



Decoding Hebrews 12: The Spiritual Weight Of Illness

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Hebrews 12 tells us to put aside every weight and to run the race to win. Would it interest you to find out that the Hebrew concept of putting aside a weight is nothing of what you think it means, definitely not what you've been told. We're going to talk all about it because in this broadcast, I believe whatever you're carrying, you just might get set free from it. We're going to talk all about it. We're going to dive into it. Let's do it. Hebrews 12, right after this.

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Hello, everyone, and welcome to this week's broadcast. I'm [Jim Staley](#) with [Passion for Truth Ministries](#), and we are so grateful that you are joining us. If this is your first time and you're looking for content, maybe somebody sent you here, maybe somebody said, "Hey, check out this broadcast," if you're looking for content that goes back beyond Protestantism, past the Roman church, past the early Roman church and the church fathers, we go all the way back to the first century. We're looking at the Scriptures from the original Hebraic Jewish perspective they were written in. If we don't know the context, if we don't know the idiomatic expressions, the backdrop, the people groups, we don't even know who's arguing what and we don't know their backgrounds, we're simply just going to read into it what we believe. And that's what we're all about. We want to know the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, because the truth is the only thing that will set us free.

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I know if you listened to last week's broadcast, last week was an emotional broadcast for me. I almost had an emotional breakdown on the broadcast itself just because the Holy Spirit was just that thick, convicting me, pointing things in a direction in my own life. And I know that it impacted you. It went kind of viral after the first 24 hours. So, if you haven't watched that broadcast, I encourage you to go back and watch that before you get into this one. But before we do, I know that this is that time of year again. Ladies and gentlemen, if you're watching this live, we are in December and Christmas is right around the corner. And of course, I believe that there is a history of Christmas that needs to be told. And if you don't know the real history of Christmas, I encourage you to watch the history of Christmas here. ["Should Christians Actually Keep](#)

[Christmas?"](#) That's what that one is all about. It will shock you. It's a documentary-type form. Also, if you haven't seen "[December 25th on Trial,](#)" that's where we break down the actual date. It's very, very academic. It goes all the way back pre-first century BC and actually discovered what was on December 25th and where did we get that date from. It's very interesting. It's certainly not when Jesus was born.

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Speaking of, if you want to know when Jesus actually was born, I encourage you to watch this one: "[When Was Jesus Really Born?](#)" It goes into the actual dates of when John the Baptist was born and showing when Jesus Yeshua actually came into this earth in Bethlehem. It's a fascinating video for sure. And of course, the age-old video "[Truth or Tradition](#)" that so many millions of people have watched from around the world. It's an oldie, but it's a goodie. We're going to redo it eventually at some point. But we encourage you to watch those if you want the breakdown on Christmas. Look no further. That's where you're going to find it on our playlist on our YouTube channel. As a matter of fact, let me just encourage you, go to [passionfortruth.com](#). We have hundreds and hundreds of articles as well. A lot of people don't realize that, but there's a lot of content on our website. If you travel over there, you'll begin to see it.

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All right, for now, we're going to get back into the book of Hebrews. The book of Hebrews is an amazing book. It is one of the most misunderstood books. We've gone through the book of Acts verse by verse. We've gone through the book of Romans verse by verse. I encourage you to check those out if you're interested in deep diving into the Scriptures in that way. You can just look up your favorite chapter and go through it that way if you'd like, or go through the entire book. Right now, we're going through Hebrews and we've discerned and learned that there is a difference between covenant and the law of God. In Christianity, we kind of meld all those together. So when it says new covenant, we assume, "Oh, the law of God has done away with because we're under a new covenant, not the old covenant." But the difference is stark. As we learned in Hebrews chapter eight, I believe that there's a major difference between the word "covenant" in ancient religion, Hebrew religion, and the law of God. And I'll just quickly go over it.

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Covenant is like a new administration in the United States. When there's a new administration, it's called a new administration, but it doesn't change the constitution. It doesn't change the laws of the land. The laws remain the same, but the way they're administered is different. That's what the writer of Hebrews is trying to explain. We are under a new covenant now, meaning a new administration. Christ, Yeshua, Jesus, is the Melchizedek high priest, which trumps the earthly high priest from Levi. It doesn't get rid of all the laws. It means there is a new sheriff in town, if you will, and he administers them

