire.
- 3) His sacrifice is final, as we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The point is Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the only One who can present us faultless before a Holy God. He has gone before us and made a way for us to enter the Holy of Holies.

The second section of Hebrews begins in Hebrews 10:19 where we see three more "Let us" phrases indicating what our natural response should be to Jesus being better.

- 1) Hebrews 10:22 "**Let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (speaking of a pure mind) and our bodies washed with pure water."
- 2) Hebrews 10:23 "**Let us hold fast** the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."
- 3) Hebrews 10:24 "**And let us consider one another** in order to stir up love and good works"

In Hebrews 10:25 we see the book's final instruction, which shows God's desire for His church, to "*Not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*" Gathering



together as the body of Christ or coming to “church” is important to God and not only vital, but also beneficial for all believers.

While we wait and look for His return, Ephesians 3 reminds us He has provided each believer with *“the unsearchable riches of Christ...that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.”*

Ultimately, time is short, but eternity is vast. While we are waiting for our Savior’s return we are to, *“according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”* (2 Peter 3:12).

I pray that we would all focus, not on the shadows, but on the substance, which is to *“look for the glorious hope and blessed appearing of our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ”* (Titus 2:13).

I pray we would point others to Jesus, to Whom *“alone is wise, to Whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen!”* (Jude 25).



In the second section of Hebrews, we have moved from doctrine to duty, or the truth about Jesus and to a responsive application of that truth.

So far, we have seen three warnings explaining the danger of *drifting*, which comes from not abiding in Jesus; the danger of *unbelief*, resulting from a hard heart; and the danger of *not maturing*, which results in a lack of relationship with Jesus. Last week we saw the fourth warning that dealt with *apostasy*, carrying the idea of turning and drifting away from reliance on the finished work of Jesus. We saw a very sober warning along with an exhortation and encouragement against living a lifestyle of habitual sin. For “if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth – there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.” (Hebrews 10:26).

If you call yourself a Christian, yet repeatedly live a lifestyle of sin, continually ignoring the conviction of the Holy Spirit and His word, you must ask yourself, “Am I truly saved?” (1 John 3:9, 1 John 5:18). When one comes to Jesus in repentance, accepts His finished work on the cross, and actively seeks His transforming grace, it should produce evidence of faith. 2 Corinthians 13:5 tells us to “*examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?*”

This is not talking about being *sinner*s. “*For we all sin and fall short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23). However, when a true believer sins, there will be remorse, which brings confession and repentance. If there is no remorse, confession, or repentance, be concerned!

The heavy truth of Hebrews 10:29 is “*anyone who sins willfully has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace.*” When that happens, there will be “*a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries*” (Hebrews 10:27).

In summary, a believer is to abide under the ‘better blood of Jesus.’ Only Jesus made a way for us to be anchored into the Holy of Holies in the presence of Almighty God as Jesus sanctified us at the cross, once for all.



So, let's '*abide under the spout where the better blood comes out!*'  
Let's pray for one another, because where there is grace, there is not only forgiveness of sins, but the resource we need to turn from sin and live a life pleasing to Him. Halleluiah!



*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,  
the evidence of things not seen.”*  
*Hebrews 11:1*

Hebrews 11:1-22 is split into two sections. In the first section, we see the **four Characteristics of faith** from verses 1-3:

- #1...**Faith in Jesus as the Substance** – or Foundation of our lives
- #2...**Faith in Jesus being the Evidence** of things not seen or the eternal!
- #3...**Faith in Jesus produces a good a testimony** or divine approval
- #4...**Faith in Jesus** brings understanding...

In the second section of Hebrews 11, the **characters of faith** are found in verses 4-40. We noted the evidence of faith in the lives of eight people as:

- 1) Abel *offered* by faith
- 2) Enoch *walked* by faith
- 3) Noah *obeyed* by faith
- 4) Abraham *Obeyed, offered, hoped, and patiently waited* for the eternal by faith
- 5) Sarah *received strength* by faith
- 6) Isaac *blessed* by faith
- 7) Jacob *blessed and worshipped* by faith
- 8) Joseph *gave instructions* by faith

What an encouragement to see absolute faith in the promises of God, through the WORD of God, lived out through obedience in the lives of those who have gone before us. Remember, this all took place before Jesus came to fulfill His promise of a better sacrifice!

God still tests His children to see if there is a willingness to by faith, obey. As we exhibit faith and trust in God and His provision of Grace for all eternity, we will obey and trust Him with the issues of this temporal life. We learn it is not about the actual offering we offer to God; where we go or even what we do. Rather, it is about the heart behind the offering. If we truly believe the Word of God, by faith, we



will offer, in surrender, everything to Him. As we put our faith in Him, we can hold everything with an open hand.

