

# (Hebrews) 8-Faith

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*Faith is the key to pleasing God and is a conviction of the reality of the unseen.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the relevance of the book of Revelation and its connection to the present day. He emphasizes that God has spoken to us through his son, who is the appointed heir of all things and the creator of the world. The speaker also highlights the importance of Jesus as the brightness of God's glory and the express image of his person. He refutes the idea that anyone other than Jesus can purge our sins, debunking the notion that the Virgin Mary has a role in salvation. The speaker encourages believers to have a passionate and visionary prayer life, and to have a healthy fear of God. He references the book of Romans to emphasize the lack of fear of God in corrupt individuals. The sermon concludes with a prayer for the listeners to have a deep understanding of God's character and to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

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## Transcript

Same tonight, the kind of weather keeps people away, I guess. If you want to get there, you get there anyhow. Davos, pray please.

Yes, do. We need it. Yes, thank you.

Same old chapter, the 11th chapter of Hebrews. Moved down a little bit. But you know, this is the period when everybody, saved or unsaved, thinks about Jesus.

We see all the street lights and signs, you know, reminding us of Christmas. And the preachers preach about this usually, so often. And the subject usually is some character, very often those who are in the stable.

You notice how much the world knows about the birth of Jesus, because you see the stable and you see the wise men offering gifts. And they were never in the stable anyhow. Now, we say there were three wise men.

How do we know? Maybe 33. Three different kinds of gifts doesn't mean there were three kinds of men. Again, there could have been 33.

But remember that when the wise men came, they did not come seeking a babe. They came seeking the young child. And the era from which they come, it must have taken them at least two years to get to the place where they were seeking Him.

You remember Herod decided to liquidate every child under two years of age. If they were seeking the babe, surely they would have sent every child under six months of age. But you know, one of the most exalting chapters about what is gripping me so much these days, that the majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ is in the first chapter in Hebrews.

Let's look at it for a moment here. There are so many titles given to Jesus. If you ask for the titles given to Jesus, usually people recite Isaiah.

His name should be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and finally Prince of Peace. Which are all OK, of course. You can get my water tonight.

OK. OK. But look at Hebrews 1 here.

God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past to the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days, emphasizing that again, if it was the last days two thousand years ago, how much nearer are we to this today? Revelation begins, the things which will shortly come to pass, and that was written two thousand years ago. How much nearer are we to the awesome events in Revelation than when that epistle was written, or that book was written? OK. Verse 2. This God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.

That's one title, his Son. Number two, he hath appointed heir of all things. Number three, by whom also he made the worlds.

Number four, being the brightness of his glory. Number five, the express image of his person. Upholding all things by the word of his power, when he hath by himself purged our sins.

I love that phrase. It liquidates all the nonsense about the Virgin Mary finishing up what Jesus began. It terminates all our ideas that we can add something.

This very epistle says, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins. I remember when a little boy in England, we used to sing hymns, memorize many of them, which I can still remember, thank the Lord. And one of those hymns says, not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain could give one guilty conscience peace or wash away one stain.

But Christ the heavenly Lamb takes all our sins away. A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they. We used to sing wonderful hymns, wonderful old hymns there in street meetings too I think.

Thank you so much, appreciate that. And one of the hymns says, though millions there at the cross have been supplied, still it flows as fresh as ever from the Savior's wounded side. None need perish.

Again, here is the majesty of this thing that Jesus is the altar and He is the sacrifice and He is the priest, He is everything. All in Himself. These titles just stir me to my very depths.

When He had by Himself purged our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, being made so much better than angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent sacrifice than they. For unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee. And again I will be to Him a father, He shall be unto me a son.

And again when He bringeth the first begotten into the world, He saith, and let all the angels of God worship Him. Verse 8, but unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever. A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Thy kingdom.

I preached, or at least I tried to preach Sunday night on worship. And I remembered when I got home, as I often do, since my memory slips a lot, I'd left some vital things out. I say that praise is the gateway to worship.

Prayer is the gateway to intercession. Let all the angels of God worship Him. Do you know how precious worship is? Somebody once thought it was for bids, for offers.

So the devil came and said to Jesus, You just bow the knee once to me. All you have to do, I'm not asking you to worship me or kiss me, just bow the knee. Which is subordination.