through mercy and grace. Not that you can go and do whatever you want, commit adultery and decide whatever day you want to worship God on to keep the Sabbath, or change a God or not honor your parents. All of those things, those are real commandments that God gave and said, "Hey, do this. If you love me, you'll keep my commandments," [1 John 5:3](#). If you don't love God, don't keep His commandments. But there's consequences. But now, through Christ, repentance without animal sacrifice brings forth mercy and grace. And so that way, when we sin, we do break God's law unintentionally, or even sometimes when we really kind of rebel, when we repent and come back to God, God gives us mercy. Why? Because His Son took the price, He took the discipline, He took the penalty of our sin upon His shoulders. That's what we're here to do. And chapter 11 was all about the chapter of faith, the hall of faith. It was an evidentiary hearing in a courtroom setting. That's what the Hebrews author is trying to paint, is the picture of a courtroom setting. He said, "Look, this is the definition of faith. This is the evidence." And if you haven't seen, by the way, if you haven't heard the definition of faith in [chapter 11](#), you need to go back and listen to it. It will absolutely blow your mind and open up your mind to the truth of what faith really is, according to the early Jewish disciples. All right, let's move on over to Hebrews chapter 12 and start unpacking it. Here we go.

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Verse one, "1Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," again courtroom setting, **"let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."**

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All right, now let's talk about this for a second. First of all, the term "lay aside every weight." I love that. As Jews who are reading this, they would have totally heard it in the concept of clean and unclean, **tahor and tamei. Tamei is unclean. That is to have spiritual weight.** Think about that. To be unclean spiritually is to have spiritual weight. Now, this is something in Christian circles is really just kind of un-talked about and un-understood, if I can say that, is to be clean and unclean. We don't totally get that, right? There's clean animals. There's unclean animals. We've all been taught that Noah took two of each on the ark, when the reality is he took two of the unclean animals on the ark. He took seven of each of the clean animals on the ark. There was clean and unclean long before the Torah was ever given on Mount Sinai. There was an understanding of what was food and what was not food. But in the regards of the context of what we're talking about here, the Jews would have said that to have spiritual weight is to be spiritually unclean, which means you're carrying

something you shouldn't be carrying. Now, what are you carrying out there that could cause you to be spiritually unclean? Well, we're going to talk about that a little bit, and hopefully it'll be enlightening and allow you to gain the freedom from what you're carrying that's causing you to be unclean, that's separating you from God, or at least creating this distance from God, because He cannot be around anything that's unclean, and maybe it'll bring some breakthrough in your life.

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So what is spiritual weight? Something that is heavy that we need to get rid of is oppressive. Would you not agree? When you put on something that you shouldn't be putting on, you put on like a heavy jacket in the middle of the summertime, it's oppressive. It's not something that fits the environment. Rejection, bitterness, resentment, anger. All of these completely are heavy. We're not supposed to be carrying these. Think about this. Rage, unforgiveness, accusation. We could keep going. Condemnation, guilt, shame, fear, anxiety, worry, envy, jealousy, addictions, separation. Some of you are separated from people that you love. Isolation, etc. Every single one of these are not supposed to be on us. They're delivered by the demonic realm, either through generational stuff, either through traumas that cause our satellite to move away from the frequency of God, or our own personal sin that gives the devil jurisdiction. They're delivered by the demonic realm. God didn't give you condemnation. That's what the enemy's job is. God didn't accuse you, that's the enemy's job. God didn't put unforgiveness inside of you, that's a demonic spirit that's trying to get you in chains. They weigh you down and totally prevent you from the joy of running the race to win.

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Knowing God in this courtroom setting in this Melchizedek priesthood is all about freedom. It's all about setting you free from the law of what? Sin and death. God's not trying to set you free from His own law that He says brings blessing if you keep it. He doesn't want you to be free from the blessing. He wants you to be free from the curse when you break it. That's what Christ and His blood are for. He wants you to be free to run with Him. And that means breaking through the chains that you don't even know are there. And that's really what this chapter is about. When we remove the weights, we become spiritually *tahor*, clean, and can come close to God. I mean, think about this. Everything has a frequency, right? Everything is vibrating at a certain sound level that you can't even hear. Whether you know it or not, whether you hear it or not, it's projecting something. So this is why God says when you touch something dead, death is a frequency. You may not agree with it. You may not like it, but it is putting off a frequency that God doesn't like. That's why everything in the temple had to be cleansed, because there's things of this world since the fall that create death, and God cannot be in the presence of death. That is not His MO. He needed a clean place. This is why He tells us do

not eat unclean animals. Unclean animals have an unclean frequency. He doesn't want that jiving inside of our bodies that He created to be clean.

