

Therefore Hebrews - 2 - Dr David Antwi

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In the name of Jesus, we speak a blessing over your people. Let sicknesses be healed. Let sin be convicted. Let the lost be saved. Oh God, let the confused receive direction. Oh Lord, let the one who is timid and afraid receive boldness in the name of Jesus.

Let your power be demonstrated. Let your glory be seen. Let your presence be felt. Oh Lord, and let your name be glorified. Thank you, Lord. We pray for all our brothers and sisters listening and joining us in this service from all around the world.

[1 : 32] We pray that Lord minister to them in their various respective places as we all hear God's word. Thank you in Jesus' name. Amen. Amen. Shout amen.

Amen. All right. I said that last Sunday. I said I wanted to continue the message, but then obviously I realized that there was an outstanding message as well.

Last Wednesday, all right, I didn't really tie up there. Therefore, Hebrews, all right, so I think it's just good. Let's pick it up from there. Let's tie it up.

Run it up well, and then we can have some fun in the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah. Amen and amen.

All right. Let's turn our Bibles to Hebrews. Hebrews. Last week, I gave us a background to Hebrews.

[2 : 34] How Hebrews is a book written to the Hebrews. To help the Hebrews connect themselves to the new thing God is doing, the new era God has brought them into, and to allow them to enjoy the goodness of God.

And it starts by trying to compare some major figures and elements in the Old Testament, comparing it to the New Testament, for that matter, comparing it to Christ.

And so you started by talking about how Christ is better than the angels, all right, in the fact that he's better than the angels as the son of God.

So even as God, the son of God, he was better or he's better than the angels. And he's better than the angels as the son of man. In his humanity, he was better than the angels.

He could identify with us. He became the captain of our salvation. I like that phrase so much. It really, it really tickles my interest and fancy. He is the captain of our salvation.

[3 : 47] And so in that sense, he's better than the angels. And Bible says that then he gave, after saying that, he gave us the first therefore or the first warning. The warnings are therefore what to do.

And so he says that because of that, we should give heed to what is spoken. From chapter 2 from verse 1, it talks about, therefore, because Christ is all that, we should listen.

We should give heed to what is spoken to us. Because of who Christ is, that is what warrants us or that is what gives us the boldness, the confidence to listen attentively and to apply our hearts to what is said about Christ.

And then he went on to say, Jesus is better than Moses. Let's all say Jesus is better than Moses. Jesus is better than Moses. Because Jesus is the apostle and the high priest of our confession.

And so Jesus is better than Moses as an apostle. And because of that, he says that the second instruction, the second therefore that he gave us is we should not fall short of the promise.

[4 : 54] Because he says that the Israelites fell short of the promise. And because of that, they did not enter his rest. And he says that we should be careful lest we become like them by falling short of the promise.

How? Through unbelief. You remember? So it takes unbelief. Not too much. It doesn't take too much. It takes simple unbelief to miss out on what God wants to do in your life.

As simple as that. Simple unbelief. The other time when we were doing the foundation class, we referred to the book of James chapter 1, verse 6, 7, and I think verse 8, which is a very, very strange text.

It says that, talking about when you are coming to God to ask, it said, ask in faith without doubting. Why? Because anyone who doubts is like they're driven and tossed by the wind. Right? When you see the wave of the sea, actually, you can't put something, maybe when something belongs to anything of yours that falls in the wave of the sea, you are sure not to be able to pick it up.

Because it's always unstable. There's no one point you can see the wave of the sea. It's always unstable. The Bible says that anyone who asks God for something and the person is doubting is unstable.

[6 : 09] Do you know what? So God will say, anytime God is about to give it to you at this point, you are not there. So God can track you down to help you. It's just like a child who is very, very hungry.

And the mother is trying, a baby, the mother is trying to feed her, bride up, breastfeed her. And the baby is so erratic and will not be quiet. So it's difficult. It's difficult. And some of us, God is trying to help us.

And the only way it can do is just to push you in an atmosphere, environment where you're afraid to be jacked up. Because the only stabilizing factor in receiving from God is your faith.

So if your faith is not in place, God can really track you down to help you. Because by the time he thinks you are in Graceland, you are in Bemondsey. By the time God has sent Pastor Charles with a miracle for you.

And Pastor Charles has heard the voice of God. God is moving in like the way God sent Ananias to go and pray for Saul. So God has sent someone to meet you somewhere with your miracle.

[7 : 09] By the time they get there, you are not there. God has packaged and really moved a certain man from Russia. He's coming to relocate in New Cross and start coming to check.

By the time he comes, you have moved to Manchester looking for a husband. Someone's have mercy. Christ is. So, so faith.

Bible says that it's like the wave of the sea. Tossed to and fro. Put it back on the screen, please. James chapter 1. Tossed to and fro by the wind.

Now look at the next verse. That is very. I don't like this verse. You don't understand when I say I don't like it. It's. I like it. But Christ is so scary.

He said, let not that man suppose. Don't think. Don't think that you receive anything from God. Hey. Did you see how serious it is?

[8 : 08] He said anytime you ask something from God and you are doubting. You are doubting. He said, don't think you receive anything from God. Let that man not think he'll receive anything from God.

Now, he didn't say let that man not think God will give him anything. Don't think he will receive. Because it takes faith to enter the rest.

It takes faith to receive. As for God, he's a good God. What he will do, he has done already. It's already been done.

That's how it is already done. All things work together for good. It's already done. It takes faith. All right. So, he says that because of that, because Christ is like Moses.

Moses brought them into the promised land. Moved them. But most of them, they didn't enter the promised land because Hebrews 4, 6. He said, because of unbelief. Just that.

[9 : 05] Just that. Nothing. Unbelief seems so simple. The King James says unbelief because of unbelief. The New King James says because of disobedience. He said, it was unto the same. The unbelief seems so simple.

