HAT THE



BUBLE IS ABOUT

The book of Hebrews Part 2

Hebrews

e Son Superior to Angels

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and rious ways, 2but in these last days he has to us by his Son, whom he appointed all things, and through whom he made and the exact representation of his ming all things by his powerful had provided purification for at the right hand of the Majbecame as much superi-

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garmen
12You will roll them up like a robe;
like a garment they will be change
But you remain the same,
and your years will never end

13To which of the angels did Go

"Sit at my right hand until I make your enem a footstool for you

God's Amazing Story of Redemption & Atonement

The Epistle to the Hebrews

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF LAW

- 1. Blood of animals
- 2. Written on stone
- 3. Shadow of reality
- 4. Glorious
- 5. Had an end
- 6. Law of Moses
- 7. Law of works
- 8. Law of sin & death
- 9. Many sacrifices
- 10. Powerless to save
- 11. Annual atonement
- 12. Earthly tabernacle
- 13. Ministry of death
- 14. Outer form- flesh
- 15. Condemnation



"For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second."

- Hebrews 8:7 -

RIGHTEOUSNESS OF CHRIST

- Blood of Christ
- 2. Written on hearts
- 3. Substance
- 4. More Glorious
- 5. Had no end
- 6. Law of Messiah
- 7. Law of faith
- 3. Law of Spirit of life
- 9. Only one sacrifice
- 10. Powerful to save
- 11. Eternal atonement
- 12. Heavenly worship
- 13. Ministry of life
- 14. Inner reality-Spirit
- 15. Reconciliation

New Covenant

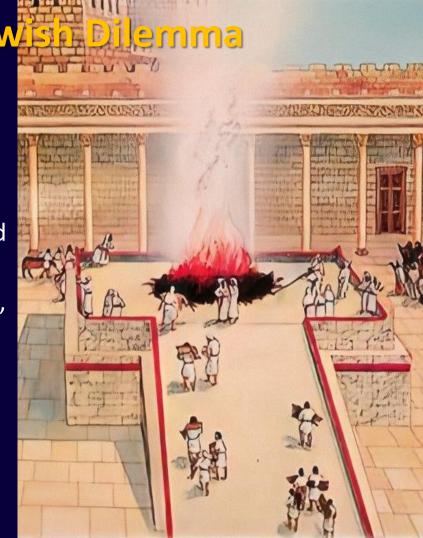
Old Covenant

The Jew

Judaism was a divinely appointed religion, with divinely appointed priests officiating in a divinely appointed Temple accomplishing a divinely ordered service, ennobled through the ages.

Jesus threatened Judaism, for how could believing Jews remain zealous of the Law? So the Jewish religious establishment had Christ crucified.

The Temple stood in the way of belief for Jews.





The New Testament

GOSPELS

MATTHEW

MARK

LUKE

JOHN

(GOSPEL) HISTORY

ACTS

PAUL'S LETTERS TO CHURCHES

ROMANS

1 CORINTHIANS

2 CORINTHIANS

GALATIANS

EPHESIANS

PHILIPPIANS

COLOSSIANS

1THESSALONIANS

2THESSALONIANS

PAUL'S LETTERS TO PASTORS

1 TIMOTHY

2 TIMOTHY

TITUS

PHILEMON

UNNAMED* LETTER

HEBREWS

GENERAL LETTERS

JAMES

1 PETER

2 PETER

1 JOHN

2 JOHN

3 JOHN

JUDE

PROPHECY

REVELATION

NOTE: * Probably written by Paul.

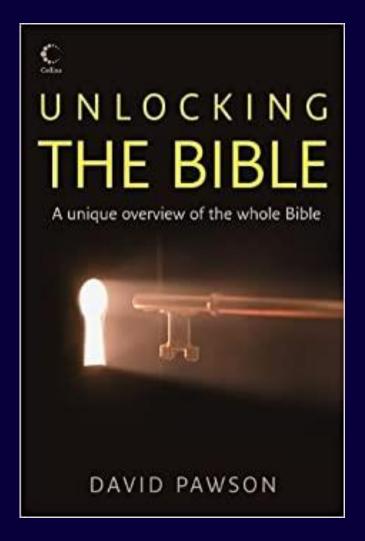
P46

 \mathfrak{P}^{46} , one of the oldest extant Greek NT papyrus manuscripts, likely written between 150 and 250 (95% CL), contains most* Pauline epistles and includes both Galatians and Hebrews.