0:11:33 So when you got bottom feeders of the ocean, you got the bottom feeders of the earth like pigs. They are unclean for a reason. That's why Noah had them on the ark. And there was only two of each because it was understood you don't eat those or they'll go extinct. At the end of the day, there's frequencies for everything. God wants the unclean frequencies out of us. Could there be a reason why when Yeshua came and cast out the demons, they asked to be put into pigs? Because maybe the frequency matched. I don't know. But at the end of the day, we want to get rid of any frequency that would cause us to be unclean, such as the anxiety, the stress, that bitterness, the anger, the resentment, all of those things are frequencies that change your actual DNA frequency. Science is finally catching up to what God has already been talking about for years, which is for decades, for millennia in fact, through the Scriptures, that there are even illnesses that we have that are directly connected to our emotional system, which are connected to demonic spirits that are coming from this bitterness. When we have bitterness inside of us, it's changing the frequency of certain parts of our body, which causes us to be unclean. So, when we begin to attack and learn what these frequencies are and learn how to get rid of all this garbage in our life, amazingly a lot of illnesses just go away because the frequency begins to heal itself, that spirit is gone.

0:13:08 Okay, so if you're dealing with any kind of illness whatsoever, I'm going to give you a top 10 steps to freedom right now. Now, I'm praying about developing an entire course on this because I think it's so needed to go into much deeper. But if you want to stop the broadcast and you can rewind and write these things down, if you're dealing with any kind of addiction, any kind of uncleanness, lust, bitterness, anger, like you know it. You know when you're not walking exactly where God wants you to walk with, walk with Him in. If you're struggling, I want you to write these down. I think that God and Holy Spirit, regardless of whether we have a full program on this, can really use these 10 steps to help you, okay? Because that's what Hebrews 12 is all about, is running the race to win. If you're going to run, you got to get rid of the weights. The weights are these unclean spirits that have attached themselves to your DNA, changed the frequency, causing you to become sick, causing you to have all of these issues, and ultimately causing a distance between you and God.

0:14:11 So here we go. Number one, stop agreeing with the spirit by entertaining the thoughts. Every time you have a thought of anger, lust, resentment, whatever it is, you're agreeing with that demonic spirit that is planting those thoughts in your head, okay? That's what they're doing. So when you entertain it, you're fully giving them high five, you're locking arms with them, and you're giving

them permission in your life. **Number two, confess the sin behind the spirit.** Spirits just don't have access to you. They have access when you sin. They just don't have access to you accidentally. They have access through generational sin. They have access to traumas where lies were deposited in the heart and they have access to personal sin. So we have to confess the sin. That means to confess the sins of your forefathers. That means to find out any lies that you have in your life from traumas. Go back and discover what those traumas were. Talk about with God what those lies might be and confess the truth. Renounce, **number three, renounce the spirit out loud.** Renounce it. Call it for what it is. If you don't believe it's a spirit, then you'll always be in bondage to it. But it is a demonic spirit. I cannot tell you how many people I have either personally helped or have heard of people that have been set free. One lady with breast cancer in her right breast, which many people have connected to an unforgiveness towards someone that is outside of your bloodline. And this lady had been taken advantage of by another lady in her law firm. It was over a million dollars was stolen from her and she was fired on top of that. And she developed this great bitterness towards this woman and it caused her to have breast cancer. When she had learned this and forgave this person, within 30 days, the breast cancer was gone and the doctors didn't even know what happened. So you can say whatever you want, but this is real. And there's hundreds of thousands of people that have had incredible results by just cleansing their spiritual bodies, which is connected to your physical bodies from these unclean frequencies.

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All right, **number four, fast from all the triggers.** Any trigger that causes you to have these thoughts that you're entertaining that are connecting, fast from those. Like literally get them out of your life. Don't be around them. If it's people, don't be around them. **Number five, replace the spirit stronghold with the word of God.** Get into the word of God. Learn the word of God. Memorize the word of God. Totally replace those demonic spirit strongholds with the word. When something comes up, quote the word. What did Yeshua do for 40 days when He was fasting in the wilderness and the enemy tempted Him? Quoted the word of God. **Number six, strengthen the spirit man through fasting, physical fasting.** There is nothing that will break chains faster than physically choosing to die. Putting your spirit man first, putting your body second, it brings humility. It literally sheds things from you. Fast until it's broken. And then do a consistent lifestyle of fasting. Maybe you do a full three-day water fast, and then you fast once a week. Fasting was twice a week in the first century, and we wonder why the power of God flowed so greatly. Sin is diminished when we fast. **Number seven, identify the root wound.** Rejection, shame. Okay. What is the wound that maybe it's a father wound, a mother wound? Maybe somebody said something and it just hurt you so deeply and you can't come out of it. It's changed your identity. Identify the root wound. That will take some time and some research. **Number eight, establish confession and accountability.** Find someone that you can be accountable to and say, "Hey, I'm struggling with

