

"Today Won't Last Forever"

Hebrews 3: 1 – 4: 13

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The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Of Greater Value To The Believer Than Keeping The Mosaic Law (3: 1 – 4: 13)

Christ Calls Us To Remember What Happened To Those Who Rebelled Against God, (vs. 7 - 11)

Message Emphasis: Many today fail to heed Christ's call to repentance not because they do not care but because they simply don't see Christ as they ought. We must understand that Christ's call to repentance is one that is based on a newly changed heart and this change saves us from God's wrath to come.

...It is... long...before proud man, full of self-sufficiency and self-righteousness, is brought to see his real state before God. It is so natural to think that some merit attaches to the practice of virtue, attendance at public worship, the exercise of private prayer, reading the Word, &c... Yet the Pharisee in the temple had all these things and was not justified by the, whilst the publican having nothing of the sort to bring before God, "went down to his house justified rather than the other." ~Edward Carr

7 – 9.1) Christ Is Continually Calling All People Into Repentance

"Today If You Hear His Voice – *"Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."* (2 Corinthians 6:1-2, ESV)

- **"Do Not Harden Your Hearts"** – What does it mean to harden your heart?
 - i. Remember **"The Day Of Testing"** – The Lord grants to us times of testing – it is His ordained will
 - ii. Do Not Do Likewise **"Where Your Fathers Put Me To The Test** – Our misplaced assurance causes us to test God
 - iii. Don't Forget **"And Saw My Works For Forty Years"** – Even in our rebellion, God moves on our behalf

10.2) Our Failure To Heed Christ's Call Is More Than Mere Apathy

"I Was Provoked With That Generation" – *"For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things."* (Romans 1:21-25, ESV)

- Remember **"They Always Go Astray In Their Heart"** – The heart is deceitfully wicked / continually check yourself
- Do Not Do Likewise **"They Have Not Known My Ways"** – Don't let your lips be near but your heart be far

By Babel's streams we sat and wept, For memory still to Zion clung; The winds alone our harp-strings swept, That on the drooping willows hung.

There our rude captors, flushed with pride, A song required to mock our wrongs; Our spoilers called for mirth and cried, Come, sing us one of Zion's songs.

11.3) What Is At Stake If We Do Not Listen To Christ's Call; Divine Judgment

"They Shall Not Enter My Rest" – *'As I live, declares the LORD, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me, not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell'* (Numbers 14:27-30, ESV)

- Don't Forget **"As I Swore In My Wrath"** – There is a very real consequence to ignoring Christ's voice; judgment

*****What Must I Do To Be Saved? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you see genuine repentance as a gift from God

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22)

"They called to the LORD, and he answered them." (Psalm 99:6, ESV)

"For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13, ESV)

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 - 6: 12)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 - 7: 10)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 - 28)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 - 10: 39)**

- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 - 40)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 - 29)**
- **The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 - 25)**