When I bow, I admit somebody on the throne is above me. I'm inferior. And the devil says, You just bow down and worship me, I'll give you all the kingdoms of this world.

I've often wondered why Jesus didn't rebuke him and call him a liar. They're not yours to give. In a sense they are.

Now what did he mean? Do you think that Jesus was on a mountain there, and he just saw the Medo-Persian Empire and other empires? The greatest military machine in the world was operating then. That was the marching millions of Rome. That got to my country, we lived in the city, Martha and I, city of Bath in England.

The Romans established that 55 B.C. They opened up the only hot spring that's there. It's still there with beautiful monuments around, of Tiberius Caesar, and Gallicula, and all the Caesars. They were there, I say, and here are the millions marching in the Roman Empire.

The majesty of the Greeks was still there, they'd still conquered the world intellectually. I don't think he was thinking of what we call real estate today. I don't think he showed them the kingdoms, say, of India, and Africa, and Asia, and so forth.

I think he meant infinitely more than that. I think he meant I'll give you all the kingdoms of the world. I'll give you the intellectual kingdoms, I'll give you the kingdom of wealth.

I'll give you everything that this world operates on. I'll give you every one of them, if you'd only bow down to me. You see, he'd seen the inexplicable and un-understandable glory, when the devil was in heaven, he saw the angels bow down and worship him, he saw the glory of God, and something in his heart said, well, I want to sit on the circle of the earth.

I want to be equal with God. Don't care what it costs me. And he never forgot that glory, he never forgot the song that they were singing, holy, holy, holy, ceasing not by day or night to sing, holy, holy, holy.

He was still blinded with that glory. And he said, if you'll only fall down and worship me, I'll give you all the kingdoms of the world. But it says, the Lord here says, unto the sun he saith, thy throne, O God, forever and ever, is a sceptre of thy kingdom.

The sceptre is that thy kingdom is a sceptre of righteousness. Some of you remember Hitler, most of you don't. Hitler strutted down in his uniform, shook his fist into the face of the world, and said, I heard him many times, he had a horrible voice, but boy, he could stir people, I mean, he had a demon consoling him.

And you'd hear his guttural voice, and he'd say how he would conquer the world, and he had that tremendous deep German, I don't know, kind of a tang at the end of his voice. And he would stand and say, I am going to build the Third Reich. And when I finish this Second World War, this Reich is going to stand, the Third Reich is going to stand for a thousand years.

Well, he didn't miss it by much, it lasted almost a thousand weeks, not quite. But this kingdom of Jesus Christ is totally independent of wars coming, and countries collapsing, and all the trickery that comes in with philosophies, they've all passed away, but his throne is forever and ever. I don't know if it's in our hymn book, we sing a nice hymn, I think, at the end of most of our meetings now, and you remember the final chorus is Holy, Holy, Holy.

But there's another great vesper hymn in England that they sing, The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the darkness falls at thy behest. To thee our mourning hymn ascended, thy praise shall sanctify our let rest. I can remember as a little boy, reaching at the pew and hanging on to it, you know, even if the preacher had been boring, which our preacher specialized in.

But the meeting always finished on that good note. So be it, Lord, the last stanza says, So be it, Lord, thy throne shall never like earth's proud empires pass away. Thy kingdom stands and grows forever till all thy creatures own thy sway.

I discover now, I wouldn't say how recently I was in a church, when I asked for a hymn, nobody could sing it. They sing so many choruses, over and over and over, and hey, do you know what songs do? The English people say, of course, America spoils so many things. Okay, excuse me.

It doesn't, because England invented the jet engine, you know, and America improved on that. We invented the steam engine, America improved on that. The Scottish people say that they invented the TV.

You know, I didn't discover what that TV is all about. Do you know, T stands for terror and V for violence. It's a good thing they admit that.

TV is only for terror and violence. Earth's proud empires pass away. You haven't given a passing thought to Genghis Khan today, or Philip of Macedon, or any of the major characters in history.

Did you think about Julius Caesar today? Oh, you must be terribly forgetful. No? Didn't even think about Charlie Chaplin. Do you wonder the book talks about the world and the fashion of it passes away so terribly? It's about as reliable as snowflakes.

Thy kingdom stands and grows forever till all thy creatures own thy sway. What an amazing experience that's going to be. Last week we did not take this study in Hebrews.