*"Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
And naked shall I return there.  
The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;  
Blessed be the name of the LORD."  
Job 1:21*

True faith is living as though we have already received His promises, even if we do not yet see them fulfilled. Faith says, if God says it, it will come to pass. Think about this today, and list yourself among one of the eight people in Hebrews 11. What situation have you attributed to faith in your life? Pray and ask God to help you with any unbelief that may be holding you back.



In Hebrews eleven we see the tremendous trials and persecution many Old Testament saints endured. We see an incredible endurance that can only come by faith, even though they were on the other side of the cross. They forsook the riches and comforts of this world and were tortured and died for their faith in the coming Messiah. As chosen children of God and heirs of the eternal kingdom, how much more should we have faith to endure as we look back on His proven, more-sure Word?

We have the advantage of looking back at the full glory and victory of the cross, we also have been given the advantage of the indwelling Holy Spirit to empower us to live and die for His glory.

Hebrews eleven shows us all God has provided for His people and points to the Supremacy and Superiority of Jesus! We have learned throughout the book of Hebrews that Jesus is better than... The Prophets, the Angels, Moses, He is a better rest, a better High Priest, a better hope, a better promise, a better covenant, a better Tabernacle, a better Sacrifice - because of His better blood, He is a better reward as He prepared a better homeland, or better city. And today, we see that through Him, we will receive a better resurrection! The point is, if we truly believe that Jesus is above and better than all this, it WILL affect our lives by causing a response of “walking by faith” and living as a witness to those around us. Looking to the Old Testament saints who walked by faith brings us great benefit, such as:

- Jochebed & Amram (protecting their child)
- Moses (Putting the needs of others first)
- The Children of Israel
- The harlot Rahab
- Gideon
- Barak
- Samson
- Jephthah
- David
- Samuel
- The Prophets
- The Women and many others



All these saints were confronted with impossible situations and even though, at times they faltered in their faith, they obtained a good testimony or divine approval through their faith in the promises of God. They all finished well, and through their testimonies, they are witnesses to the limitless extent that His grace can work in our lives if we trust Him at His word!

*"Take heart, for I believe God, that it will  
be just as it was told me."  
Acts 27:25*



In Hebrews 12:1-17, there are three sections regarding endurance. The first two sections instruct us on **what** we are to endure, and the third section instruct us on **how** we are to endure.

- 1) We are to “*endure the race*” using **athletics** as a metaphor in verses 1-4
- 2) We are to “*endure chastisement,*” using the **father/son relationship** as a metaphor in verses 5-11
- 3) **How we are to endure, by Grace** in verses 12-17

As the writer uses the metaphor of a runner running a race, we are emboldened to *run with endurance* as we recall how the Old Testament saints lived and died for their faith in the coming Messiah. Their lives are recorded for us in Hebrews 11 as a *great cloud of witnesses* (martyrs) as an **example** to spur us on in our walk of faith no matter how tough life gets, even to death.

We can only run with endurance, as we lay aside every weight (cares that weigh us down) – which is a lack of faith in any give situation. We are also to lay aside the sin, which so easily entangles us (entrap us) – which is ultimately the sin of unbelief leading to many other sins.

Jesus is the Author and Perfector of our faith. He designs our individual lane and is always with us providing the resource of His grace needed. As we remember the examples of the Old Testament saints, as well as what Jesus endured, it keeps our focus on the eternal, upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

The writer then switches metaphors from athletics to father/son relationship, as he deals with the chastisement or the discipline of a father. There are four things we see as it pertains to this important issue of discipline.

- 1) Don't despise it
- 2) Don't be discouraged by it
- 3) It proves you are legitimate child, loved by God
- 4) We are to embrace and submit to it



Being disciplined is never fun, but necessary for training. Psalm 119:67 says *“Before I was afflicted (disciplined) I went astray, But now I keep Your word.”*

It is important to understand that not everything in our lives is a result of discipline from God. There are times we pay consequences for our own actions, times the enemy tries to trip us up, or times we deal with hardships simply because we live in a fallen world. But if we turn to God through it all with a humble heart of submission, embracing any lesson that God has for us, we will have victory and know that He will work it out for good as we love Him, all according to His purposes (Romans 8:28).

