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A just weight  
and balance

are the  
LORD'S:

Thus saith the Lord...

- The theme of Hebrews  
in a nutshell  
is the perfect Christ,  
supreme, superior, sufficient.
- We need nothing in addition  
to Jesus Christ.
  - And that is what  
the letter of Hebrews  
is designed to do.

- If the Holy Spirit is to show that Christ is better than anybody else,
- If He is to show that the new covenant is better than the old,
- Then the Holy Spirit must prove it.

- That Jesus Christ is better than all of the laws and ceremonies of Judaism.
  - If this is a better covenant, it must have a better mediator.

- And so the Holy Spirit **begins to do that.**

- **In chapter 1,**

He says that Jesus Christ is better than

**everybody** and **everything.**

- In **chapter 2** then, He says that **Jesus Christ is better than angels.**

- In **chapter 3,** He says **Jesus is better than Moses.**

- **The theme is:**
- ***“Consider the apostle and high priest of our profession, Jesus.”***  
***(Hebrews 3:1)***
- **Consider Jesus.**

- That's the theme of  
Hebrews  
in two words:  
Consider Jesus.
- That's what it's all about.
  - And particularly as  
he compares  
to Moses.



- Moses,  
the greatest of all.
- We need to find out  
what the Jews  
thought about Moses.
  - If Jesus  
is better  
than Moses,
  - We must know  
a little bit about  
who Moses was.

- **Why** is it so important to prove Jesus better than Moses?
- **Because** the Jews so highly esteemed Moses.
  - He was esteemed **above any other Jew** who ever lived.

- He was the man to whom God spoke mouth to mouth.
- He was a man who saw the glory of God.
- The glory of God illuminated his face.  
(**Exodus 33-34**)
- He was the one who led Israel out of Egypt.
- He was God's man.

- Beyond that, the greatest thing in the mind of a Jew was the law.
- And Moses was the one who gave the law.
- And Moses and the law were synonymous.

- The Jew and the law were the two things that went together.
  - Paul says in Romans 2 that the Jew makes his boast in the law.
  - The Old Testament commandments and rituals were the Jews' priority.

- Moses had delivered not only the **Ten Commandments,**
- He had penned the **entire Pentateuch,** which lays out all the Levitical laws and all the laws **that governed everything they did.**

- So Moses was the great law-giver.
- The law was number one for the Jew.
- The most important thing in their lives.

- God spoke to the prophets in visions,
- But to Moses He spoke mouth to mouth.



- He spoke to him in **a burning bush.**
- He spoke to him **on Sinai**
  - Moses stood **far above** any other man who ever lived, in the mind of the Jewish people.

- The hand of God preserved him as a baby,
- Dug his grave at the finish.
- And between these two points, there is nothing but miracle after miracle after miracle.

- It was Moses who led the children of Israel out of Egypt.
- It was Moses who led them through the wilderness.
- It was Moses who instructed them from the mouth of God.
- It was Moses, Moses, Moses.

- It was Moses who gave:
  - The plans for the tabernacle,
- The Ark of the Covenant
  - And so to the Jew,  
Moses is the great One.
  - There is  
none like him.

- And as great as Moses  
was  
the Holy Spirit  
calls on us  
to gaze on Jesus,  
who is far greater  
than Moses.

- The Holy Spirit now presents evidence to support Christ's superiority.
- He says that Jesus is superior:
  - In His office,
  - In His work,
  - In His person.

- **Superior in His office:**

- He is

- **apostle**

- and

- **high priest.**

- Superior in

- **His work:**

- He is the builder of the house.

- Superior in His **person:**

- **He is the Son.**

- Hebrews 3: 1

Note the very first word,  
“Wherefore.”

- What does this mean?

- It takes us in  
two direction?

- A hinge to what has been said  
and to what will be said.

- “Wherefore”,  
on the basis of  
what the Holy Spirit just said.”

- “Consider Jesus.”



- What have you just said?
  - That we see Jesus,  
the captain  
of our salvation (**Heb 2:10**)
- The creator of all things (**Heb 2:10**)
- The one who destroyed  
Satan and death  
(**Heb 2:14**)
- The one who delivered us from  
bondage and the fear of death (**Heb 2:15**)
- “Wherefore, consider Him.”

- It is difficult for us Gentiles to relate to a Jew coming out of Judaism.
- And we don't understand the temptation to hang on to the old things.

- Although we don't relate to Judaism,
- We do find ourselves very often lured into believing that our faith and especially our works are what it's all about,
- That somehow God expects more.

- He expects us to do more.
- Have I talked to enough people?
- How many have been baptized because of me?
- Have I done this or that?
  - Am I “Cold or Hot”?  
(**Rev 3:15**)

- And while we accept God's free grace we kind of hang on to an artificial kind of legalism.
- So the statements of Christ sufficiency shatters all legalistic efforts, whether Judaistic or not.