But it is so costly. It will cost you everything. Where I grew up.

Let me tell you this story. Then I can move on to this. Where I grew up. We used to have a lot of grass. Grass. The grass. Nice grass. Green grass. We always were. We always played in the grass. We were always. Gardens. So, it's just when I found out that here. Gardens are very precious. We grew up with large gardens and trees. And when you are playing here.

We had balloons were not too common. So, if you have a balloon. Especially Christmas. Christmas time. If you inflate your balloon. And it just goes and falls on the grass.

[10:05] Know that you're not going to get it again. Because the grass will usually, you know, punch a hole. Punch it. And then. Oh. Now. The grass. Just a little hole in it is enough to deflate everything.

Little bit of unbelief can spoil everything you have been waiting for. It's not too much. You don't know. That's why it's full of unbelief. No, no. Little. Unbelief is so expensive.

You can do all other things. Those who normally say I've done all. I know what I discovered. Normally when we say I've done all. It's unbelief you're talking. Those who normally say I've done everything. Now what else?

Should I do? Unbelief is expensive. Tell someone. Sister. Unbelief is expensive. Unbelief is expensive. How do you get rid of unbelief?

[11:11] It's the same as how do you build your faith? Because guess what? Guess what? Guess what? This is an interesting one. Every human being is born with unbelief. We are all unbelievers.

And then by the mercies of God. We heard the word and we became believers. Yes. So now someone tell us I'm a believer. I'm a believer. But even now that you are a believer.

Your past. The nature. The natural self. Of unbelief. Always tries to interfere. With your believing self. So sometimes you believe to a certain extent.

Then. You give up. Then you embrace unbelief. That's where we're going. Therefore Hebrews. Alright. So. It talks about. So we should.

Because of that. Second. Therefore. Do not come short of the promise. Of his rest. Alright. That's in chapter three. Then he moves on to chapter. The next point.

[12:10] Jesus is. Better than Aaron. As a high priest. Okay. So Jesus is better than Aaron. As a high priest. According to. The order of Melchizedek. Right.

Jesus is high priest. Is the Melchizedekan. High priest. Is according to the Melchizedekan. Order. Which is better than the Aaronic order. Because of that.

He says that. We should be brought into maturity. Hebrews chapter five. Therefore. Chapter five. Towards the end. Verse. Twelve. Downwards.

Ten to chapter six. It said. Therefore. Living the elementary principles. Of. Of. Of. The things of. Christ. Okay. The teachings. The doctrine. So we should come.

To therefore. Living the discussion. Of the elementary principles. Of Christ. Let's move on. All right. Grow up. Grow up. Your. Growing up.

[13:04] In the Lord. Is very necessary. So that. Those who don't grow up. In the Lord. Easily get deceived. By the. By the devil. Children are very gullible.

How many of you know. That you can give. A child. Two pound coin. And collect. Her 50 pounds. It's easy.

Someone. Someone gives. The child. That little child. 50 pounds. Notes. And say. Come. This one is better. You throw it. It falls down. It makes some noise. Heavy. You collect that.

The child will be very happy. Or. At best. You can just buy. A 50p. Sweet. Give the sweet. And collect the money. Because children.

Are very gullible. That is why. As a Christian. You can't afford. Not to grow. Because you become. Too vulnerable. In the hands. Of many physicians.

[14:07] You become. Too vulnerable. In the hands. Of many people. Many. Many. All kinds. Of religious. Personalities. Religious. Someone. Called me recently. Someone says that.

Pastor. I'm confused. I've been reading. Some things. Recently. And I'm even confused. The person has not been. Coming to church. I've been reading. Some things. And I'm confused. And I couldn't understand. Because. There are so many.

Confusing things. Out there. If you don't take your time. To develop your faith. And grow. And mature. In the Lord. The enemy. Bible says that. He is the accuser. Of the brethren. And Bible calls him.

The deceiver. The devil. Is that. Bible says that. Can you imagine someone. When he speaks lie. He's speaking his natural language. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

John. Jesus said. As for the devil. John 8.44. I think so. When he speaks the lie. He's speaking his natural. Native language. So. So.

[15:01] So. Now. This is my argument. My pastor taught me this. Years ago. And it was really helpful. Or he says that. You are the son of the. The father. The devil. The desire of your father.

You want to do. In any. Some ways. So he says. Because he. Because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie. He speaks from his own resource. For he is.

A liar. And the father of it. When you read some other translation. It says that when he speaks the lie. He's speaking his native language. Wow.

It's natural for the devil. That is why. Those who say. Oh. You know. When I got born again. Over 20 years ago. There was this. This kind of. All these beliefs. People have been under the.

Under the sea. And they've met the devil. They used to be in the occult. And they are coming to reveal. The devil's secrets. Who told you. The things the devil told you. Were true. All right.

[15:56] That's why. You know. Recently. I know this. Because of where I grew up. They were doing a lot of deliverance. All right. And someone. Sometimes. Someone will sit down. And then they will be. They will cast it. And say. Yeah. Hey. My name is this.

My name is this. I am this. Oh. You think you can cast me out. This morning. You've eaten a lot of. Rice and peas. You think you can cast me out. And then. And then you see pastors. Having dialogue with demons.

But what. Demons are natural liars. So. Why do you want an information. From a demon. Thinking that it is authentic. Because the devil.

Is a natural liar. I mean. He can. He can't speak that. Even if he wants to. He cannot. Because once he opens his mouth.

The source of lies. Is flowing. And so. That is why. It is necessary. To develop. Open up yourself. To sound teaching.

[16:51] So you can grow up. As a Christian. Because when. Once you grow up. As a Christian. And some things can. Nowadays. I'm telling you the truth. I'm telling you the truth. Nowadays. Sometimes. When I watch Christian TV.

I have to go up and down. Looking. Because sometimes. I prefer. Watching Christian TV. Than to watch a lot of junk. Because my soul. Is too expensive. To be putting junk inside.

