

HOLY LIFE

DWELLING ON THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

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Superior Sovereignty – Personhood & Purification

HEBREWS 2:1-4

“When God is our Holy Father, sovereignty, holiness, omniscience, and immutability do not terrify us; they leave us full of awe and gratitude. Sovereignty is only tyrannical if it is unbounded by goodness; holiness is only terrifying if it is untempered by grace; omniscience is only taunting if it is unaccompanied by mercy; and immutability is only torturous if there is no guarantee of goodwill.” - Ravi Zacharias

As we lift up the Person of Christ in all His identity and character (doctrine), let us be exhorted to a deepening practice of His ways, thoughts and intentions (discipleship/sanctification).

OVERLYING PRINCIPLES:

- *The Person of Christ Brings Superior Revelation*
- *Transformation Follows Commitment & Responsibility.*
- *God uses Loving Chastisement to Bring us to Transformation.*
- *God's desire in Chastisement is to Redeem & Restore His People.*
- *Adhering to the Word of Salvation is an answer to our drifting.*

Commitment and Responsibility

The Church of Christ today has forfeited _____
in order to gain _____ & numbers.

We generally don't want to be _____ we are
typically fine with being _____.

Winning new believers takes more work but produces more
fruitful commitment within the evangelist and the new believer.

While there is a cost to following Christ with increasing
commitment to His Word and Way, there is also a glorious
transformation which divinely drives us towards Holiness.

Chastisement

OT and New, the story is about God's great glory. Isa.

OT and New, God's Heart is Towards Restoration, not Destruction.

Motivation through threat of punishment is a lesser way than

Motivation through the promise of Salvation.

Redeeming the Drifting Heart

If we are drifting, it is most likely that we have NEGLECTED either
the Word, Prayer or BOTH.

Applying the Word of Truth is a Remedy for our Drifting. Eph. 6:16

“There is Grace that Still Flows For You and Me...”

DEFINITIONS:

THEREFORE – FOR THIS CAUSE.

PAY ATTENTION – TO TURN THE MIND TO. BRING A SHIP TO PORT

DRIFT - TO GLIDE BY OR MEANDER OFF COURSE.

MESSAGE – LOGOS, A WORD, CONCEPT OR EXPRESSION UTTERED BY A
LIVING VOICE.

TRANSGRESSION – A DISREGARDING OR VIOLATION OF MOSAIC LAW

DISOBEDIENCE – AN UNWILLINGNESS TO HEAR.

PUNISHMENT – A REWARD OR PAYMENT OF WAGES (GOOD OR BAD)

NEGLECT – TO BE CARELESS; TO MAKE LIGHT OF

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. How Does Christ's Superior Personhood affect your life situation today?
 2. Is there Spiritual discipline that you are neglecting? Are you drifting?
 3. What is the Word of Salvation as it pertains to you today?
 4. What actions need to be taken or commitments made to see the Transformative power of Christ in your life once again?
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