The writer sums up this section with how we are to endure in our race, and how to endure chastisement. It can only be done by looking diligently unto Jesus Christ and abiding under His grace. If we do not look to Jesus as our source and our goal, we are in danger of falling short of the grace of God, which opens us up to a root of bitterness, which will defile others who are watching us run this race of grace to the glory of God.

Consider Jesus and, by faith, receive His grace to endure, leaving an example for others to follow!



Hebrews twelve encourages us to endure, by the Grace of God. As we finished the chapter in verses 18-29, we were encouraged by two main things.

- 1) Through a **contrast** seen in verses 18-24 where Mt. Sinai was contrasted with Mt. Zion.
- 2) Through a **comparison** in verses 25-29 where we saw the temporal (or what can be shaken), compared to the eternal (which cannot be shaken).

Mt. Sinai represents the Old Covenant Law, which is only able to bring condemnation, and is unable to provide the ability to endure or perform what is commanded, thus it brings judgment leading to death.

Mt. Zion, or Jerusalem represents the New Covenant which is better because it involves the better blood of Christ who takes away sin, providing the provision of God's grace to endure, which brings life.

We learn seven things in Hebrews 12:22-24 as we are called to Mt Zion

- 1) To the City of the Living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.
- 2) To an innumerable company of Angels.
- 3) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in Heaven. (In the Lambs book of life).
- 4) To God the Judge of all.
- 5) The spirits of just men made perfect.
- 6) To Jesus, Mediator of the New Covenant.
- 7) To the blood of sprinkling that speaks of better things than that of Abel.

Jesus' blood speaks of better things than Abel, because while Abel's blood cried out for justice and vengeance; Jesus' blood satisfied justice and provides mercy, grace, and forgiveness. As we come to Jesus. Jesus' blood doesn't *demand* perfection, rather it *provides* perfection.

It's because of the blood of Jesus that Hebrews 4:16 tells us we can "*Come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*"



We looked at four more contrasts between Mt. Sinai and Mt. Zion...

- 1) Hopelessness / Hopeful
- 2) Death (Exodus 32:28) / Eternal Life (Acts 2:41); (summed up in 2 Corinthians 3:6 *“The letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”*)
- 3) Refusal to hear God’s Word / A hunger for more of God’s Word
- 4) Inability to endure the burden of the commands of God / The commands of the Lord are not burdensome (1 John 5:3)

The comparison regarding the two mountains is, Mt Sinai can be shaken but Mt Zion cannot. We noted three things that can be shaken: people, earth, and heaven. Therefore, we are not to look to the temporary things which are seen, but the eternal things that are not seen. (2 Corinthians 4:18).

The fifth and final warning of Hebrews in verse 25 is *“See that you do not refuse Him who speaks.”* If we understand the supremacy and superiority of Jesus, we will never refuse His word of grace!

This section on endurance concludes in Verses 28-29 *“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have (hold tightly to and allow to reign over our lives) grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. It’s a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God!”*

Hebrews twelve sums up the context of the book as we are reminded to run our race with endurance, looking to Jesus. The writer takes us back to Hebrews 2:1-2, *“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”*

So, let’s not turn from the things we have learned about Jesus and drift back under the law at Mt Sinai. Rather, let’s choose to abide at Mt Zion, and hold tightly to the Grace of God, *“staying under the spout where grace comes out!”*



The first section of Hebrews focuses on the superiority of Jesus and the superiority of faith in Jesus, dealing with doctrine.

The second section deals with the application of the doctrine of Jesus, beginning in chapter ten. If we truly believe that Jesus is better than everything and over everything, if we believe He is King of kings and Lord of lords we will walk by faith, accessing the grace of God to endure and empower us through this life.

In chapter thirteen, the author continues regarding what a walk of faith by grace looks like. Beginning in Hebrews 13:1 we are instructed to “let brotherly love continue.” A walk of faith will produce *brotherly love* that is seen in six areas of our life, causing us to...

- 1) **Entertain strangers**  
*Where we saw the need for discernment to help, not enable others.*
- 2) **Remember Prisoners**  
*Speaking of those who are imprisoned for their faith, or persecuted.*
- 3) **Honor Marriage**  
*We are to honor all marriages, die to self, put our spouses needs before our own, and guard purity as God intended.*
- 4) **Live in contentment**  
*As we realize Jesus will never leave us not forsake us, we have all we need, which causes contentment in the life of the one who walks by faith.*
- 5) **Remember, follow, and consider leaders in the Faith**  
*Follow others only as they follow Christ, pray for, support, and encourage leaders in faith.*
- 6) **Obey in submission**  
*We are to obey those God has placed over us, as they will give account to God for how they lead. We will only give account for how we obey in submission. When we do not obey our Spiritual leaders, it causes them grief.*

So, as we walk by faith, the fruit of brotherly love will be evident to all.