And it takes a lot of time. To clear junk. I don't know. How many of you. Have noticed that. Because you put junk. It activates some. All necessary stuff. In your system. Takes too much time. To just fasting. And praying.

So. So. So. I try as much as well. To stay away from. A lot of junk. But. Sometimes. Christian television. I go.

And then. Usually. I really don't find anything. Nourishing. Okay. Nor. I mean. The word nourishing. It can be fun. Some of it.

[17:45] Is kind of entertaining. Well. Some of it. Is quite interesting. Pastor Frank. Made a statement. Some time ago. He said. I think. When we're on television. When we're going on television. In a conversation. I told him.

How much it costs. To be on television. For 30 minutes. He said. Wow. Is that. Is it that expensive? And. People pay all this money. To come and do that. Sort of stuff. On television. But the point I'm making.

Is that. I find it difficult. To listen to a lot. Of people. Do you know why? Not because. They don't say anything. But because. I want to grow. I want to grow.

I just. Tell me something. Teach me. God's word. I'm so hungry. For anything. In God's word. That anytime. Someone is teaching. And it's not taking me.

Into the word. It puts me off. Because what I need. Is the moral of God's word. That helps me to grow. And once I'm growing. In my spirit. My faith will grow. And once my faith is growing.

[18:40] All that God has prepared for me. I will receive it. Shout. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. So it's very important. It's just a way to mature. Okay. Because Jesus is a high priest.

Then he goes on to the next point. So Jesus is better than angels. Jesus is better than Moses. Jesus is better than Aaron. And then he said that. Jesus is or Christ's. New covenant.

Is superior to the old covenant. All right. And so he went on to say that. Because his covenant is superior to the old covenant.

Then he said therefore Hebrews. All right. It's superior to the old covenant. Because it's based. It's a better covenant. With better promises. With a more excellent ministry.

All right. So it's a better covenant. With better promises. Hallelujah. All right. Now listen to this very carefully. Thank you Holy Spirit. That every covenant.

[19 : 37] Is established on promises. Listen to this very carefully. All right. It connects to what we are learning on Sunday. So that is why when God called Abraham.

He gave him a promise. When you read Romans chapter 4. Bible says that. Romans chapter 4 verse 19. 20. 21. One of our favorite scriptures. He not being weak in faith.

All right. And not being weak in faith. He did not consider his own body. Already dead. Since he was about 100 years old. And the deadness of Sarah's womb. Verse 20. He did not waver at the.

Did you see that? Did you see that? He did not do what? Waver. Do you remember that word again? Says that he who doubts. Okay.

It's like the waves. Of the sea. Driven. And tossed. By the wind. All right. So Abraham did not waver. King James says.

[20 : 37] He did not stagger. When. I don't know how many of you have seen a drunk. Very. Someone who is very drunk. That's why when you are drunk. You don't drive. Because. You. What you define as straight.

Is off. All right. So. Bible says that. Abraham. Did not. That's what some of us are doing. Today you think. God will give me a husband. But maybe tomorrow. The husband will not come.

You are staggering. Maybe God will heal me. Maybe he will heal me. Maybe I will get a job. Maybe I will. So you come to church once. You are so excited. Then the next moment. You say. Maybe I will get.

You see. Then you begin to say. I have done everything. I have done. But if you don't stagger. Yes. Come wind. Come high water. Come. Come. Fire.

Come whatever. You stand as a flint. Yeah. Because. You have made up. Your resolution. That God. Is faithful. In spite.

[21 : 33] That's why. I like the Hebrew voice. Even if he doesn't deliver us. We have just made up. Our mind. We have made a resolution. That we will not cave in.

All right. So. Bible says that. Put it back. Abraham did not stagger. At the promise. Did you see. Unbelief is expensive. Right. Unbelief will hurt you.

If you are on the track. Of God's promise. Unbelief is an enemy. Wow. Because. He did not stagger. At the promise. Of God. Through unbelief.

All right. So. God's covenant. Always. Is. Every covenant. Is based on promises. And Bible says that. The new covenant. Oh. Is based on.

Better promises. So. Whatever the Jews were enjoying. We are better. We've got better. We've got better. At least.

[22 : 31] If nothing at all. There's one thing. We can always. Be thankful. To God for. The fact that. We can access his presence.

Hallelujah. We can access his presence. Directly. We can come. Boldly. All right. So. After telling us. How superior.

The new covenant. Is. To the old covenant. Then he goes on. Hebrews chapter 10. Verse. 19. He said. Therefore. Hebrews.

Okay. So. As I explained. The therefore. The therefore. Last week's message. Get it. Therefore. Hebrews. Therefore. Brothers. And sisters. Or therefore. Brethren. Therefore.

Brethren. Have been. Bold. Watch this. Watch this. Therefore. Brethren. Having boldness. To enter. Enter the holiest. By.

[23 : 26] The blood of Jesus. All right. So. Having boldness. So. Watch this. Watch this. I told us. Last week. That. Didactics. Instructions.

So. Anytime you see that. Therefore. He's going to tell you. What to do. Now. He's been telling us. What. The kind of. The kind of. Fortunate.

Privileged. Access. With God. In this new testament. In this new covenant. He's been explaining all that to us. Then he goes on to say. On the basis of that.

Therefore. All right. Anytime you see the word. Therefore. It means that. On the basis of what has just been said. This is what is supposed to follow. Okay.

And so. You don't say. I've finished. I've written my exam. I've got a certificate. And therefore. I can now sleep the rest of my life. No. You get a certificate to do what?

[24 : 21] To get a job. Yeah. Am I right? Yeah. So you get a certificate. Or you go and train. You can't say. I've just. I've just finished. My driving test.

Finished my driving test. I've passed. And I've finished. So now. I can just put it somewhere. And then continue living my life normal. Then why did you. Why did you bother? All right.