- The next thing we want to look at: **“Holy brethren”**.
- A fantastic statement.
  - **Holy**.
  - **1 Peter 2:9**  
**But you are a...  
holy nation,**

- Holy
- Not because of your works,
- But because of our position.
- Sanctified, set apart,
- Made holy in Christ.
- ***“To them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:”***  
**(Jude 1:1)**

- Let me illustrate that from **Hebrews 10:10.**
  - “**By which will we are sanctified**”
    - That means **made holy.**
    - “***We are made holy through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.***”
      - When you **received Christ,** you were made holy.



- **Hebrews 10:14**,

***“For by one offering,  
He hath perfected forever  
them that are made holy.”***

- **Verse 17-18**,

***“And their sins and iniquities  
will I remember no more.***

- ***Now where remission of these is,  
there is no more offering for sin.”***

- This is something  
**Moses could never offer.**

- Not only are we “**holy brethren**”
  - We have a “**heavenly calling**”.  
(**Hebrews 3:1**)
- As you read carefully through the book of Hebrews, you find out that **just about everything** the author describes is heavenly.

- We have a heavenly Jerusalem,  
(Heb 12:22)
- “Heavenly gift”  
(Heb 6:4)
- Heavenly country  
(Heb 11:16)

- **Eph 1:3** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:*
- **1:4** *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*  
(**Ephesians 1:3-4**)
  - A “**Blessing**”  
**Moses could never offer.**

- **This is a terrific statement.**
- Note the **superiority** of Christianity to Judaism.
- **Judaism** was an **earthly calling** with an earthly inheritance.
- **Circumcision** on the eighth day, and you'll inherit the land that "**flows with milk and honey**".
  - **Christianity** is a heavenly calling with a **spiritual** and **heavenly inheritance.**

- Why would anybody want to hang on to the earthly, when they have the heavenly?
- That is the argument of Hebrews.
- So the author says “Consider Jesus”.

- Jesus made a classic statement when He said, “*Learn of me.*”
- He didn’t say, “Learn about me.”
- So what do we learn?

- **Matthew 11:28**  
Come unto me,  
all you that labor  
and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.
- **11:29** Take my yoke upon you,  
**and learn of me;**  
for I am meek and lowly in heart:  
and you shall find  
rest unto your souls.
- **11:30** For my yoke *is* easy,  
and my burden is light.



- Jesus spoke to men desperately trying to find God
  - And desperately trying to be good,
- And who were finding the tasks impossible
  - And who were driven to weariness and despair.

- Jewish leaders had added over **600 commandments:**

- **248 positive**

- **365 negative.**

- Imagine trying to observe **all** of them.

- That's what Judaism offered.

- For the orthodox Jew religion was a thing of burdens.
  - Jesus said of the Scribes and Pharisees:  
*"They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders"*  
(**Matthew 23:4**).

- To the Jew religion was a thing of endless rules.

- A man lived his life in a forest of regulations which dictated every action of his life.

- He must listen for ever to a voice which said, "Thou shalt not."

- Jesus says,  
**"Come unto me all you who are exhausted."**
- Exhausted with  
**the search for the truth.**
- The Greeks had said,  
**"It is very difficult to find God,..."**
- Zophar demanded of Job:  
***"Can you find out the deep things of God?"***  
**(Job 11:7).**
- It is Jesus' claim  
that the weary search for God  
**ends in himself.**

- Jesus invites us to take his yoke upon our shoulders.
- The Jews used the phrase “the yoke” for entering into submission.
- They spoke of the yoke of the Law,
- The yoke of the commandments

- But Jesus says,  
**"My yoke is easy."**
- The word "easy"  
in Greek means  
**well-fitting.**
- Augustine, in one of his sermons,  
beautifully compares  
the yoke of Christ  
**to a bird's plumage,**
- **An easy weight which**  
**enables one to**  
**soar to the sky:**

- So then the invitation is:

- Today

- if you will  
hear his voice,

- Harden not

- your hearts,  
(Hebrews 3: 7-8)

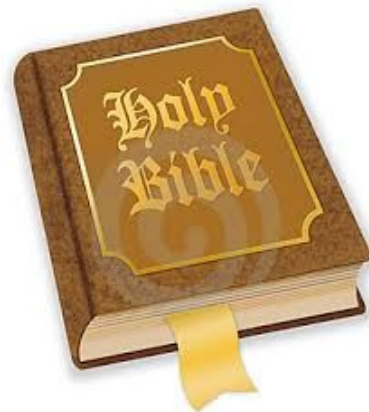


- **Think on these things**
- **Philippians 4:8**

**The doors of the church  
are open.**

**The Spirit and the Bride  
Say  
“Come”.**

**Revelation 22:17**



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