

## **Pay Much Closer Attention!!**

### **Colossians 3:1**

*<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*

### **Romans 2:6-8**

*<sup>6</sup>God "will give to each person according to what he has done." <sup>7</sup>To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. <sup>8</sup>But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.*

"imperishability" is the Greek word "aphtharsian"

"immortality" is the Greek word "athanasia" and is only used 3 times in the bible.

Twice in **1 Corinthians 15:53, 54** and

**1Tim 6:16** (only God has immortality)

### **John 7:39**

*<sup>39</sup>By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.*

### **Joel 2:28**

*<sup>28</sup> "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.*

## **Hebrews 2:5-9**

<sup>5</sup>*It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" <sup>7</sup>You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor <sup>8</sup> and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.*

Also remember that Jesus Christ is appointed King as well as High Priest. He holds the title of King but He doesn't yet have the office.

So there are 2 crowns: One for his priesthood and one for his kingship

## **Hebrews 10:11-14**

<sup>12</sup>*But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup>Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his **footstool**, <sup>14</sup>because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*

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### **Hebrews 2:1 (NASB)**

<sup>1</sup>*For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.*

### **Hebrews 1:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.*

“Drift away” is to be carried away, swept away.

### **Hebrews 2:2-3**

<sup>2</sup>*For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.*

### **Hebrews 3:7-19**

<sup>7</sup>*So, as the Holy Spirit says:*

*"Today, if you hear his voice,*

<sup>8</sup>*do not harden your hearts*

*as you did in the rebellion,*

*during the time of testing in the desert,*

<sup>9</sup>*where your fathers tested and tried me*

*and for forty years saw what I did.*

<sup>10</sup>*That is why I was angry with that generation,*

*and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray,*

*and they have not known my ways.'*

<sup>11</sup>*So I declared on oath in my anger,  
'They shall never enter my rest.'* "

<sup>12</sup>*See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.* <sup>13</sup>*But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.* <sup>14</sup>*We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.* <sup>15</sup>*As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."* <sup>16</sup>*Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?* <sup>17</sup>*And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert?* <sup>18</sup>*And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?* <sup>19</sup>*So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.*

### **Hebrews 11:24-27**

<sup>24</sup>*By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter.* <sup>25</sup>*He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.* <sup>26</sup>*He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.* <sup>27</sup>*By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.*

**Remember Esau?** He despised his birthright and traded it for a bowl of red stew.

### **Hebrews 12:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>*Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.* <sup>15</sup>*See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.* <sup>16</sup>*See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance*

rights as the oldest son. <sup>17</sup>Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.

The “red stew” is literally “red stuff” meaning “of the earth”, representing earthly things.

Esau chose worldly stuff over his inheritance.

**We are under the obligation to be holy.**

### **1 Peter 1:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup>But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup>for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

How can we “be holy in all that we do”? What is the solution that God has given us? Jesus Christ as our High Priest and His grace.

### **1 Peter 5:8-9**

<sup>8</sup>Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

**Genesis 4:7** (context is his offering)

<sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

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## Further Reading

### Romans 6:8-23

<sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. <sup>18</sup>You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup>What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.