And so he's saying that. Therefore. Now that this has been attained. Now that this has been. Secured for us. On the grounds of what has been done.

Therefore. This is what is supposed to follow. Now watch this. And it's interesting. The writer of Hebrews. They didn't go straight to the instructions. But he went again. I think. The.

The. The. The. The. The glory. The glory that we stand in. Is so magnificent. Is so encouraging. Is so amazing. And astounding. He couldn't just say.

[25 : 15] Therefore do this. But he said. Therefore. Having. All right. Go back. Put it on the screen. Therefore. Having boldness. To enter. I didn't say. That doesn't mean anything. He's just telling you.

The state you are in. You've got that boldness to enter. They understand that. Yeah. Therefore. We can. Boldly. Enter the presence of God. So. Having boldness. Previous. No one could enter.

The holies of holies. But I said. Therefore. Having boldness. To enter. The holies. By the blood of Jesus. In. Verse. The. Verse 20. In. By a new. And a living way.

Which he. Jesus. Consecrated for us. Through the veil. Which is his. Flesh. Right. What he's trying to say. Is that. We have. Boldness. To enter. You can just enter.

It's interesting. When he says. We have boldness. To enter. That means. We can enter. Without negotiation. Think about it.

[26 : 14] If he says. That we have boldness. To enter. That means. We can enter. Without caution. Every time. I go home.

I just enter. I just enter. Without caution. Because it's my house. And everything is okay.

So I just enter. When we are boys. When we are boys. You go out. Late. And you know. Your parents say. Don't come later. You come later.

You are entering. You don't hear. I'm saying. The women. They take off their heels. And they open the door. And then.

And the worst thing. To experience. Is when you open the door. It's 3 a.m. Or 2 a.m. Your dad. Is not asleep. And he doesn't say anything.

[27 : 11] He's looking at you. It reminds me of my. Nephew. When. Well. I think he wanted to steal something. From my mother's room. And my mom was asleep.

He thought my mom. The room was dark. But. You could see. He wasn't sure. She was asleep. So. He went. Still asleep. And then. He was sleeping. And then. My mom was sleeping. And then he. My mom was not asleep. Why did he have to do that?

Because. Because. Because he was trying. He was going to do something. He wasn't allowed to.

Oh. He was going to do something. He was not allowed to. He was not supposed to.

But we can come because. We are allowed to. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Tell someone. I'm allowed to. I'm allowed to.

[28 : 10] This may not sound very nice. But then. That's why you don't need. I said this. And I'll say it again. You do not need. An angel. To go before God for you. You don't need a saint.

Neither do you need a Holy Mary. You don't. Holy Mary. Mother of God. Pray for us sinners.

Oh. Count yourself out. You need. Actually. When you're a sinner. You don't have access to God.

So then you can need. The prayers of some people. Yeah. But. We are.

Just. You have justification. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. God doesn't see you as a

sinner. Yeah. He sees you as a righteous person like Christ. Yeah. Yeah. Hallelujah. All right. So. Therefore.

Having boldness. To enter into the holies. By the blood of Jesus. By a new and a living way. Which he has consecrated for us. Through the blood. Which you understand. Please. Through the veil.

[29 : 09] Which is his body. All right. Which is his flesh. Now. Verse. The next verse. Let's. Please turn your Bibles to Hebrews chapter 10. Let us draw near. Let's all read it out.

Okay. Then. Verse 21 says. And having a high priest over the house of God. So two things we have. What is it? No. No. Okay. High priest and what? The having. We're talking about having two things right now.

Having. That's how you should read your Bible. That's why. Open your Bible. Because this text cannot help you. Look in your Bible. We have something. And we have something. We have what? We have what?

Bold. All right. Really? Yeah. Verse 20. Therefore. Having boldness. And then verse 21. Having what? And having a high priest.

So even if you come. The high priest. The forerunner. Remember the forerunner. He's already gone there. Waiting to intercede on your behalf. So just come in. Just come in. And you speak on your behalf.

[30 : 06] Or like Esther. Esther. But Esther came in. And the king said. Esther. Come. She was not allowed to. She was not supposed to. But she went.

She went. She said. If I perish. I perish. She went. And oh. Listen to this. Even Esther. They didn't have anyone standing to speak on their behalf. But you and I.

Have a forerunner. Remember. Wait. Wait. Wait. Remember this. Jesus said. I'm going to the father. You have to be happy. Because once I'm going to the father. Anything you ask in my name. I will do it. You see that. So he's taking the lead. Just on our behalf. Bible says that. And he went up. He ascended into heaven.

And seated at the right hand. He sat at the right hand of God. So he seated there. On our behalf. There's no mediator. There's only one God. And one mediator. Between God and man.

[31 : 01] Even the man. Jesus. He's there. To mediate on our behalf. That's why I like. First John chapter 2 verse 1. Therefore having an advocate. We have an advocate. He said that.

I'm writing this to you. So that you do not sin. But if you sin. We have an advocate. With the father. Who is he? Who is he? Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ the righteous. He's our advocate.

Do you know who an advocate is? Who is an advocate? He said an attorney. Okay. He's your attorney. Defense attorney. He stands in your defense. Have you realized that.

Your defense attorney. Is supposed. To not to speak against you. No. He's not supposed to. His job is to defend you. Even if you are wrong. Defense attorney. Is supposed to stand there.

And defend you. And argue your case. In your interest. Jesus is there. Arguing your case.

Defending you. God already wants to forgive you. He's forgiving you. God already wants to do so much.

[31 : 57] And Jesus is also standing there. Speaking on your behalf. So you have double. So now. Does it make sense? That having boldness to enter. And having a high priest.

Over the house of God. Alright. So two things we have. And so what? That's how you should read your Bible. I have got high priest. I have got boldness. So what should I do with it?