The week before we took a study, incomplete, because, you know, as far as I'm concerned, I think you could study one of these characters for maybe ten weeks in a row. That is, one night a week. We're condensing the whole lifespan of men, some of them that lived 4, 5, 600.

Methuselah was 969 when he died. If he'd got Social Security at 65, it would have been well off, wouldn't it? And these other characters, how long was this other character? He not lived, it's easy to remember that, he lived 365 years, one year for each day in the year. Going back to this character, let's go in Hebrews 11 here.

Again, the key of the book and the key of your life and mine is verse 6. Without faith, it is impossible to please him. It doesn't say without education. It doesn't say without wealth.

It doesn't say without prosperity. It says without faith. And faith isn't something that runs around in our minds or in our hearts.

A little later it says, James says, show me your faith. Again, faith, James says, faith without works is dead. Nor being warned of God in verse 7, of things not seen as yet.

Well, didn't we say that's what faith is all about? Faith is a conviction of the reality of the unseen. It's as real when God says it as all the thing was standing in front of you. You say to this man, show me your faith, he can show you his faith.

But if you're across the page, or maybe you have to turn back to the page, in the 10th chapter, verse 36, it says you have need of patience after you've done the will of God that you might receive the promise. One of the most difficult things, I'm sure, at least with people I try to counsel, I've been counseling a guy, would you believe it, in Brisbane, Australia, he's phoned me three times this week. I'm going to cost him a fortune.

What's the difficulty? I'm trying to find the will of God. There's only one thing more difficult than finding the will of God, that's doing it when you know what it is. What's it say in this verse? You have need of patience after you've done the will of God.

Well, I did not need patience. What was he to do? He was to build an ark. How long did he do it? For more than 100 years.

Don't you think they just about exhausted all their sarcasm and jeers and foolish talking at him, building that ark, when they'd never seen an ark? What in the world is he doing? He's going to take animals and everything in it. No, the requirement of God is not anything that's material outside of us, it is our degree of faith. How does faith come? Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Reading the word and the spirit who inspires that word suddenly makes it alive to you. And from there, you have no doubts, at least I don't. God has said it.

Here it is. This is the will of God for me. Now the will of God may be for Dale or someone else, but this is God's will for me, therefore I have to do it.

God starts working in the heart of Noah and he's over 100 years building the ark. God started working in the heart of Abraham when he was 75 and finished working with him when he was 175. So cheer up, you've a long way to go.

A hundred years and he blundered and staggered around and yet God didn't give up on him. I was reading there the 51st of Isaiah there today. What does it say? I called Abraham alone.

Did he go alone? You say he stepped out in, he stepped out in faith, but at the same time he stepped out in disobedience. God told him to go alone. He took his uncle with him.

He took his nephew a lot with him. What happened? He had terrible trouble until he got rid of them. But there again we see the magnificence of the patience of God.

Without faith it is impossible to please him for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. By faith, Noah being warned of God of things not seen, but he has faith to go right through though he's not seen a single thing. It doesn't say he had any vision.

But he had the voice of God. Noah being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear. Now that sounds a little strange, does it? Look at Hebrews chapter 5 and verse 7 please.

Take off my coat. My chains fell off. Almost.

Thank you. If it makes a hole you'll get a bill for it. What do you want me to go higher just this? Thank you dear.

Is that OK? Thank you. Alright, Hebrews 5. Yes. Verse 5. So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest, but he that said unto him thou art my son today have I begotten thee, as he saith also in another place thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek, who in the days of his flesh when he offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death and was heard in that he feared you've got to work that out for yourself I won't touch that.

Though he were a son yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered. What did nor do? Because he was moved with fear. What does that mean? Well I coined the phrase for it myself.

Devout respect. It isn't a cringing clinging it doesn't mean moved with terror. It means moved with deep love deep devout regard for a holy one that I do not want in any shape or form to fall short of what he's asking me to do.

So nor is moved with fear. It's not, pardon me, Jesus is moved with fear in that verse. I copied this from an old saint that wrote it.

It is not said here that he learned to obey by by by fear. Because he was always obedient. It says a little further on in the 10th chapter there.

And in the 40th Psalm it's the same thing. That he delighted to do the will of God. He wouldn't delight to do the will of God if he was terrified.

