

Running THE Race Part 3 <http://biblos.com/>

Know THE Course!.... continued

Matthew 18: ⁵ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HIM to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

Hebrews 12: ¹ **Therefore**, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (*of faith*), **LET US ALSO lay aside every weight**, and **sin which clings so closely**, and **let us run with endurance THE RACE** (*ag na-to struggle, literally (to compete for a prize)*) that is **SET** (*prokeimenon*) before us, **clings so closely**-*euperistatos-standing around, i.e. (a competitor) thwarting (a racer) in every direction. set-prokeimai-to set forth-to lie before the view*

²**looking to Jesus**, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was **SET** (*prokeimenon*) before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

What we are to do:

1. Lay aside every weight
2. Lay aside sin which clings so closely
3. We are to run with endurance (Hebrews 10:36)
4. Looking to Jesus-who is seated at God's right hand in The Holy of Holies

Hebrews 2: ¹ **Therefore WE MUST PAY MUCH CLOSER ATTENTION to what we have heard, lest we drift** (*pararreó-to flow by, i.e. (figuratively) carelessly pass (miss) away from IT.* What is the "IT"?)

²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and **every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,**

³ **how shall we escape** **IF** **we neglect such a great salvation?** **IT** was declared at first **by the Lord**, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

Hebrews 1: ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve **for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?**

"who are to"-present-active-imperative

Present-continuous action in the present. Active-the subject is doing the acting.

Imperative-a command or intention

Read this later when you get home:

Hebrews 1: ¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, **God spoke** to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days **he has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.⁵For to which of the angels **did God ever say**, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? **Or again**, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶**And again**, when he brings the firstborn into the world, **he says**, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷Of the angels **he says**, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." ⁸But of the Son **he says**, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." ¹⁰**And**, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands;¹¹they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment,¹²like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end." ¹³**And to which of the angels has he ever said**, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? ¹⁴**Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?**

2 Timothy 4: ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears **they will accumulate for themselves** teachers **to suit their own passions**, ⁴and will **turn away from listening** to the truth **and wander off** into myths.

Philippians 3: ¹²Not that I have already obtained **this** (*context is resurrection*) or am already perfect, (*tetelei mai- to bring to an end, to complete, perfect*) but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. **But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead** (*emprosthēn*), ¹⁴I press on toward the **goal** for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Ahead- *emprosthēn-before in front of (in place or time)*

Goal-*skopon-a mark on which to fix the eye*

2 Corinthians 5: ¹⁰For we must all appear **before-**(*emprosthēn*), the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Paul goes on to tell us the **one thing**:

1. forgetting what lies behind
1. and straining forward to what lies ahead

2 Corinthians 4: ¹⁷For this **light momentary affliction** is **PREPARING** for us an **eternal** (*aiōnion*) **weight of glory** beyond all comparison,

Romans 6: ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴**We** were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **we** too **MIGHT WALK** in newness of life.

MIGHT WALK: Aorist- *undefined as to the progress or the completion of the action.*

Active- *the subject is acting. Subjunctive-* *expresses the idea of probable completion of the action of the verb with the possibility of the action of the verb failing to be completed.*

Romans 4: ²⁴but for **ours also**. It will be counted to **us** who believe (*present-active-participle*) in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵ who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Believe-present active-participle

Present-continuous action in the present. **Active**-the subject is doing the acting.

Participle- contemplates **action** as **real** or **actual**

Romans 6: ⁵For **IF we** have been united with him in a death like his, **we** shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶**We** know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that **we** would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now **IF we** have died with Christ, **we** believe (*present-active*) that **we** will also live with him. ⁹**We** know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also **must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus**.

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Are **we** to sin because **we** are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that **IF** you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, **either of sin, which leads to death, OR of obedience, which leads to righteousness?** ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have **become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed**, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²²**But now that YOU** have been set free from sin **and have become slaves of God**, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, **eternal (aeonian) life.**

²³ For the **wages of sin is death, BUT** the free gift of God is **eternal (aeonian) life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 1:⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship **to bring about the obedience of faith** for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are **called to belong to Jesus Christ,**

Galatians 5: ²⁴And **those who belong to Christ Jesus** have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Luke 18: ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, **what must I do** to inherit **eternal life?**" ¹⁹And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." ²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "**One thing you still lack.** Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, **follow me.**"

follow me-Present tense-continuous action in the present. Active-the subject is doing the acting. Imperative-a command or intention

²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had **become sad**, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth **to enter the kingdom of God!**" ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to **enter the kingdom of God."** ²⁶Those who heard it said, "Then who can **be saved?**" ²⁷But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." ²⁸And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." ²⁹And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, **for the sake of the kingdom of God,** ³⁰who will not receive many times more in this time, **and in the age to come eternal life."**-*aeonian life*.