this. I need you to keep me accountable." **Number nine, rebuild the fear of the Lord.** This means worship, getting into Scripture, studying the consequences of sin will absolutely rebuild the fear of the Lord. I'm telling you, you need the fear of God to be in your life. It removes a great weight of the temptation of sin when you know there's a giant consequence. Like watching a police officer sit on the side of the road and you're at a stop sign, it's really difficult to squeal the wheels when you know he's right there and the consequence will be immediate, okay? And **number 10, lastly, dedicate and commission yourself to minister.** Dedicate yourself. Make yourself holy. Set yourself apart and spend time ministering. Pick out something to do that is not about yourself. It's about ministering to others. Maybe it's volunteer at a soup kitchen or a homeless shelter or a church in some way, shape, or form. Minister. Find someone and minister to them. Maybe it's your spouse. Minister to them. Serve them. Get outside of yourself. Okay.

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All right, let's move on. That was all for free, ladies and gentlemen. Dive into that. I'm telling you, it will help break some of the chains that are causing you to have this unclean frequency. All right, so now, another thing I want to point out from **chapter 12, verse two**, is Yeshua is the finisher of our faith. This means that He's the only one that can bring us into faithfulness, which is the definition of faith, as we learned last week. And being faithful under pressure is how He wants us to operate. He's the only one that can give you the divine assistance to be faithful under pressure. Faith means nothing without pressure. If it doesn't pass pressure, it doesn't pass at all. It's not real faith. All right, now let's get back to the Scriptures. We got a lot more to go through in a very short period of time.

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All right, **verse 3** says, "³For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

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Now, what does that mean to be discouraged in your souls? This is actually connected to the Hebrew term *rafah*. *Rafah* is to let the hands hang down. **Nehemiah 6:9** is this exact concept.

It says this, "⁹For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying their hands will be weakened in the work and it will not be done."

-NKJV

So what does that mean for us as believers? It looks like this. We've got our hands in the air and we're praising God and we're loving life. God is good. And then when we're discouraged in our souls, our hands are down at our side. They're weakened. We let our hands hang down. So, when you're discouraged, your hands are hung down. What would be the opposite of that? If your issue is discouragement right now, to encourage your soul is to praise God. Put on some worship music, put on some praise music and worship Him. It will encourage your soul. Your hands will be strengthened.

0:20:59 All right. **Verse four** says this.

**"⁴You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin,
⁵and you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as sons: 'My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶for whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.'"**

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Now, "resisted to bloodshed," that is a direct connection to the Maccabean Revolt around 176 BC that created the holiday of Hanukkah, which literally means dedication, where they rededicated the temple. That's why we rededicate our temple. Our family actually celebrates Hanukkah because it's so deep and so amazing. It's not just Jewish. It's talking about the end times and how the Antichrist decimates the temple three and a half years into the Greek occupation, which is connected to exactly [Daniel 9](#). There's a lot of end time stuff there. I've got some stuff on my website on that. You can just look up ["Hanukkah and the Antichrist"](#) on my website and you'll find that. But in any case, this is an amazing connection because he's saying, look, you're not resisted like they did all the way to the bloodshed. Praise God, you're not. And he also lets them know in verse five and six that suffering is not an abandonment by God, but it's evidence of your legitimate status. Listen, your legitimate status as sons and daughters of the covenant. When God is disciplining you, when God is allowing these negative things to happen, it's because it's the evidence that you're legit. That God says you are real son of the covenant. You're a daughter of the covenant. I'm allowing this to happen because I want to prove your faith. Because when your evidence of your faith is proved, I can bless you more. So it's backward thinking for us, but God doesn't bless outside of qualifying for that first. You've got to qualify. And He blesses at the level of our faith, and our faith is proved by what we do.

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All right, let's move over to **verse seven and eight**.

"If you endure chastening, God deals with you as His sons. For what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons."

-NKJV

Ladies and gentlemen, ancient Jews, they saw discipline as covenant intimacy. Let me say that again. They believed that discipline going through trials was covenant intimacy. To be without discipline is to be outside the covenant household. To be outside of trials and tribulations is to be outside of God. That's why James says, **"Consider it pure joy when you face these trials. It's the testing of your faith under pressure that produces endurance and let endurance finish its work."**² In other words, don't get out of the pressure. Let the pressure do what it's supposed to do. It will create maturity so that you will lack nothing. Wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of God, it all comes under pressure. This actually aligns with Qumran theology, the Essenes and the Qumran, Dead Sea Scrolls. God disciplines His elect to refine them as sons of light. That's what they believed, is that God disciplines those He loves. It's exactly what the Scriptures say.