But he so loved the will of the Father that whatever the cost may be he's willing to pay that cost. Let me look here a minute. I should have brought my testament to have that marked but there you are.

Let's look at Ephesians chapter 2 here. Ephesians 2 and verse 9 of verse 8. For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God not of works lest any man should boast. Now don't stop there.

There's a period for we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works. We're not saved by them but we're saved to do them. What does it say about Jesus? He went about doing good.

What's the ministry of the church? To go about doing good in the same way. So when people want to stop there at that ninth verse Oh well of course we're saved but it's not of works lest any man should boast. That's an old thing recited millions of times I guess.

But it says we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Now that fear again is a devout respect. You know one of the awesome things about the day in which we live and I think that the most cruel in fact one of the leading scientists says today this is the most cruel generation that has ever lived.

With the advance of the intellect we've discovered how to destroy more than to create good things. After all atom bombs were not produced in Methodist prayer meetings or Pentecostal prayer meetings. The evil genius of man comes out.

I was reading here in Romans you know this chapter just let me refresh you here. In Romans chapter 1. Read verse 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness. They have the truth.

There are millions of people in America who might have the truth. They've heard it over and over again. It's pounded into their minds.

They listen to TV or radio gospel preaching. They have Bibles. They've listened to preaching.

They've listened to some of them since they were at their mother's knee. But they hold the truth in unrighteousness. It doesn't affect them in any shape or form.

Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them. For God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.

Because that when they knew God they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful. They became vain in their imaginations and their foolish heart was darkened, professing themselves wise to became fools. They changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image like to corruptible men or to birds or forfeited creatures.

Verse 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own heart to dishonor their bodies between themselves. They changed the truth of God into a lie. They worshipped and served the creature more than the creator and who is blessed forever.

For this cause God gave them up to vile affections and even their women did change their natural use into that which is unnatural. Likewise also men leaving naturals of men burned in their lust one to another men with men working that which is unseemly receiving in themselves the recompense of error which was meat. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge God gave them up to a reprobate mind.

They are filled the next verse says with all unrighteousness fornication wickedness covetous malice full of envy murder debate deceit malignity whispering back biters haters of God deceitful proud spiteful

boasters invoters of evil things inventors of evil things disobedient to parents without understanding covenant breakers without natural affection implacable unmerciful who knowing the judgment of God that they which commit such things are worthy of death not only do the same but have pleasure in them.

Now wouldn't you think that people loaded with all that wretched corruption would flee to God for refuge?

Wouldn't you think they'd all be saying other refuge have I none hangs my helpless but they wallow in their uncleanness they delight in it they boast in it they compete in it and God in mercy sits there and does nothing and because he does nothing people think he can't do anything he can but he doesn't not until there is a day appointed what this tragic world has forgotten is that God has appointed a day in which this Christ who's throne is forever and ever that one day all roads lead I was talking remember about the second time I talked with Keith Green and I don't know how it came up something he said about all roads and he quit one thing I've never forgotten I don't remember anything else he said actually we talked so often for hours but he said Len when you think of it all roads lead

to the judgment seat of Christ they do whether they go right through the middle of a ghetto whether they go right through an area where all the film stars live whether it's a main road through all the intellectuals in universities scholarship science they all lead to the judgment seat of Christ his throne is forever and ever and yet all these brute beasts here these people that have no fear of God it says that they have no fear there's no fear of God before their eyes now the opposite is true in the life of the believer why do these people so implicitly follow all the details why does a man stand for a hundred years as scorn and ridicule if they had newspapers I don't think they had but it was a gossip thing this poor man Noah he's a marvellous man he has a wonderful character he never

gets angry he's very patient he's kind of a God like fella except he's an idiot building that ark I told you was it no not last week the week before how profoundly moved I was and I'm still moved to tell you the truth in reading up here reading back in Genesis what's the chapter about the 6th the 5th chapter pardon me verse 21 says Enoch lived 60 and 5 years and began Methuselah but Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah 300 years and he begat sons and daughters and all the days of Enoch were 365 and Enoch walked with God and was not for God took him Methuselah lived a hundred a hundred and eighty seven years begat Lamech look at the middle of the next verse Lamech lived 782 years and begat sons and daughters Enoch begat sons and daughters Methuselah begat sons and daughters look

