

JOE 22 – HEBREWS 10:26-39 “DON’T LET GO”

LORD OF THE RINGS – FRODO AND GOLLUM FIGHTING FOR THE RING OF POWER – DECEIVED HIM OVERTAKEN HIM – Dangling over the fires of mt doom. SAM REACHES AND HE REACHES BACK. DON’T LET GO!!! TENSION. DESTR. Or LIFE

- THESE XIANS - WHOLE BOOK ABOUT HELPING THEM HOLD ON TO JESUS
Good leaders don’t lead you to grab their hand for rescue. They lead you to grab Jesus’.
- Serious situation – Bc of Love – gives warnings make up the exhortative spine of the book. **THIS IS STRONGEST WARNING. Warning + Encouragement**
 - o Culminates HIS ARGUMENT BY SAYING:

MP: The only hope for eternal life is enduring faith in Jesus—the daily lived faith that keeps taking hold of the hand of the One who is holding on to us.

THE REAL WARNING ABOUT LETTING GO

Framing: If **we** – inclusive. True 4 all of us. Not just singling them out.

- ESTABLISHES A TRUTH THAT IS PRESCRIPTION, NOT JUST SITUATION

The warning is addressed to the covenant community—including the preacher and his audience—not to hypothetical outsiders.

DON’T THROW CHRIST’S HAND AWAY – BY THE 1 (not u), PERSONAL. SPIRIT SPK

Not struggle w/sin: lust, doubt, discouragement/fear/imperfection. – **THROWING CHRIST’S HAND AWAY – REVERSING THEIR CONFESSION – TRAGIC... SACRIFICE???**

- **WHAT U HAVE: Terrifying** expectation judgment. **Fury** of fire consumes adversaries – **LET THAT LAND FOR A MINUTE (no annihilation)**
 - o **TRAMPLING: underfoot The Son** of God – Eastern Way > Disrespect
 - o **PROFANING: The blood** – Considering common and irrelevant
 - o **OUTRAGING: The Spirt of grace** – **INSULTING HIS GRACIOUS WORK**
 - o **PROVOKES VENGEANCE OF GOD – BLDG WHO JESUS IS. BEG > END**

Son of God, fullest revelation of God, heir of all things, creator of the worlds, radiance of God’s glory, exact imprint of His nature, upholder of universe by power of his word, purifier of sins, enthroned King seated at the right hand of Majesty, One greater than angels, worshiped One, eternal God, unchanging Lord, founder of salvation, One made perfect through suffering, brother who is not ashamed to call us family, merciful and faithful High Priest, atoning sacrifice (propitiation) for sins, helper of tempted, apostle r confession, greater Moses, builder of God’s house, Son over God’s house, giver of true rest greater than Joshua, living Word who discerns the heart, the great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, the sympathetic High Priest, the obedient Son, source of eternal salvation, the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, anchor of our hope, forerunner who entered behind veil, guarantor of a better covenant, permanent Priest who never dies, One able to save completely, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens, better sacrifice, minister of true heavenly sanctuary, mediator of a better covenant, perfect once-for-all sacrifice, One whose blood cleanses the conscience, mediator of the New Covenant, heavenly High Priest appearing in God’s presence for us, One who will appear again to bring salvation, fulfillment of the law’s shadows, sanctifier of His people through His own blood, new and living way into God’s presence, coming One, object and perfecter of faith, the better possession, author and finisher of our faith, enduring Son who endured the cross, mediator of the new covenant, giver of unshakable kingdom, same yesterday, today, and forever, great Shepherd of sheep. **THAT IS WHO TRAMPLE**

- **OF COURSE VENGEANCE.** Terrifying thing to **fall into the hands** of the living God: **LOVES THE SON – HANDS: BEAUTIFUL AND TERRIFYING.**

Beautiful when you take his outstretched hand that rescues you. Terrifying when you reject His outstretched hand that will in turn judge you. **COVENANT REJECTION**

BUT: Christians failed me, Church institution doesn't work, Christian leaders fall, pastors failed me – **THAT CAN BE TRUE...IT'S HIS HAND – JESUS' HAND**

TAKE HIS HAND AND DON'T STOP TAKING HIS HAND – THEIR EXP WAS REAL

Good leaders lead towards faith and hopeful expectation. And they know sometimes you need to look back to move forward. **DON'T FORGET WHAT GOD DID...**

ENLIGHTENED: God revealed. God worked by the Spirit of Grace. Your heart was turned to Jesus and you responded **WITH EVIDENCE – FRUIT OF YOUR FAITH**

- **Endurance:** hard struggle with sufferings: it wasn't easy following Christ.
- **Persecution:** suffered publicly for the confession of faith
- **Identification:** Suffered with and for others
- **Love:** Ordered their loves around JESUS.

Matthew 5:11 Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

SO DON'T QUIT BEFORE YOU CROSS THE FINISH LINE – SEE THE RESCUE THRU

- DO NOT THROW AWAY YOUR CONFIDENCE – OUR CONFIDENCE IS HIM
 - o I didn't save me. Jesus saved me. He had stretched out his nail pierced hand. I had to not only take it. But I had to learn to walk with it.
- There's a choice – we don't shrink back to destruction – we run

Colossians 1:21 And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard.

This warning is not written to the struggler reaching for Jesus in weakness. It is written to the person hardening themselves against Him.

Comfort the trembling believer while still terrifying the hardened apostate.

- **TAKE HIS HAND AND DON'T LET GO..**