"The letter to the Hebrews is perhaps the most theological and difficult of the books of the New Testament."

David Pawson



Habakkuk 2.4

"The just shall live by faith."



"Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me."

The Gospel according to Paul

- ¹ Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- ² By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- ³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

The "good news" of the Bible

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according to the scriptures;

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according to the scriptures."

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Perthe Bible Salvation is a matter of

The definition of "salvation"

 Let's briefly review our understanding of the concept of "salvation." Salvation has three tenses:



Definitions of each "tense"



To (legally) declare (render) righteous.







The paradigm of "salvation"

Past tense: I have been saved.

Separation from the *penalty* of sin

Justification

Present tense: I am being saved.

Separation from the *power* of sin

Sanctification

Future tense: I will be saved.

Separation from the *presence* of sin

Glorification

The New Testament Trilogy on Habakkuk 2:4 "The just shall live by faith."





- the substance of things hoped for
- the evidence of things not seen.

Objectives of Hebrews

- Combat apostasy among believers (Heb 2:1-4; 10:19-25)
- Encourage believers to press on to spiritual maturity

(Heb 5:11-14; 10:32-39)

 Comfort believers threatened with or under persecution (Heb 11:1-12:3)



The Book of

Theme

- The overarching theme is the supremacy or preeminence of Christ. Christ is:-
 - Higher than any Old Testament character;
 - Superior to any Old Testament institution;
 - Greater than any Old Testament ritual;
 - Better than any Old Testament sacrifice.
- His life, death, and resurrection make him preeminent.
- Christ is the pure revelation of God, the epitome of all truth, and much more. God has fully and completely expressed himself in Christ.

Outline of Hebrews

Christ

A Superior Person

(Hebrews 1 - 6)

- Better than the prophets—1:1–3
- Better than the angels—1:4—2:18
- Better than Moses—3:1—4:13
- Better than Aaron—4:14—6:20

Melchizadek

A Superior Priesthood

(Hebrews 7 - 10)

- A superior order—7
- A superior covenant—8
- A superior sanctuary—9
- A superior sacrifice—10

Faith

A Superior Principle

(Hebrews 11 - 13)

- The great examples of faith—11
- The endurance of faith—chastening—12
- Closing practical exhortations—13

CHRIST

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Christ is better than the prophets

- God at various times and in various ways used the prophets to convey His message to His people.
- He has now sent Jesus Christ. Christ is exalted above the prophets because He is the message.
- Christ holds three offices:
 - 1. Christ's Prophetic Office
 - 2. Christs Kingly Office
 - 3. Christ's Priestly Office
- The Son is the final revealer.



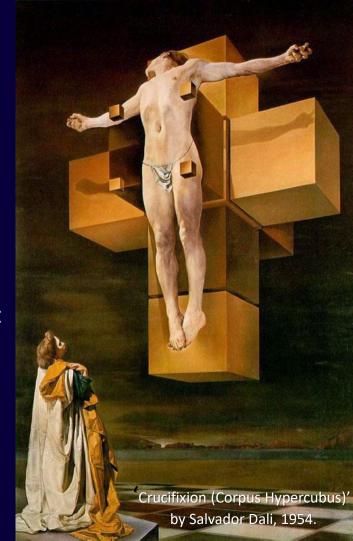
Ezekiel

Christ is better than the angels

- Jesus made Lower than the Angels to be human like His brothers. He came to earth as a human instead of an angel to take our nature upon Him as it was necessary.
- By understanding who Jesus is and what He said, we can know the fullness of God's nature and character.
- Christ is exalted above the Angels, both in person and office. In these last days God has spoken by his Son. Of the Son he says, "Let the angels worship him." And, "Your throne, O God, is forever."



- The Son is superior to the angels because of His redemptive work on the Cross, where he died for everyone.
- Jesus is the exact representation of the Father and was sent to communicate to us the true nature of God.
- The author of salvation tasted death for everyone. He was made like us to make atonement for our sins and destroy the power of death. We must pay close attention so we do not ignore such a great salvation.
- It was fitting that Jesus, through whom everything exists, was the author of salvation.