Let's. That's where down the therefore comes in. So therefore. Seeing that we have this to. Verse 22. Verse 22 tells us what you should do. Verse 23 tells us what you should do. And then verse 24 tells us. Three things that we are supposed to do.

On the grounds of what God has secured. Attained. And achieved for us. As Christians. First one. Is let us draw near. With a true heart.

Say draw near. Draw near. Esther was afraid. The king said come. Esther come. Esther come.

Draw near. Say draw near. Draw near.

[32 : 54] That means if you don't take care. You'll be there. But you don't want to draw near. No one to draw near. There's a stark warning. Say that if you actually draw back. God said.

If you draw back. I won't be happy at all. Look at verse 39. See. If the Bible is yours. Underline draw near. And then go to verse 39. And see what it says in verse 39. Hebrews chapter.

10 verse 39. Said. But we are not of those who draw back. Did you see that? Some people draw back. By says for us.

We are not of those who draw back. All of a sudden. We don't see you in church. You are not drawing yet. You are drawing back.

All of a sudden. You don't read your Bible again. All of a sudden. You stop praying. And then people say things like. I've done it. I've done it. Nothing is happening. See. Drawing back. When you hear people talking like that.

[33 : 52] They are drawing back. Bible says that. We are not of them. That draw back to perdition. Which there's nothing good behind you. If you are going back. You are going to perdition. I like the song.

William Mack. I won't go back. Won't go back. To the way it used to be.

I won't go back. Tell somebody I won't go back. At least. Minute. Minute. Tell somebody I won't go back. Tell the person. It doesn't matter what the devil brings my way.

I won't go back. Some of you are not saying. I know you want to go back. The devil is. You are not going anywhere. Say I won't go back. Say I won't go back.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Amen. Say hallelujah. Hallelujah. You must make up your mind. He says that. We are not like. We are not of them. That draw back onto perdition.

[34 : 49] Put your screen. We are not like them. That draw back onto perdition. Watch this. But of those who believe. To the saving of their souls. Glory. For. I think it says that. If you draw back.

The Bible says. If you draw back. My soul will not have pleasure in you at all. Yes. Is it the next. Let me see. Verse 40. Verse 40. Okay.

But verse 30. There should be somewhere in verse 37 or so. It says for a little while. Yes. Verse 30. It says. None that just shall live by faith. But if. If anyone draws back. My soul has no pleasure in him.

Hmm. Hmm. It's not good to draw back. Yes. Keep moving. So. He says that. Therefore Hebrews. Come closer. Come closer.

Your relationship with God. This year. Should be better than last year. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes. Come closer. Yes. Because God is. Is so deep.

[35 : 45] That you can never get too close to God. Yes. Yes. So at any point in time. He said. Keep on. Come closer. Come closer. Come closer. Come closer.

And now you are looking at your friend. My friends are not coming. So let me. Let me catch up. He said. Hey. If you drop back. My soul will not be pleased with you. Hallelujah. So. Back to the text.

He said. Therefore. Hebrews. Having. Boldness to enter. And. High priest over the house of God.

The first thing he said. We should do. Is to draw near. But how should we draw near?

I like that. Draw near with a true heart. God doesn't like religion. Religion. You know. It's easy to be religious. Doing something. That looks good outside.

But in your heart. Your heart is very far away from it. But what Jesus said. These people. They worship me with their lips. But their hearts. Are very far. So they are. We are singing. Here I am to.

[36 : 40] Where else. They like the. Ding. I like this song so much. You make my life so beautiful. More.

More. More. More. More. And their eyes are so dry. Oh. Jesus. What of you.

Hey. They are just enjoying the music. Jesus. Jesus. They are. They are. They are worshiping with their lips. But their hearts are far from it. They say. In vain do they worship me. Praise the Lord.

But Jesus. It says that. Because we have a high priest over the house of God. Come. Draw near. With a true heart. With a. Let's not say true heart.

True heart. Draw near. With a true heart. In full assurance of faith. You are so convinced about God's word.

[37 : 37] You are doing it. Listen. Why do you give without. You knowing that God's word says so. Right. You know some people. They give because they say. There's a prophetic word.

Hey. If you give. You are going to become a millionaire. As soon as you give. You are going to become a millionaire. So give. As soon as you give. You are going to become a millionaire. So give. So. People give. Because. Not what God's word say. Because what they are going to get. We all know. Lottery. Lottery. Okay.

It's lotto. Vending machine. You put in one pound. You get your cook. All right. All right. You put in. And like Pastor Philip said.

Gambling. So. You are putting in something. Hoping to get more. It's just. Just try your luck. No. It's not try. Whether God decides to react. Or doesn't react.

[38 : 32] You are giving based on God's word. You are coming to church. Based on. Whether someone. You are singing. You are playing the keyboard. You are singing in the choir. Based on God's word. Not because. Someone will clap for you.

Or there is going to have. Special party for church workers. Well. Special. Special. Do that. Serve. Praise the Lord.

Full assurance of faith. Having. Having a heart sprinkled. From evil conscience. And our bodies washed. With pure water. Let me explain that quickly. A heart sprinkled. From evil conscience. You know what evil conscience is? Doing something. That you know. Wasn't good. And now the thing stays. On your mind. Some of you are sitting. Right here. And usually. You like to hide. At the back. When I'm coming close. You are saying. God. God. Let him not say anything. Let him not say anything. It's called. Evil conscience. Evil conscience.

[39 : 26] Spoils. Spoils. Worship. How many of you. Have been to church. Or you just want to worship. And something is staying. On your mind. Wouldn't let you go alone. Because of something.

That might have gone wrong. Or you might have done wrong. And you have not confessed. If you are born again. Let your heart be sprinkled. From evil conscience. What is the sprinkle? The blood of Jesus.

Takes care. Of evil conscience. So that you can come. Boldly. Without negotiation. Come. Just coming. Evil. Let. So let's come boldly. Or let's enter.