It is not something we strive for or work at. We will offer praise to God regardless of the season we find ourselves in; through the cold and barrenness of Winter, through the blooms of Spring, in the parched heat of Summer, or the harvest of Fall, it is God Who produces fruit in His time through us, as we *Consider Jesus* in all we do.

This is not a list of what to do as much as it is what running our race of grace looks like. May we always be content with the provision of His grace, as we keep our eyes on Jesus, knowing He *will never leave us, nor forsake us*. As we *consider Jesus*, and trust in the surety of His Word, we know one day we will be with Him in that *heavenly city whose Builder and Maker is God!*

As you consider all that Jesus has done and is doing on your behalf, may your life shine brotherly love, and may your mouth be filled with praise and thanksgiving to Him who is worthy!

*“I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
And I will glorify Your name forevermore.”  
Psalm 86:12*



In the final study of Hebrews, we were reminded of many powerful applications for our lives today.

The book was written because Jewish believers who had been exposed to the Grace of Jesus, were now being drawn away from the finished work of the cross. Due to persecution for their faith, they were enticed toward “easy living” rather than to face the impending persecution. This put them in danger of drifting back under Mt. Sinai, which represents the bondage of the law and flesh. These believers are being reminded that the Grace of God is only found at Mt. Zion. They were deceived into thinking that if they would turn back to the law, it would eliminate their hardships. But the Bible tells us *“In this world we WILL have tribulation”* (John 16:33). And *“We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.”* (Acts 14:22)

The answer to a joyful life is not to avoid persecution, but to deny ourselves, our comfort, our desires, and our rights. Instead, we are to take up or embrace the cross, and follow Jesus. It is through our tribulations, even the fiercest persecution, that Jesus will strengthen and enable us to experience His victory. As we consider Jesus and look to His world, Palms 16:11 promises *“You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”*

There are five “warning” passages throughout Hebrews where we are warned of...

- 1) The Danger of **drifting** in Hebrews 2
- 2) The Danger of **unbelief** in Hebrews 3 and 4
- 3) The Danger of **not maturing** in Hebrews 5
- 4) The Danger of **apostasy** in Hebrews 6
- 5) The Danger of **refusing Him** who speaks from Heaven, or God in Hebrews 12

By establishing WHO God is, we realize the supremacy and superiority of Jesus; meaning Jesus is not only over all things, but He’s also better than all the shadows that point to Him. We looked at fifteen ways He is better; Jesus is...



- 1) **Better than the Prophets;** Because He is the Prophet of Prophets. (Hebrews 1:1-3)
- 2) **Better than the Angels;** Because He created the Angels. (Hebrews 1:4-14)
- 3) He has a **better Name;** (Hebrews 2:1-18) because *“at the Name of Jesus every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is LORD!”* (Romans 14:11)
- 4) He has a **better position;** As He is *“seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.”* (Hebrews 8:1)
- 5) He is **better than Moses;** As Moses delivered God’s people from slavery *temporarily*, but Jesus delivered His people from the bondage of sin *eternally!* So Jesus *“has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses.”* (Hebrews 3:1-6)
- 6) He is a **better Rest;** (Hebrews 3:7-4:13) Because of the rest Jesus provides, we can stop striving in disbelief and *by faith* “be diligent to enter His rest!
- 7) He’s the **better High Priest;** (Hebrews 4:14-6:20) because He is our *“merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.”* (Hebrews 2:17-18)
- 8) **He brings a better Hope;** Our hope is in Jesus’ blood and His righteousness! *“...We might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope, we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.”* (Hebrews 6:18-19)
- 9) He is also **the Mediator of a better Covenant;** (Hebrews 7:22) Because the New Covenant was...Absolute / Not Conditional, Spiritual / Not Carnal, Internal / Not External, The New Covenant is Eternal / Not Temporal.
- 10) **His covenant is better;** *“But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.”* (Hebrews 8:6) His name is El Shaddai, He is the covenant keeper!
- 11) He is a **better, eternal Tabernacle;** Every one of its



furnishings are just a shadow that points us to Jesus. *“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.”* (Hebrews 9:11)

- 12) He is a **better Sacrifice**; Because He has better blood. *“He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”* (Hebrews 9:26)  
Because of His better sacrifice, we now have better access to the throne of Grace!!
- 13) He is a **better way, and a better reward**; We have the promise of uninterrupted fellowship with God! *“Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise”* (Hebrews 10:35-36)
- 14) He has prepared a **better homeland**; A heavenly city, an Eternal Kingdom which cannot be shaken! *“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.”* (Hebrews 12:28-29)
- 15) He brings a **better hope through a better resurrection**; *“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”* (Hebrews 13:20-22) We are told in 1 Corinthians 15:56 *“The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through (the resurrection of) our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

The author then gives thirteen “let us” phrases in response to Jesus begin better.