Christology

- He as the Son has a more excellent Name (vv. 4,5)
- He is the Firstborn who is worshiped by angels (v. 6)
- He made the angels (v. 7)
- He is sitting on the Throne (vv. 8,9)
- He is anointed above angels (vv. 9)
- He Himself is the eternal and immutable creator (vv. 10-12)
- He is the sovereign; they are the servants (vv. 13-14)



DANGER

- 1. The Danger of **Drifting**
- 2. The Danger of **Disobedience**
- 3. Failure to progress
 - toward Maturity
- 4. The Danger of Willful Sin
- 5. Warning against Indifference

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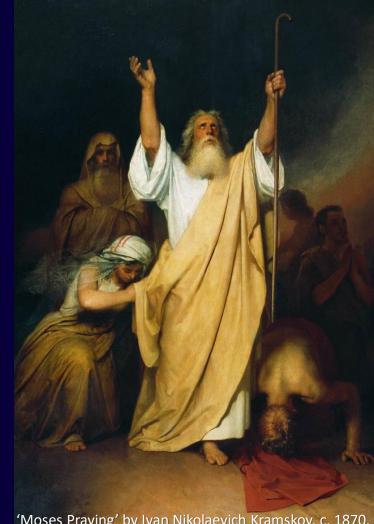
משה רבנו

Moshe Rabbenu

('Moses our Teacher')



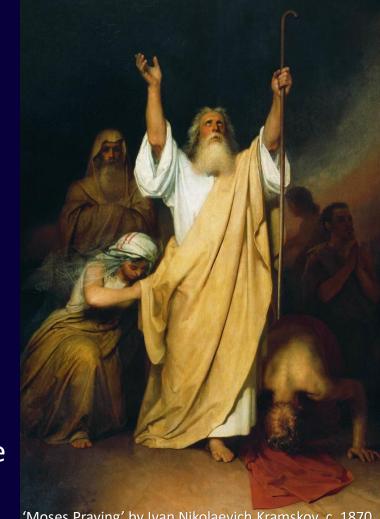
Judaism's most important prophet and the deliverer of Israel



'Moses Praying' by Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoy, c. 1870.

משה רבנו

- Man of God
- Descendant of Abraham
- Prophet of God's Truth
- Priest (Ex 24:6; 32:11)
- King in Jeshunun (Deut 33:5)
- Delivered Israel from Egypt
- Built Earthly Tabernacle
- Led thru Wilderness



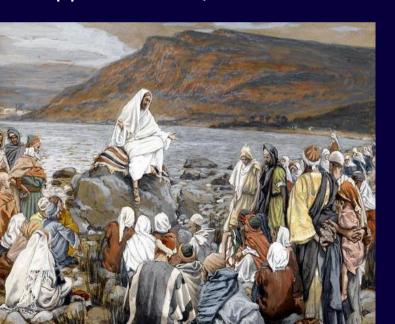
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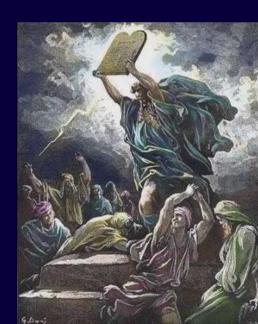
משה רבנו **Christ God Himself** Man of God Son of God yet Descendant of Abraham sinless Son of Man Prophet of God's Truth **Embodiment of Truth** Priest (Ex 24:6; 32:11) High Priest King in Jeshunun (Deut) King of Kings 33:5) Delivered Israel from From Eternity Egypt **Built Earthly Tabernacle** Place on High Led thru Wilderness Leads to Glory

Hebrews 3

Christ Is Greater in His Person (3:1–2)

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers [partners] of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ²who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.





Christ Is Greater in His Ministry (3:3–6)

- For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.
- For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.



And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Christ Is Greater in the Rest He Gives (3:7—4:13)



- ⁷ Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:
 - "Today, if you will hear His voice,
- Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, Ex 17:1-7
 In the day of trial in the wilderness,

 Num 20:1-13
- Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years.
- Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.'
- So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

Psalm 95:7-11

Past tense

- God's Sabbath rest
- Israel's Canaan rest
- Salvation rest (Justification)

Present tense

 Submission rest (Sanctification)

Future tense

- Heaven
- Victory in Christ (Glorification)

God's Rest

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God [apostasy]; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

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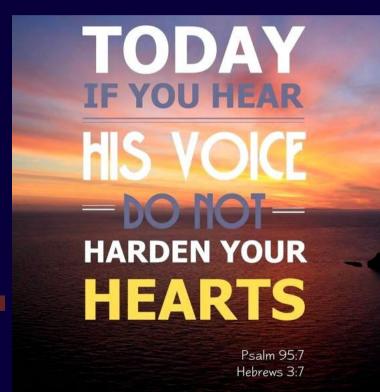
Oswald J. Smith