at chapter 7 and verse 1 the Lord said unto Noah come thou and all thy house what did the sons and grandchildren of Methuselah do what did all the children of Enoch do my guess is they helped build the ark they wouldn't have nuts and bolts they didn't even use nails in the way we use them they used wood I'm convinced all those hundreds and hundreds of people must have done all that fabulous work what does he do he stands a ridicule of the crowd dear old Noah where did he get all the money I don't know it must have cost a fortune but those people deliberately ignored all that he said I cannot think for a moment that all these people Methuselah's children perish without knowing God or shall I say without having knowledge of God we know that Enoch was translated do you think that he lived

all those years before his translation because he was 65 when he begat Methuselah and he lived to be 365 and Methuselah had children and grandchildren can you imagine Enoch walking with God and not saying a thing to his children unless I am mistaken Enoch was the first prophet that ever lived read Jude I say I would like to and I'm not facetious I sure would like to walk behind God and Enoch when they were having conversation what did God do he showed him the Lord coming with 10,000 of his saints do you

think he began with the last chapter not with the first chapter I believe he explained to him that third chapter in Genesis why the beast was slain a type of the Lord Jesus Christ I believe he showed him the mysteries that God doesn't have to show us again I find it and I mean this in a

way I can't explain I find it terribly embarrassing to be a Christian today if these men could walk with God through hell and that's what Enoch did and that's what Noah did it was the most corrupt thing that ever come to the earth homosexuality was wild I read it too in that chapter they gave up their natural use and became abnormal and yet in the midst of all that corruption a man can walk straight in a crooked world he can be clean in a polluted world and yet not one of those this is awesome to me Noah you come into the ark with your family well the grandchildren of my dear friend Enoch my friend Methuselah well you warned them some of his grandchildren used to laugh at Enoch going down the street and he stood there and he declared he had a revelation he had a vision they did nothing

about that they never had a bible they never had a prophet it's worse than talking Greek just one man has had the total revelation if you ask me why God doesn't give you the revelation I'll tell you don't because you've got it there in your hand that's why you don't need a nightmare that's going to shatter your mind almost to see thousands of people in the middle of the night when you're dreaming suddenly have a revelation God splits the heavens and you have a preview of eternity you've got it there in the book I was going to say Sunday night again I didn't say it I quoted from the first chapter there of Revelation in the fourth chapter there John says I saw a door in heaven I've used that before I know but when we were at home my mother would say Len don't go in the front room

particularly when it's Christmas time Enoch don't dare to go in the lounge as we call it she thought it was a command I thought it was a challenge so when she wasn't looking I went I'd run to my sister and say Annie come and look in the front room but when we said we had to go well she's not around you don't say anything I won't say anything and we go open the door and we peep in and see the table loaded with parcel I guess that's a doll I guess that's something there we were I say that God pity me in one sense saying it if I could open the door of heaven just an inch you know like that here's the door and I could I could open it like that and you could squint through it and see away that into eternity I say again we never backslide we never grumble we never doubt and it's all laid out

for us the good book tells us one day we're going to sit down with Abraham and Isaac and all those marvelous saints of all the ages do you think anybody well people won't believe me good night and they can read it they certainly didn't believe Enoch they laughed and they perished somebody quoted today the Martha would remember I'm sure but anyhow let me try and get a hold of it the un what they say the un what not the unfinished love of God what was it they said that boundless I can't remember what phrase was used what was it oh you weren't there I thought you were in my office this lady mentioned it anyhow she said the un not the unmerited the pardon no it wasn't even that what it meant actually was the endless love of God that God's love is forever and ever and ever if it was he

wouldn't make hell there's a cut off point of God's dealings with people and God's dealings with nations I suppose all these folks said again oh this man building this he's a nice guy never cheat you know when he's selling cattle or anything but look at the ridiculous things that he does well if we get excited in prayer oh well you don't need to get it you just pray you know pray a nice little prayer I mean that's alright you don't need to sweat and toil and have any passion any vision well that's why the church is in the mess and it's in there where we're totally without excuse we've the full revelation of the character of God the nature of God the dealings of God the purposes of God the finality that comes when God deals with people well

again the very opposite is true of it we're not

moved with fear in the sense he was maybe we should be we prefer to quote the statements of John don't we Romans 3.18 again says these corrupt wretched people there's no fear of God before their eyes I'm going to spread that a bit further I don't believe there's much fear of God amongst the children of God anymore never mind those people we act as though well God's gracious he understands everything will work out good no it won't what was it Billy Sunday quoted that phrase or invented that phrase payday someday or as an American cowboy preacher put it the last round up I modernize it call it the final checkout counter isn't that going to be something again we are responsible for this generation it must have been something to know or to turn around and look and see the children of

