

# DOING THE WILL OF GOD

(07/05/2023; Wednesday Night Gathering; Hebrews 10:19-13:25; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

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**Sermon Theme: Jesus is a greater high priest, offers a better sacrifice, mediates a new covenant, and secures a glorious salvation. Therefore, believers are called to hold fast to their confession and persevere amidst persecution, knowing that they will receive the reward of entrance into God's heavenly eternal city!**

## **I. Read Hebrews 10:19-25**

- A. Notice the 2 “since” statements and the 3 “let us” statements. How do the “since” statements point back to the rest of the book of Hebrews? What can you remember for Hebrews?
- B. The “let us” statements serve as an overview to the application section of Hebrews. So essentially each “let us” statement is connected to Hebrews 11, 12, and 13. But in each of those chapters, there's a pattern of declaration, context, and motivation.

### I. RIGHT THINKING ABOUT JESUS

- A. Jesus is Greater in His Person – (Heb. 1:1-4:14)
- B. Jesus is Greater in His Work – (Heb. 4:14-10:18)
  - 1. Because Jesus is a Sinless High Priest
  - 2. Because Jesus is an Eternal High Priest
  - 3. Because Jesus Mediates a Better Covenant
  - 4. Because Jesus Offers a Better Sacrifice
- C. Jesus is God's Eternal Salvation – (Heb. 10:19-39)

### II. RIGHT LIVING FOR JESUS

- A. Draw Near to God in Faith – (Heb. 11:1-40)
  - 1. Declaration of True Faith
  - 2. Context of the Difficulties of Life
  - 3. Motivation of Eternal Reward
- B. Hold Fast to Christ and Persevere – (Heb. 12:1-29)
  - 1. Declaration of Perseverance
  - 2. Context of the Difficulties of Life
  - 3. Motivation of Eternal Reward
- C. Stir Up One Another to Love – (Heb. 13:1-25)
  - 1. Declaration to Do Good
  - 2. Context of the Difficulties of Life
  - 3. Motivation of Eternal Reward

- C. So let's walk through each of the chapters and see if we can confirm that pattern?

## **II. Draw Near to God in Faith – Read Hebrews 10:36-11:1 and Hebrews 11:6**

- A. How does the end of Hebrews 10 connect to Hebrews 11? What does perseverance have to do with faith? How does faith motivate our perseverance in the midst of trials?
- B. Taking the definition given in verses 1 and 6, how are all these people examples of faith?
- C. What are some of the difficulties that they endured?
- D. According to Hebrews 11, what was their motivation for enduring those trials?

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## **III. Hold Fast to Christ and Persevere – Read Hebrews 12:1-3, 7-14**

- A. Why is comparing the Christian life to a marathon such an appropriate analogy? In what ways does that analogy apply to you over the different seasons of your life?
- B. As you evaluate your own life, what sin tends to entangle you the most? What “weights” tend to hinder you from delighting yourself in the Lord Jesus, loving people in the church, sharing the gospel, serving and sacrificing for the good of others, and pursuing personal holiness?
- C. How would you like to grow in “considering the joy set before us” in a similar manner to the Lord Jesus and His consideration of joy that awaited Him? Taking the definition given in verses 1 and 6, how are all these people examples of faith?
- D. What is the motivation, goal, and finish line of the Christian race of faith? How does Hebrews 12:22-24 motivate us to keep running with endurance the race of faith that is set before us?
- E. What “running plan” could you put in place for the summer that would help enable you, empower you, and motivate you to run with greater endurance the race of faith?

## **III. Stir Up One Another to Love – Read Hebrews 13:1-6**

- A. What does “doing the will of God” look like according to Hebrews 13:1-6?
- B. Read Hebrews 13:12-16. As you think about the context of difficulty, what do you think it looks like to go outside the camp and bear the reproach that Jesus endured?
- C. The author gives us the motivation in verse 14, that “here we have NO lasting city, but we are seeking the city that is to come!” How does the “city to come” motivate your willingness to go outside the camp and bear the reproach of Christ?
- D. As you think about Hebrews as a whole, what are the key takeaways for you personally?