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- ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ **if** we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵while it is said:

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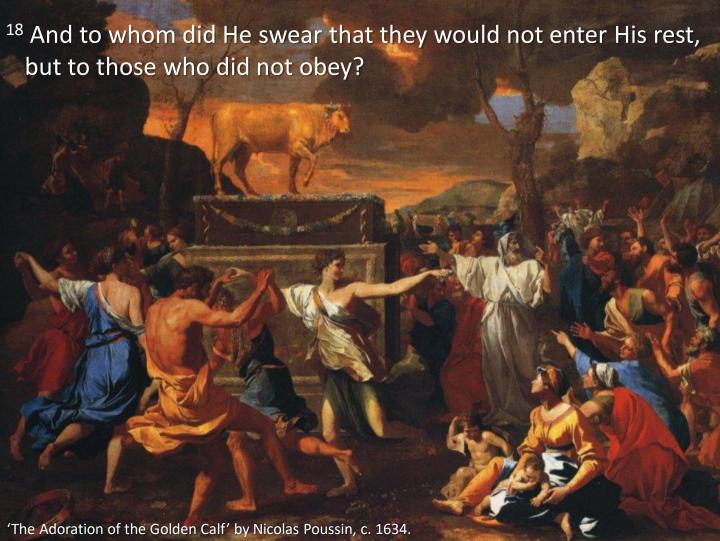
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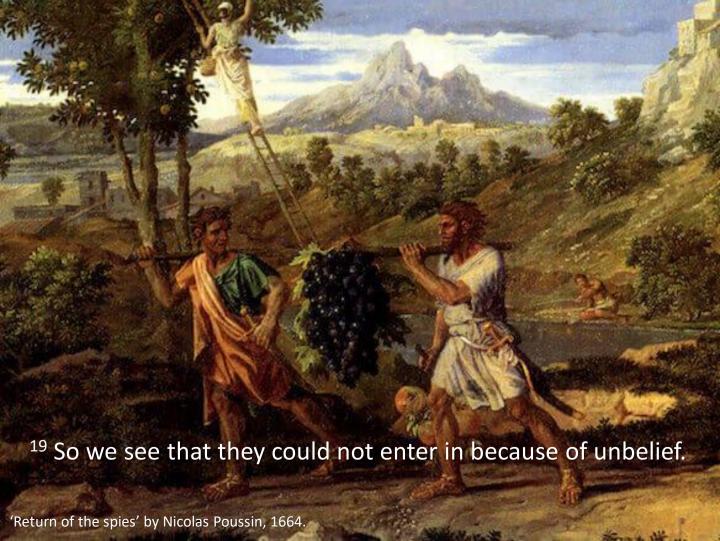


Failure in the Wilderness

¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?







Hebrews 4

The Promise of Rest

¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.



² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

"So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' "

Psalm 95:11

Although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way:

"And God rested on the seventh day from all His

works";

⁵ and again in this place:

"They shall not enter My rest."

Genesis 2:2

Psalm 95:13

Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷ again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said:



Today,

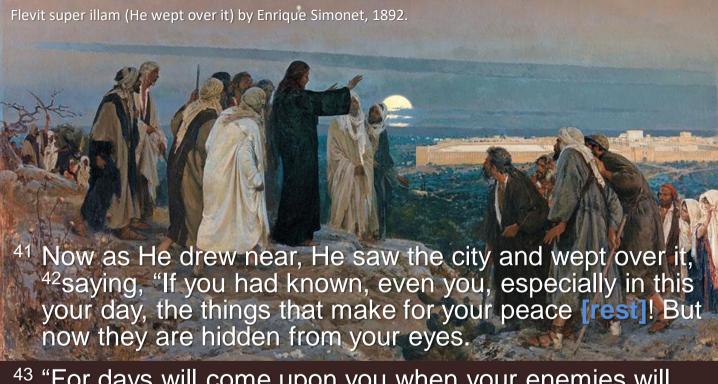
if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts. Psalm 95:8-9



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For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day. ⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.



43 "For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

The Word Discovers Our Condition

- ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.
- ¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.
- ¹² For the word of God is <u>living</u> and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Our Compassionate High Priest

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.