Or let's draw near. With a true. With true heart. And in full assurance of faith. I like that bit. Time will not permit me. I want to end on something. Full assurance of faith.

With our. With our. With our. Heart sprinkled. Okay. With our hearts sprinkled. From an evil conscience. And our bodies washed with pure water.

[40 : 22] What does that mean? In Ephesians chapter 5. Verse 26. Thereabout. It talks about how. Jesus Christ. From verse 25. Jesus Christ loved the church. That he might. Okay. Well that's okay.

Has one loved the way Christ loved the church. Verse 26. That. Verse 26. That he might sanctify the church. And cleanse her. With the washing of water. By the word. Okay. So.

When he says that. With your bodies washed with water. That's Hebrews chapter. 10. Verse. 22. Let us draw near. With a full. A true heart.

In full assurance of faith. Having our hearts sprinkled. From evil conscience. And our bodies washed with pure water. Now. How do our bodies get washed with pure water?

All these things are. All functions. Of what Christ has done. So. These things that we have been teaching. Justification by faith. Propitiation. Reconciliation with Christ. All these things that we have been talking about.

[41 : 15] They become nothing. Until you begin to find out. How you apply these things. In your life. The essence of church. Is to help someone. Oh. I like this one. I like what I'm going to say.

Actually. That's what I want to. I love doing. Okay. That's my job. Is to help someone. Know what we believe. As believers. Know why we believe it. As believers. And then know how to. Apply what we believe.

What we believe. And then know how to share what we believe. To know what we believe. Why we believe what we believe. How to live what we believe. And how to share what we believe.

Four cardinal things. About our believing. And so. So if you know what we believe. And you do not begin to apply it in your life. It becomes an exercise in futility.

Then that becomes religion. Religious folks tend to know so many things. But you don't see effect on their lives. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. All right. So he says that.

[42 : 14] We should draw near with a true heart. And then. Our bodies wash with the pure water. What it means. For our bodies to be washed. Is that. Our bodies signify our actions.

Say my actions. I like the song. My mind. My soul. My hand. Belongs to you.

Oh. My head. My lips. My body. Belongs to you. Belongs to you. After that.

Please go home. And make sure it belongs to God. So. So. We hear the word.

So that the word. Can wash. Okay. Wash our bodies. Wash what we do. Influence our behavior. So. Behavior is. Not.

[43 : 11] Unimportant. We are saved. To behave. Right. We are not saved. To behave. The same.

Come. Jesus will accept you. The way you are. But he will not leave you. The way you are. Right.

So. The point here is that. We should come boldly. So when you are coming boldly. See. If yours.

Your. Your heart is not sprinkled from evil conscience. It affects the way you relate to God. Right.

You know. Brothers and sisters. Can I tell you something. There are people. There's someone sitting beside me.

There may be someone sitting beside you. Or some other Christian brother. Who will tell you. Why are you going to church on a Wednesday. Me. I can't be bothered. Such a person. It's likely. Possibly. There's an evil conscience somewhere.

It's possible. It's possible. So Sunday. Come. Where a lot of people. Then they will hide at their back. There. They dance. And they'll make sure they come late. Only. Only one day.

[44 : 09] When the Holy Ghost is moving. Then he pulls them in front of you. They'll cry. Oh Lord. Most of those guys. Sometimes. It's a cry of repentance. But the point I'm making is that.

Someone. Is suffering. An evil conscience suffering. And if you don't take care. You whose conscience is right. You allow them to pollute you. And to advise you. So long as how you draw near.

To God is concerned. So your. Our. Our hearts sprinkled from. With. From evil conscience. And our bodies washed. With fear water. Now. So. That's the first instructions given.

Number. Verse 22. It said. Let us draw near. Say draw near. Draw near. Say draw near. Draw near. How many of us will make a resolution that. Next month. By this time.

Your work with God is better. Even if God doesn't give you a new job. Even if God doesn't give you another money. Do you understand? That's how it means. Draw near.

[45 : 05] Every point in time. Christ has done it. Draw near. Christ has done it. Draw near. But the. The truth of the matter is that. You can't draw near and remain the same. God will bless you. The.

The blessing of God. Lord. You don't have to. Sometimes you may. You may. Share testimony. Your life will be speaking. People will see you and say. No. I want to go to church with you. People will see you and say.

No. I want to be like you. Because you've drawn near so much. When I was in secondary school. I was taught something. Closer to God. Closer to victory. Oh.

I see your victory coming. I see your victory coming. You will never suffer defeat in the name of Jesus. Because of your closeness to God. Let me go to the next one. Therefore. Draw near to God. And then what's the second one? Let us draw near. And then let us hold fast. Hold fast. The confession. The confession.

[45 : 59] Let's all say confession. Confession. Or some translations say profession. It's virtually the same thing. The confession. Homologio. Is the Greek word.

Homo. What's homo? See the way this generation has polluted people's minds. Homo. Some people have had a full beak already.

No. Homo. Homo means the same. At the same place. At the same level. Okay. Homo. Logio. How many of you have heard the word logos? What's logos?

Yeah. It's the word. It also means reason. Logic. It stems out from the word logos. Logic. Reason. Purpose. The understanding behind the thing.

The main objective behind the thing. So. Homo. Logos. Or homologia. Has to do with. The same. So. Watch this. What you are saying. What you are behaving.

[47 : 01] Is the same. As you have always believed. Okay. Your profession. Your profession. Your confession. What you are saying. You are saying same. As Christ has attained. Same.

As the reason behind your Christian walk. Is. When someone looks at you. They don't even have to define. Christianity. They can look at you. And tell. What Christian.

What Christ has done on the cross. Is about. Homologia. The same thing. Maintain. He said. Let's. Let's. Watch this. He says. Let us. Hold fast. The confession.