Methuselah and the children of Enoch and others but he knew that time and time again had never heard the voice of God and yet they perished I've got a friend now he's a young man that really got through into victory in my meetings and has read a marvelous man of God he's only young in his twenties yet and he's had some real acceptance in preaching he's just been in Australia preaching and had a great time there he's going back there in a few months to preach with Leighton Forth at the moment he's behind the iron curtain God has singularly blessed that young man what's he doing he's brooking up enough enough enough to preach in meetings I said to David the other day only two Davids in the world my David and Dave Wilco and they're both mine anyhow so anyhow I said Dave I got a brochure what

do you call it a schedule yesterday from a young man oh so immaculately dressed and his darling wife has been and had you know all the repairs done and there she is so beautiful at the side of him and two little children there he sends me schedule schedule whichever shul he went to and I counted 52 weeks next year sure he has 31 crusades in 52 weeks totally ridiculous the strength of Dave Wilco amongst other things is that the man knows when to quit he has to get a new letter out every three weeks so he goes and hides in some place in town there in a motel for two or three nights never gives me his number even I don't want to know it people ask for his number I say I can't give him it give his office number now in January and February at least January February maybe March he's going to

hide away and get away with God to wait on him hear his voice finish off a book he's been working on for a while but the man has the sense to be still and know that he's not carrying some moth eaten sermons around what these fellows do they they get a bunch of sermons go from one country and it's destructive because they clog their own thinking God has not given us the spirit of fear but the spirit of love and of power and of a sound mind that's the redemptive work of God in Christ let me go back there to the Hebrews this verse I quoted in Hebrews 5 7 I'm sorry I got the wrong page myself speaking of Jesus who in the days of his flesh when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death and was heard in that he feared

or had devout respect though he were a son yet he learned the obedience by the things which he suffered again this old writer said it is not said here that he learned to obey because he had always obeyed I looked up that 10th chapter again which is an echo actually from Psalm 40 he did always the will of God he did always those things which pleased the Father neither is it that the lesson of obedience was forced upon him because again he said I delight to do thy will O God an old writer called Lindsay expresses it this way he says the true meaning is when he says that he acquired the actual experience of what it means to obey in the hopeless circumstances or overwhelming circumstances he had to go through that as a man the physical human side of him the things that overwhelmed him that

never overwhelmed any other person when he is in Gethsemane he says all thy billows that prophetic psalm says all thy billows have gone over me the experience when God left him for a little period so that God would not have to leave us forever and ever there is an old Hebrew scholar in Scotland years ago he was actually a Scotsman but they nicknamed him Rabbi Duncan because he has such a profound knowledge of Hebrew and in New College Edinburgh he took all his lessons all his teaching not from a lexicon he took it from the original Hebrew and one of his specialties was dealing for every semester as you would say every time freshman came he took that one chapter amongst others and dealt with the 53rd chapter of Isaiah when it says the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all I read

today where somebody said the intense suffering of Jesus hanging on the cross well pardon me I doubt if it was any more intense than to the dying thieves one of the great hymns of Isaac says thy bloody sweat thy grief and pain didn't the dying thieves feel the pain as they hung on the cross were nailed sure they did and the Catholic church made a lot out of that they have these great things these great crosses with a plastic cross and blood painted on the hands and on the feet but what does Isaiah say his soul was made an offering for sin his soul the greatest pain in the world is not the pain of the woman bringing a child into the world the greatest pain in the world is soul pain soul agony soul travail by the truth few people learn that experience of travelling in the spirit again

Jonathan Edwards preaches almost skit at him because he had a big solemn face and a big nose and he took a candle and he read monotonously never changed the tone of his voice but the more you see the corruption of corruption and he says he lays on his rug and he weeps for hours

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