High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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Aaron

(Prophet, High Priest)



God gave Aaron's male descendants a monopoly over the priesthood (Exodus 28:1)





Hebrews 5

Qualifications for High Priesthood

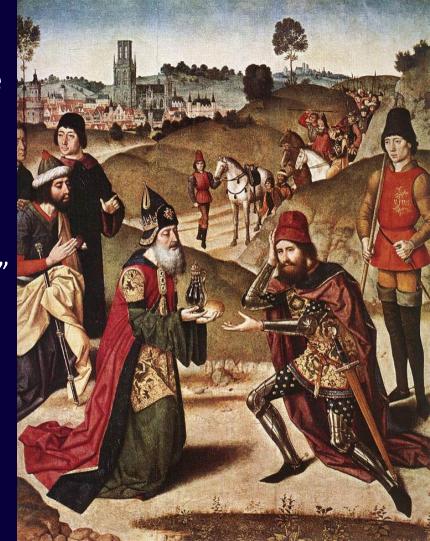
- ¹ For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.
- He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.
- Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.
- ⁴ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.



- ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:
 - "You are My Son,
 Today I have begotten You."
- ⁶ As He also says in another place:
- Psalm 110:4 "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek";
- who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

'Crucifix' by Cimabue, 1268-71.

⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizadek," ¹¹ of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.





- For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.
- of **milk** is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.
- But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Are you a
"bottle-fed"

or a
"meat-eating"
believer?

Hebrews 6

The Peril of Not Progressing

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³ And this we will do if God permits.



⁴ For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶ if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

"Please don't become like this! Persevere to the end."



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- 1. Calvinist: they were only professing, not real, believers.
- 2. Arminian: they were truly saved, then permanently lost.
- Modern: once saved, always saved (ignore tough stuff).
- 4. The word "impossible" really should say "difficult."
- 5. People can be repetitively lost and resaved, over and over.
- 6. This passage was just for OT Jews and OT sacrifices.
- 7. The whole argument is just hypothetical... (PLUS 9 MORE).

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It is impossible for those:-

- 1. Once enlightened
- 2. Tasted the heavenly gift
- 3. Partakers of the Holy Ghost
- 4. Tasted the good word of God
- 5. (*Tasted*) the powers of the age to come.

But who now are:-

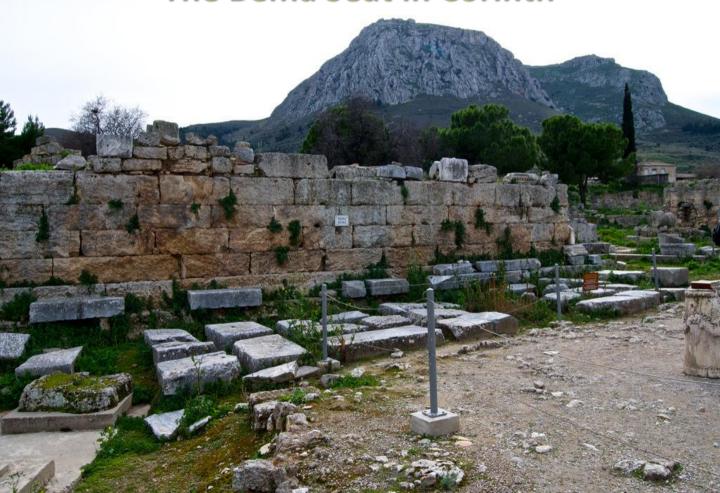
- 1. Fall away (done, past tense) to renew them again to
- repentance *since* they:-
- 2. Continue to crucify again
- 3. Continue to publicly ridicule

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- 1. So the message is that it is impossible for believers who have fallen away to be restored to repentance if they continue to crucify Christ again and publicly ridicule Jesus.
- 2. Grammar says 'impossibility' is not "restoration of salvation" (justification was not lost) but "repentance" while the person continues to "crucify Christ again" and "publicly ridicule" Him.

For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.



The Bema Seat in Corinth





1 Corinthians 3:10-15

¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation [with] gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. ¹⁴If anyone's work which he has built on [it] endures, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. ¹⁰ For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.



HEBREWS 6:10

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- ¹¹ And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven

Matthew 5:12

The Basis for Spiritual Security (Three Arguments)

- ¹³ For when God made a <u>promise</u> to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,
- multiplying I will multiply you."

 Gen. 22:17

¹⁴ saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and

- ¹⁵ And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. [25 years later]
- ¹⁶ For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.
- ¹⁷ Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an <u>oath</u>,

that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

IMMUTABLE

UNCHANGING, PERMANENT, FOREVER

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, ²⁰ where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