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Verse nine and 10, "Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

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Ladies and gentlemen, the "Father of Spirits" here. Let's break this down a little bit. What He's talking about, the Father of Spirits. This is a very rare title, but it's deeply Jewish. It roots God's authority in creation, [Numbers 16:22](#), and in His prerogative to shape the inner man. The whole "Father of Spirits" is talking about He's in charge of all things, all creation, human spirits, all of it. He is the father of everything and it's His prerogative to shape the inner man how He sees fit. And if that means that He looks at you and He says, "You're not hitting

your full potential, I need to discipline you," He's going to do it. And we need to be grateful for that because that's a good father.

0:25:29 What's the purpose of discipline, ladies and gentlemen? It's very simple, write this down, that we may share His holiness. If you want true intimacy, which in first century temple times, that means in the Holy of Holies, that means you are the high priest, you get access, or you're a priest and you can go into the holy place and you can eat at the table of showbread and you can feel the light of the menorah and that oil burning over your shoulder. Or you can smell the altar of incense as it creates a cloud for the presence of God to show up between the cherubim. Discipline creates the ability for us to *share* in a relationship holiness. Everything is about holiness, ladies and gentlemen. That word *kadosh* is to set yourself apart. It's to be set apart. It's not using regular paper plates on your anniversary. It's the best fine china when someone comes to your house that's a dignitary or someone that's coming over for dinner. People use the best they got. That's called holiness. It's set apart. That's what God says for you. You're not paper plates. You're not the secular world. I called you out of darkness into my holy light. I've given you a new name. I've set my fire, my spirit on the inside of you. You can't go back, ladies and gentlemen. Write that. Somebody needs to hear that. Write that in the comments. "I'm not going back." Until you get to a place where you are angry at what the devil has done to you and all the chains that he put on you, it's somewhat, maybe through other people, and you're looking at the person, but hurt people hurt people. So stop looking at the person because we don't fight against flesh and blood. We fight against principalities and powers of this present darkness. If you literally saw that that demon was speaking into your father's ears to say the things that he said to crush you when you were a young little girl or a young man, you would not be so angry at him because you would know he was just parroting what was jurisdictionally influencing him.

0:27:22 Holiness is not mystical, my friends. It's covenant alignment with God's nature. And that's why we've got to get rid of all these unclean things that are in our lives. When we get to **verse 11**, it talks about righteousness that produces *shalom*. I want to show you **Isaiah 48:18**, and I want you to see exactly where this quote is coming from because most people don't see this as a quote.

But it says, **"¹⁸Oh, that you had heeded my commandments. Then your peace would have been like a river and your righteousness like the waves of the sea."**

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And if you back up to **Isaiah 32:17**, it says, "¹⁷**The work of righteousness will be peace in the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.**"

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How many of you need peace in your life? Anybody need peace out there? Raise your hand right there to God. You need peace. You know what God says? It's produced by righteousness. What is righteousness? *Righteousness*, according to **Thayer's Theological Dictionary**, *is keeping the divine commandments*. Righteousness is doing the right thing in every scenario, loving your neighbor as yourself.

Psalms 85:10 says, "**Mercy and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed.**"

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I love that imagery. It's like a husband and a wife. Righteousness and peace, they come together. You see, when a person finds himself in a position of chaos and anger and hatred or whatever it is, everything that is negative attracts itself to him. But when he finds himself just focusing on himself and righteousness, doing the right thing, somebody curses me, I'm going to bless them. Negative energy, negative frequencies are repelled in peace. God doesn't say you're going to be outside of the storm. You're going to be dead center in the storm. That's where He wants you to be. Dead center in the middle of that hurricane because that's where peace is. That's where the sun is. Even though it riles around you and it's crazy, if you stay in righteousness, you'll stay in the middle of that storm. That's where Yeshua is. You will stay in peace.

0:29:25 All right, let's move on to **chapter 12, verse 12**. Moving right along.

"¹²**Therefore, strengthen the hands which hang down.**"

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Remember when we just talked about that? Hands that are hanging down? There's your proof text again right there. Strengthen those hands which are hanging down. Get them up in the air. Praise the Lord. Worship Him.

"And feeble knees. ¹³Make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed."

