



SUPERIOR LIFE:

Great Grace Empowers Great Practical Holiness

"...Therefore since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us hold onto GRACE..." HEBREWS 12:17 - 13: 9

MAIN PRINCIPLE OF TODAY'S SERMON: *Setting our eyes upon Christ in all His Biblical roles (including High Priest, Intercessor, and Returning King) leads us and empowers us to endure through trials and hardships, so that we may live in practical, every day HOLINESS.*

MILESTONES TO UNDERSTANDING HEBREWS

- BELIEVERS MUST GO ON TO MATURITY and GOD HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO SO. (HEB. 5:11 - 6:3)

- **THE PROCESS OF MATURITY DOES NOT AFFECT SALVATION. BUT IT DOES AFFECT THE WAY WE LIVE IN THE INTENDED BLESSINGS OF GOD.**

- IF WE START TO DRIFT FROM THE WORD (HEB. 2:1-4), THEN WE START TO DOUBT THE WORD (HEB. 3:7-4:13).

- BEFORE LONG, WE WILL GET DULL TOWARD THE WORD (HEB. 5:11-6:20) AND BECOME LAZY BELIEVERS.

- A FRUITFUL LIFE IS A BLESSED LIFE AND A LIFE THAT DECLARES ALOUD THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S SALVATION WITHIN US. LIKEWISE, THE GREATER THE FRUIT, THE GREATER THE AWARENESS WE HAVE OF OUR SECURITY IN CHRIST.

- THE BEST WAY TO AVOID DRIFTING IS - TO LAY HOLD OF THE ANCHOR.

- WHEN WE ARE ANCHORED HEAVENWARD, HOW MUCH MORE SECURE CAN YOU BE IN YOUR SALVATION.

- JESUS HAS INITIATED A NEW ETERNAL PRIESTHOOD WHICH IS SUPERIOR TO THE OLD TESTAMENT LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD IN AARON'S LINE. THIS DOES NOT DISCREDIT OR LESSEN THE FORMER COVENANT - IT COMPLETES IT BY FULFILLING ITS INTENDED GOALS.

Past, Present and Future Grace - Living a Life of Practical Holiness

I. Past Grace - Looking Back vv. 16, 17

An illustration of Grace rejected : _____

Us Looking back to the _____

Christ our _____ and _____

ACTION: Let His Salvation Inspire You to Greater Holiness

II. Present Grace - Looking Up vv. 18-24

A Tale of Two _____

Sinai = _____ Zion = _____

Christ our _____ and _____

ACTION: Let His Presence Fill You With Hope to Endure

III. Future Grace - Looking Forward vv. 25-29

Christ Our _____

The Shaking: from Haggai 2:6. Our Unshakable Lord.

ACTION: Let His Return Embolden Your Confidence.

IV. This is What Holiness Looks Like: Let's Do It!

1. Love and Hospitality 2. Marriage and Purity

3. Money and Contentment 4. Hold Fast to Sound Doctrine

ACTION: Be Accountable to One Another in these things

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. What does Holiness have to do with my everyday life ?

2. Where do I see the reality of past Grace in my life? How has my life testified to this kind of Grace this past week?

3. How does Christ's intercession on my behalf relate to my everyday life ?

4. In what way does future Grace enable my faith as it plays out in the "here and now"? How does the reality of Christ's return deepen my life of faith today? How do I strengthen that part of my walk?

5. In what way do I testify to the great glory of God's Grace?

6. In my hardships and sufferings what realistic steps can I take to intentionally proclaim Christ's Grace in a more effective way?