1) **Hebrews 4:1**

*“Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us Fear (or reverence) lest any of you seem to have come short of it.*



- 2) **Hebrews 4:11**  
*“Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, (the rest of Jesus) lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.”*
- 3) **Hebrews 4:14**  
*“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.”*
- 4) **Hebrews 4:16**  
*“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*
- 5) **Hebrews 6:1**  
*“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us ...Go on to perfection (or Maturity), not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God”*
- 6) **Hebrews 10:22**  
*“Let us Draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”*
- 7) **Hebrews 10:23**  
*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”*
- 8) **Hebrews 10:24**  
*“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, by not forsaking the assembling together of the saints!*
- 9) **Hebrews 12:1**  
*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us Lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us”*
- 10) **Hebrews 12:1-2**  
*“And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*



- 11) **Hebrews 12:28**  
*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, **let us** have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”*
- 12) **Hebrews 13:13**  
*“Therefore **let us**...go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach*
- 13) **Hebrews 13:15**  
*“Therefore by Him **let us**... Continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.*

In other words, if we truly believe Jesus is better, it will affect the way we live. We will respond by living in and walking by faith, because *“without faith it is impossible to please God”* (Hebrews 11:6). A life lived out by faith is only possible by the grace of God, and we learned

- 1) **Grace is needed to help; Hebrews 4:16**  
*As we can “come boldly to the **throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy and find **grace** to help in time of need.”*
- 2) **Grace is not to be taken for granted; Hebrews 10:29-30**  
*“Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?”*
- 3) **We are to give grace to others; Hebrews 12:14-16**  
*“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;”*
- 4) **Grace is how we serve God acceptably; Hebrews 12:28-29**  
*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.”*



5) **Grace establishes our heart to discern sound doctrine; Hebrews 13:9**

*“Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace”*

6) **Grace is needed for all; Hebrews 13:25**

*“Grace be with you all. Amen.”*

We learned that God’s grace enables us to follow through with brotherly love one for another. And, if we love one another, we will pray for others. When we pray for those who rule over or lead us Spiritually, including our husbands, it makes it easy to submit and obey. Not because we trust the leaders, but **because we trust God** to answer our prayers. So, we pray for spiritual leaders to have a good conscience, for a desire to live honorably, and a desire to be united with the sheep.

Hebrews closes with a powerful passage found in Hebrews 13:20-21 *“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that **great Shepherd of the sheep**, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”* Meaning Jesus is supreme, because only Jesus can make us complete, and He does so with His resurrection power!

- In John 10:11 Jesus is called the **Good Shepherd**, *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.*
- In Hebrews 13:20 Jesus is referred to as the **Great Shepherd**, the *Shepherd of our Souls* Who makes us complete.
- Then He is called the **Chief Shepherd** in 1 Peter 5:4 where we are told the Chief Shepherd will come back for His sheep.

While He has already made us complete *positionally* for all eternity, we are now being made complete *practically*, as we walk by faith and grow in His grace and await His return. He is our Shepherd, if we first get to know Him as Lord.



Philippians 2:13 tells us “*It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*” Titus 2:11-14 tells us that it is His grace that *teaches* us what is pleasing to Him!

Ultimately, we please the Lord as we rest in the finished work of Christ. To be pleasing in His sight is not accomplished through living according to the Law at Mt. Sinai (under the rules and regulations of the law), but rather it pleases God for us to live at Mt. Zion or under Grace which is His divine influence. And when we live under grace, verse 22 tells us to “*bear with (or apply) the word of exhortation.*” In other words, we are to apply all the instructions of the book, and that is when brotherly love is tangibly seen in the body of Christ, as we do not forsake the gathering together. Finally, verse 25 concludes the book by saying “*Grace be with you all. Amen.*”

I pray you choose to abide under His grace, knowing Jesus is better and He desires to draw you near to Himself. May God richly bless you as you continue to “*Consider Jesus*” and rely on His Grace not only for salvation, but for every moment of your life. Do not forget that He has provided “*grace upon grace*” for all He desires you to be as you walk by faith!

Love and Blessings,

Sally



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