-NKJV

Think about this. My friends, this "lame" here is a Hebrew idiom. We would never see it because we would just interpret it as he can't walk, he's lame, right? His leg is broke or something. But in Hebrew, this context and a spiritual context, "lame" is a symbolism for those that are spiritually hindered. They've got weight on them. They've got unclean spirits. They have a frequency that's inside of their body that's unclean, that they're holding on to, and they don't even know it. Lame is the predecessor for being totally dislocated. God is saying, look, if you have a spiritual weight on you, it will dislocate your bones and your joints, and you won't be able to walk straight. You won't even probably be able to walk eventually. You certainly will not be able to run the race. You cannot keep the commandment of run the race to win. You know, everybody wants to talk about the commandments being, you know, in the first five books. The commandments are in all 66 books, ladies and gentlemen. The word Torah just means instruction. It's everywhere. It's been interpreted as what was given on Mount Sinai, but the truth is it's everywhere, every single instruction. And when Paul says, when God says through the apostle, "Run the race to win" here in Hebrews, that author is inspired by God and it is a commandment. We can't walk the race to win. You run it, which means that if you are walking and you're hindered, you're out of alignment with God, you're not keeping that commandment. And that's really serious because it's in our best interest.

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"¹⁴Pursue peace with all people and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord, ¹⁵looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled."

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Do you guys see this? The author understands this, that these things like bitterness and anger and unforgiveness and all these things, it literally creates trouble in your soul, which will affect your physical body and your organs. It brings illness and disease and people get defiled. Defilement is a clean and unclean, *tahor* and *tamei* concept in Judaism. In ancient Hebrew Bible, to be defiled is to be unclean, which means you need to be immersed or *mikvahed*, we would call it baptized in water. It's the water of the word and many times physical water. That's why baptism is so important. It is a physical symbol. It is an outward expression of what's happening in the heart. And I do believe that there's something supernatural about it as well. It's cleansing the body, which is connected to the emotions, which is connected to the soul and the spirit. It's all

connected. We need to be baptized by water and fire. But more importantly, we need to be *mikvahed* or immersed in the water of the word and get rid of this defiling. Listen, write this down. **Holiness without peace results in legalism, ritual correctness without love, a pure temple but impure relationships, and a pharisaical heart.** That's what holiness without peace results in. Peace without holiness, which means you can have peace in your life, but you don't have a set apart life. That results in compromise, idolatry and syncretism, humanity-centered religion, and social harmony without God's presence. In other words, like you can say, "Oh, I can do, I can celebrate this holiday and I'll celebrate this holiday. And I'll... it's about the heart of God and it feels so good," right? We're in the time of Christmas. Everybody's like, it just feels so good. Everybody feeling good. Doesn't mean that you're holy feeling good. Doesn't mean that you have God's presence. It's social harmony. Everybody's singing, everybody's feeling good, but that is nothing but humanity-centered religion. Ultimately, it's idolatry because it's focusing on how you feel. It's syncretism, meaning that you're adopting things from the world that feel good, but they're not setting you apart for God. It's compromise, plain and simple.

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My friend, peace and holiness are not random virtues. This is important for you to know. They are the two core requirements of temple life. If you don't hear anything else, hear this. Without holiness, you cannot enter the presence of God, period. You got to get rid of the defilement. You got to get rid of the uncleanness. You cannot tolerate and live and take it on like a blankie and be okay with all of your junk. God's not okay with it. You can say, "Oh, God loves me no matter what." He does, but He'll prevent His presence from coming near you because He's not going to be around anything that's unclean, period. That's what repentance is for. If He could come close to you and just draw you in, Nadab and Abihu would not be crispy critters today, waiting for the resurrection, embarrassed by trying to come close to God in a way that was unholy. Without holiness, you cannot enter the presence of God. And without peace, you cannot participate in God's community. God wants you to have peace in your life. His family is all about peace. So listen, holiness is the vertical pillar, just like you see on your screen. Holiness is the vertical pillar. That's man to God. Peace is the horizontal pillar. That's man to man. Amazingly, what does this look like? It's a cross. And what's more amazing is the ancient Paleo-Hebrew *Tav*, the Hebrew letter *Tav*, which was the last letter in the Hebrew alphabet, literally means covenant. So when you are perfectly set apart for God and you're walking in peace, you are in real covenant. That's what God is looking for.

