



Lesson 22b

Title: Christ is Superior to Joshua (Part 4)

Scripture: Hebrews 4:11-16

Goals for 2022

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★ Able to say to one another, “ _____ ”.

Five D's of Discipleship

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Catechism Question 1

- Question: What is the chief end of man?
- Answer

Catechism Question 2

- Question: What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify Him?
- Answer

Catechism Question 3

- Question: What do the Scriptures principally teach?
- Answer

Catechism Question 4

- Question: What is God?
- Answer

Memory Verses from Previous Weeks

- (1 Corinthians 6:20)
- (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- (2 Timothy 3:16-18)
- (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

This Week's Memory Verse

- (Pslam 73:25-26)

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Examining Ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:10)

- ALL Christians purify themselves. (1 John 3:1-3; 2 Corinthians 7:1)
- Why is it IMPORTANT that we examine ourselves?
- Handout: *Pursuing and Perfecting Holiness*



WARNINGS in the HEBREWS

- ❶ (Hebrews 2:1-3) The **DANGER of DRIFTING AWAY**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ❷ (Hebrews 3:1-4:13) The **DANGER of UNBELIEF**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ❸ (Hebrews 5:11-6:20) The **DANGER of NOT MATURING** in the faith. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ❹ (Hebrews 10:26-39) The **DANGER of NOT PERSEVERING**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.
- ❺ (Hebrews 12:25-30) The **DANGER of REFUSING GOD**. Failure to take God's Word seriously.

The Living Active Sword (Hebrews 4:12-13)

- "For" connects us with verse 11.



- The WORD of GOD **divides!** The WORD of GOD divides the thoughts and intents of the heart (mind, emotions, will) from the words of our mouths. (See Genesis 6:5; 8:21)
- It divides the joints (external) from the marrow (internal).
- When God speaks, He is absolutely **serious**.
- God will **separate** those who "**say**" they are Christians from those who "**are**" Christians. True Christians **do** the will of God. (**Matthew 7:21-23; John 8:31; 10:27-29; 15:8, 10-14; Romans 2:6-11; 1 John 2:17**)

- The Word of God **JUDGES** us. The Written Word of GOD is **FINAL**.
 - This takes us back to the **warning** in Hebrews 2:1 and 3:7-19!
- We are **not** judged by what we do or what we say! We are judged by **who we are!**
- God does not look on the outside. He looks deep into the heart! (1 Samuel 16:7)
- (Hebrews 4:13) We **must** give an account to God. We are **accountable** to Him! **MEDITATE. DO WE BELIEVE THIS?**
 - **NOTHING** is hidden from God's sight. (Proverbs 15:3; Job 34:21-22; Jeremiah 16:17; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)
 - **NOTHING** will escape His final judgment.
 - **ALL** must give an account! (See 2 Corinthians 5:9-10)
 - THEREFORE: We make it our AIM (labor, strive, eager to do) to be **well pleasing** in HIS sight.

Why Should We Make Every Effort? (Hebrews 4:14-15)

- The **work** is **hard**. The **race** long. The **battle** tough. The **walk** is difficult. (Matthew 7:13-14; Hebrews 12:1-2)
- Despite the difficulties **we have a GREAT HIGH PRIEST, who worked, ran, fought, and walked the life we are called to live.** (Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:15)
- Just as Aaron (the High Priest) had to walk through three doorways on the Day of Atonement, **our High Priest, JESUS, the Son of God** passed through the heavens! He entered the **third** heaven (to the presence of God Himself) to make atonement for us! (2 Cor 12:2)
- Jesus (His human name), the Son of God (His divine title)!
- Unlike Aaron, our GREAT HIGH PRIEST did not leave the heavenly Holy of Holies, **but SAT DOWN** because His work was **finished!**
- **THIS IS A GOOD REASON NOT TO GIVE UP BUT TO HOLD FAST TO OUR CONFESSION!**
- He is a **PERFECT PERSON**. He KNOWS our weakness, struggles, feelings, troubles, etc. because He was in **all** points tempted (tested) as we are – **YET HE WAS WITHOUT SIN.**
- Christ **KNOWS** our temptations and has promised to lead us **out** of them! (1 Cor. 10:13)
 - He KNOWS our limits!
 - He KNOWS our weaknesses!
 - He WATCHES over us!
 - He INTERCEDES for us!

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- God is **sovereign** over every temptation. What does this mean?

THEREFORE . . . (Hebrews 4:16)

- “Let us . . .” The author is including himself!
- We “can” come (PRESENT TENSE) **boldly** (not proudly) to the **throne of God**. We have direct access because of GRACE! (Romans 5:1)
- Why do we come to the **throne of GOD** – for:
 - **MERCY**. We are **great sinners** against His love. (Lamentations 3:22-23)
 - **GRACE**. He gives more grace to the humble. (James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5)
 - **HELP**. He is my Helper! (Psalm 121; Hebrews 13:5; Psalm 46:1; 124:8; 146:5-6; Isaiah 41:13; Hosea 13:9)
- **WE ARE IN NEED EVERY DAY!**

- JOIN US at this throne every morning and Friday evenings!

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