The confession. Of our faith. Don't change. What you are saying. Even if conditions change. Or don't change. Don't change. What you are saying. Watch this. Hey. Thank you. Holy Ghost. Thank you. Jesus. Now.

The. Heaven and earth. Shall pass away. But. My word. But. My word. But. My word.

[47 : 54] That is why. I have to point you. To the word. So that you begin. To hold fast. To what the word. Has said. Which you are confessing. Because. The only thing. That gives you security.

For tomorrow. Is God's word. In your mouth. Not. Not something else. It doesn't matter. What you say. As for me. I'm good. As for me. Everybody likes me. I don't know. Nothing evil. God. Those things.

Positive confessions. Can be good. To a certain extent. But there's no guarantee. In positive confession. The only guarantee. Is the word confession. And it says that. Let us. Hey.

Jesus. I like this. It didn't say. Let us begin to confess. Let us hold fast. When you become born again. You enter by confession. And you have to hold fast. Hold fast. Let us hold fast. Are you born again? Are you born again? And so. What made you born again? Hold fast. Hold fast.

[48 : 52] And so. Thank you. Holy Spirit. Come close to God. And hold fast. Your confession. On earth. It doesn't matter. What happens. It doesn't matter.

What you don't see. Keep confessing. The same things. That you've discovered. In the word of God. That saved you. He saved me. He saved me. He died for me. I am justified. I am a child of God. Hold fast. Your confession. I am a child. And you don't have money. It doesn't matter. I am a child of God. And you know.

You are not married yet. It doesn't matter. I am a child of God. If you are unbelievers. Are married. Getting better jobs. Your friends. Who don't go to church. And they are unbelievers. They are married. Getting better jobs. And so what?

And so what? I am a child of God. Listen. You don't even have to consider some things. You don't. You don't have to consider some things.

[49 : 49] If someone tells you. It's not such a consideration. Maybe. Maybe. Maybe. Maybe. When I. When I hang around him.

One day he will divorce his wife. You know. It's easy to say A. But the A. Convert that A. Into maintaining your confession. Because when we are in church. Everyone looks okay. But many people are sitting on hot clothes.

London burning. London burning. Looky. I like this.

Brothers and sisters. Let us hold fast. The profession. The confession. Of our hope. To the end.

[50 : 50] Hold fast. The profession. Of our hope. See the word. We have appeared again. See. How many times have we seen it tonight? Three times. Let.

That's what Abraham did. He did not waver. At the promise of God. Have you seen promise there again? Promise. When God promises you. The devil will try to make you waver.

I don't know how many of you. Have got some promise from God. But if you've got promise from God. You will know that there are all kinds of. Undulating circumstances around you. That makes you feel like. Just drop the promise.

Yeah. That's it. So. When God gives you a promise. All he requires from you. Not to waver. But be. Be unflinched. Hold.

Hold firm. To that word. Hold firm. To that word. Who told you you can't be married? Who told you you can't have a child? Who told you you can't buy a house? A house? Who?

[51 : 45] House. House. House. Think about it. House. Who? House. House. So why are you so worried?

You can't buy a house. House prices are going high. That's even better for you. Let them go high. Aren't people still buying?

People are coming from Russia. And you are already here. So then it's easier for you. You are closer. Say hallelujah. Hallelujah. Pastor. It is because of the way we consider things.

And we interpret issues of life. Life. It's the interpretation of life. That is ailing most of us. So we look at what God has said. But we have a different interpretation of life.

Say let us hold firm. Put it on the screen again. It says let us therefore hold firm. Let us hold fast. All right. Verse 23. Let us hold fast.

[52 : 42] The confession of our hope without wavering. For. Why should you hold fast?

Do you see that? That means when you don't hold fast. You are saying that God. I can't count on your faithfulness. I can't count on your faithfulness. Above all that is that.

So watch this. Because of what Christ has done on the cross for us. Because he is better than angels. Because he is better than Moses. Because his position is better than Aaron.

We have a better high priest. Say better high priest. Because we have a better covenant. Because we have a better covenant. Established on better promises. Because we have access into God's presence. Because of this whole new thing that God has given us.

By the veil being torn. We can get it to his presence. Because of all this. He said that let us draw near. And then that's number one. And then let us also hold fast. The confession of our faith.

[53 : 43] Confession or profession of our hope. Without weeping. For God is faithful. Then he moves to the third one. Let us consider. Let us consider. Say consider. Consider.

I would like to read. That's all my time. Let us read that from the amplified version on the screen. It's quite an interesting verse 24. Quite an interesting way amplified puts it.

Let us consider. And give attention. Continuous care to watching over one another. Studying how we may stay up.

See the word. Stimulate. Or insight. Last week I said. Paroxysm. Paroxysm. Paroxysm.

All right. Paroxysm is actually. In my head. I just. I didn't take my time to mention it. Paroxysm is actually an English word. Paroxysm is actually an English word.

[54 : 39] All right. Which stems out from a Greek word. Which is called. Which is. Paroxysmus. Very simply. Okay. Let me spell it for you. P-A-R-O-X.

U-S-M-U-S. That's the Greek word. Paroxysmus. Which actually means to incite. Sudden attack. Suddenly.

All right. Something happened suddenly. So when I say. Birth. Outbirth. Yeah. It's an outbirth. Sudden outbirth. So it's the same root word. All right. The same. So. Paroxysm. Paroxysmus. Paroxysmus.

The Greek word. Means an outbirth. Sudden. Sudden attack. Now watch this. Incite. To make someone want to do something. Now it says that. Watch this. It's serious. Because of what Christ has done.

Don't say I can draw near. That's good. But that's not enough. Don't say I can enter my confession. Because God is faithful. That's good. But that's not enough. You also now have to consider someone.

[55 : 38] Consider brother Joshua. Consider someone. Consider to incite. And to love. And good works. Now. I know some people will think.