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Moving along here, it says, "**Looking carefully, lest anyone fall short of the grace of God.**" What is falling short? This parallels Israel's wilderness failure. Grace here is divine empowerment to remain faithful. It's not abstract forgiveness, okay? It's just intellectually in our mind. God's grace is the power to remain faithful. What you should be asking for is, "God, give me your grace

under pressure. Help me to remain faithful. Help me to get rid of these frequencies in my life. I'm tired of all of this negativity. I don't want it anymore." You know, some people have been living with unforgiveness or living with their fantasy worlds and whatever that devil keeps playing in their mind. They are so used to it. They don't want to get rid of it. They don't really want to get rid of it. I'm telling you, you either got to get to a place where you want God or you want the devil because there's no in between. Forgive me for being so straightforward, but this is the truth. This is what the author's trying to say.

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Verse 16, "16Lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau." Listen to this, if you struggle with lust or pornography or any kind of defilement, **"who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears."**

-NKJV

Ladies and gentlemen, listen carefully to what I'm about to say. I'm literally going to underscore what the author here says. He says, "If there is any fornicator or profane person like Esau," do you see what he just did? There's no defilement of fornication, Esau. Esau sold his birthright and the author connects that to fornication. He's fornicating with his own flesh. He's giving himself what he wants in the moment. Do you see how incredible that is? The author is connecting his hunger and his desire for food, and he sold his birthright for a bowl of soup to his brother Jacob, is fornication, because it's the same thing. It's getting what you want in the moment. It's choosing yourself in the moment to the detriment of the kingdom of God and the full potential that He invested inside you through His Holy Spirit, *Ruach HaKodesh*. When you do that, you're fornicating with yourself, with another God. It's not just talking about fornication and pornography and lust. It's talking about the whole concept of self-idolatry, which is what fornication ultimately is. And he says, look, afterward, it didn't matter how much he repented. He's not going into the Promised Land, if you will. The consequence was eternal. When you touch the stove, you can't turn back. Your hand is forever going to have that scar. It has nothing to do with forgiveness. God can forgive. But at the end of the day, I'm telling you, when he says "no place for repentance," it means the consequences of his decision could not be reversed. Not that he wasn't forgiven. There was just no way to reverse the consequences. This is why we cannot abandon the covenant birthright under pressure. Faith is only faith when it's proven under pressure, like we talked about in chapter 11. This needs to be talked about. It's not talked about enough. This sloppy agape and this just Christianity without holiness is no Christianity at all because Christianity literally is *Christianos*, which literally means little Christ, follower of Christ. You're not following Christ. If there's no commandments to follow, if there's no holiness to be got, if there's no set apart

from the world and everything looks the same, then what do we really have? We have a self-imposed religion, which is idolatry.

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Verse 18, **"¹⁸For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore."**

-NKJV

What's he talking about? He's giving the visual illusion of back at Mount Sinai with Moses at the top. The people are freaking out. The mountain's on fire. He's saying, look, you're not facing that kind of fear at the moment. You're not at that place. We do not have a relationship with God that is based out of massive fear because there was no mediator to take His wrath at that moment.

He says in **verse 22,** **"²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem."** Now he's talking about the Melchizedek priesthood. This is the stamp of the entire book of Hebrews right here in one verse, **"to an innumerable company of angels, ²³to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,"** the new administration is in town, **"and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better than that of Abel."**

-NKJV

Why does it speak better than Abel? Okay? Because, let's just walk through this. Mount Zion is heavenly Jerusalem. That's the true temple. It always was the true temple. The one on earth was just a pattern. It was temporary. The innumerable angels in the gathering echoes the angelic council. This is the council of God. He says, you're like that. The assembly of the firstborn ones. This is covenant family with inheritance rights. If you are firstborn, you have inheritance. That's where you're at. When God is the judge, you're in a divine courtroom. The spirits of the righteous made perfect. What is that? It's the faithful dead that are now complete. They're waiting for the resurrection of the just. They're waiting for the return of Christ where the dead in Christ will rise and everyone from Adam to Daniel to Noah to Moses to King David will be raised at that day and we will meet them in the air. Amen. Yeshua, the mediator of a better covenant. It's superior to Moses. It doesn't mean that what Moses had was bad. It means that it's better because He's administrating it. And the

law could not give grace. It's the law. Imagine all of the police force in the world being just AI robots. You get pulled over. It's a ticket. You went one mile an hour over. You're like, "Wait a minute, man. Police would never give me a ticket for going one mile an hour." Well, it's a new cop in town. It's AI. That's the law of God by itself. It administers the blessing and curses. That's it. There's no in between. It doesn't care about your situation. But when Yeshua walks out in the door and He becomes the high priest, He becomes the sheriff. He goes, "Hey, okay, I'm going to give you grace. I understand where you're at. Thank you for repenting. This is the speed limit. Let's do better next time." Not that there's no speed limit. There's a new law. That law of grace is added to the law of God. Blood that speaks better than Abel's, what is that? Blood that cries mercy, not vengeance. That's what the author is saying. Look, Abel's blood, it cried out for vengeance, but Yeshua's blood cries out for mercy. And I'm so grateful for that. I don't know about you. Amen.

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All right. Let's walk in through the last few Scriptures here. We'll hang it up for today.

It says in **verse 25**, **"²⁵See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, ²⁶whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, 'Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.'** **²⁷Now this, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain."**

-NKJV

What's he talking about? Ladies and gentlemen, he's talking about Mount Sinai, of course, these are the echoes, where Israel refused God's voice and suffered. He says, how much more will there be punishment if you reject not only Moses, but the God of heaven through Yeshua. Rejecting Messiah is rejecting God's final revelation. That's chapter one. That's how the writer interprets their persecution. It's a test of covenant loyalty. That's why he says, don't refuse this voice. And I will say in the place of this author, echoing His voice, listen to what God is saying. Put aside the weights that are besetting you. They're not only preventing you from enjoying everything that God wants to give you, but they are preventing the kingdom of God from growing around you because God needs you. You are valuable. You are precious. He loves you. There is a love so deeply waiting for you to set you free. God doesn't want to see you in illness because of sin. Maybe you have an illness that's not related to sin. Maybe it's just because we're in a fallen world. That's fine. That exists. But there is

sickness, illness, and a separation from God that is connected to sin. And we need to put all of that aside. Tell the devil to go back to hell from which he came and be set free. And I declare that if you follow those 10 steps, and if you absolutely denounce bitterness, anger, resentment, and all of the alike, and begin the process of moving closer to God, you will be free, without a doubt.

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In **verse 28** it says, **"²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹For our God is a consuming fire."**

-NKJV

Ladies and gentlemen, the word "serve" here, this is priestly language. We are a community of priests. We are not a regular community of Israelites. We are a royal priesthood, a holy nation. You hear that? Royal priesthood, holy nation. There's nothing else in the heart of God to tell us then, look, you're a priest, act like it. Priests are holy. They're set apart. You can see them from a mile away. They don't look, act, think like the world. They're not a regular Israelite. "Reverence and awe" echo Leviticus' emphasis, my friends. God is holy. Approach Him properly. Approach Him appropriately. Don't just waltz in there like some cowboy and say, "Here I is, Lord, I'm a priest." No. Be holy, set apart. Let your frequency cleanse, audit yourself, *mikvah* yourself in the Word of God. Last but not least, grace empowers acceptable worship. This is a very, very Jewish reading of *charis*, which is the word in Greek here for grace. Divine strengthening to fulfill covenant expectation. You get that? Everybody talks about grace, the grace of God. Grace of God is not just letting you off the hook. The grace of God is not just the police officer letting you go and just with a warning. No, the grace of God is divine assistance to fulfill the covenant expectations. What is the covenant expecting of you? We need to find out because we've been lied to for millennia that God doesn't expect much. Just love your neighbor as yourself. But let's not define what that means. Let's forget about the rest of it when it says all the rest of the commandments hang off of those top two. Maybe we should find out what the rest of those commandments are. Maybe we should keep the commandment of run the race to win. Maybe we should look into our own personal lives and get rid of the negative frequencies that are destroying us.

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Ladies and gentlemen, we've come to the end of Hebrews chapter 12, but don't let it be the end of what God is doing in you right now. If God is speaking to you, then you need to get alone with Him. You need to set apart yourself. You need to start auditing your life and writing down everything in your life that is creating an unclean frequency and ask God to deliver you from it. You may not have all the steps. You may not have a 10-step program that's all laying down for 12

weeks straight. But God can meet you where you're at if you trust Him and admit that there's uncleanness inside. I know that's what I'm doing. I encourage you to do this. My friends, thank you for joining us during this broadcast. I encourage you to continue to dive deep into what God is doing in your life. Thank you for those of you that support us financially. You can do that at passionfortruth.com. We thank you so much for saying thank you and helping us with a few shekels here and there. Our entire team around the world couldn't do it. We love to bring you this each and every week. Thank you guys for more than anything, sharing this with other people that might need it. And at the end of the day, may God grace you with the power to fulfill His purpose in your life. Until next time, I'm Jim Staley with Passion for Truth Ministries. I'll see you in the next video. Shalom.

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