Incite here to love you. No. Incite. Incite. You know what? That word incite is a very strong word. Yes. What did I say? Incitement of hatred.

Incitement of hatred. Or incitement. Incitement of hatred. Incitement of. You know. Public unrest. That's a serious thing. So you. You. You. You. You cause people to sharply react. To act in a certain way. Now. Bible says that. We should do that. We should. Before it's like. You should have to consider. And give attention.

So. Look at that Christian sister. You know. You know her temperament. You know. Consider her. Consider that Christian brother. Consider someone. Don't ignore people. Don't ignore people.

[56 : 34] Whilst they are making a lot of noise. They say. I'm tired. Nothing is working for me. Listen to them carefully. Steady them. Steady how you will. Steady them. You will incite them. To love God more.

You have to steady. So. See. After Christ has done. Therefore Hebrews. You have to do something. If you are a Christian. And you can't have a positive impact. On other Christians worship.

Ow. It's not nice. And you are screaming. God. Bless me. Bless me God. That's the kind of Christians. We are raising this morning. In the church. It's.

They are shopaholics. All they want. Is what I need. Give me. God. Give me. God. Give me. You see how we are excited. When we see the box. And we shoot actually.

But. You should also be doing. Other things. Someone phone. She said. I feel so discouraged. I don't even want to go to church. She said. Sister. Go for a break. You need a.

[57 : 29] Ah. You make a mistake. And call. Some of our sisters. Someone like. And say. I don't want to come to church.

Say. Ah. What is wrong with you? What is wrong with you? I thought you should be mature by now. She will provoke you. She will annoy you. She will annoy you.

Unto love and good words. Shout hallelujah. Hallelujah. Why is it that you have a friend? See. My. My. My wife has had. Has a friend. Years ago.

She was so down. The time. She didn't want to go to church. And. My wife would tell. What do you mean? Look at where you are. No. You can't do that. You have to be there. You have to say faithfully. Hold fast your profession.

That's what we should be doing. I keep telling. I tell our pastors and ministers. Don't. You are not a leader. Just to make sure you make friends. You are not a politician. You are. That's my job. So if you tell me.

[58 : 22] Pastor. I can't come to church. I'm sorry. I may ask you why. And you have to tell me something so sensible and so good. Other than that. My conscience will not hold me. Give me. You defy my conscience. And you make me enter church with evil conscience. I have to collect. Yes. I have to make sure. If you tell me. Pastor. I can't come to church. Why? Because I didn't sleep early last night. It doesn't matter. Come on. Be on your feet. Come on. Put on your shoes. Jump into the bathroom. And bring your sorry self to the house of God. You understand what I'm saying? It is not my job as a pastor. But my job as a Christian. Who is drawing nearer to God and maintaining my confession. The third one. I don't have to leave it. I have to add it. I have to add it. Shout hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. So in conclusion. Then it goes on. Let us consider one another.

[59 : 18] To stay one another unto love and good works. Then verse 25. I like not forsaking. Whilst you are staring at someone. Not forsaking ourselves. The gathering of ourselves together. The assembling.

Don't forsake. That's the manner of some people. We are about to start self meetings. You see some people. Self meetings. Now it's just near your house. Even that. Someone will be sitting home. So. What is it? I'll go on Sunday. I'll be okay. Me. Me I just want to serve.

I don't want to have relation with anybody. Read your Bible. Read your Bible. Now. It says that. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

I was telling you last Sunday. There's only one Sunday. I never. I didn't go to church for over 23 years of my life. Since I became a Christian. Only one Sunday. And there was one Sunday.

[60 : 15] I was out of the country with some musicians. Christian musicians. Okay. Christian. Top Christian star. Because of my praise and worship ministry. I was close to that particular minister.

And it's over another country. It was a big African whatever. And so we went. All in her team. And that Sunday. It was Saturday night. Sunday morning.

We were all in the hotel. They were asleep. Christian musicians. And together with the guy himself. They were all. I thought. I. I can't stay in a room.

Sunday morning. Hotel room. Doing what? I went. It's a strange country. Abidjan. They speak French. I had to go out. Looking for a place to go to church.

And I managed to find one. Someone who has been living in Birmingham. And he said. Oh. I have not found a church yet. Hey. You will find some. If you are serious. Yeah. Because forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

[61 : 13] Is bad manners. Read your Bible. He says that. Put it on the screen. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. As is the manner of some. Some people do that. You are not that some.

Amen. Tell somebody. You are not that. You know. After today's service. Call someone who didn't turn up for today. And Sunday. Chase them.

Chase them. Paraxous. You know what I mean. Yeah. Incite them. Incite them onto good works. Provoke them. Someone say.

Oh me. I want to stop being usher. And then you are calm. No. Provoke them. Make sure as long as God gives you breath. They will become your assignment. Provoke them. Provoke them.

Sister arrived from Nigeria this morning. Was it this morning? Yeah. She arrived from Nigeria this morning. Because she went on Monday or so. Arrived this morning. And I was checking if she didn't come after church. I'm going to call her.

[62 : 07] Sister. Why? I'm tired. Tired for what? Tired for what? You have to come to church. Come to church. Some people will say. Oh why is it that church?

They are always pretty. That is where God's blessing actually flows on your life properly. Someone say amen. Amen. So let's not forsake the assembly. Put it on the screen. I'm finished. Let us. Oh. Let us not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. All right. As. The manner of some. But exalt one another. And so much the more.

As you see the day approaching. There's a day coming. There's a day coming. It's actually a day of return of Christ. A day of judgment. But it's a day of someone's blessing as well.

The day is approaching. Amen. So it said let us exalt one another. Let us encourage one another. Let us challenge one another. Let us provoke one another.

[63 : 04] Shout hallelujah. Shout hallelujah. Shout hallelujah. Hallelujah. Did you get something?
Put your hands together. Jesus. Thank you for listening.

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