

LIFT JESUS HIGHER

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Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Heb 12:2 **Looking 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 is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Joh 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

Joh 12:33 This he said, signifying what death he should die.

Isa 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa 45:22 **Look unto me, and be ye saved,** all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.

Isa 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

JESUS, CALVARY WHICH INCLUDES HIS GREAT REDEMPTION STORY, SALVATION IS THE CENTRAL THEME OF THE WHOLE BIBLE.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. The Old Testament Points toward Calvary.

2. The New Testament Points back to Calvary, and forward to his full Redemptive Plan.
3. **Every time a lamb** was slain for a sacrifice it was keeping redemption the center point
4. **Every time a tent flap** was opened in the morning thy could see the Tabernacle and the cloud hovering over the Tabernacle. And as the smoke ascended from the sacrifices it was a constant reminder.
5. **The Lord's desire to be the central point of our lives**

Exo 25:8 **And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.**

Exo 25:9 According to all that I show thee, *after* the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make *it*.

6. **Since the fall of man**, God has always wanted to have a relationship with His people.
7. **The Jews were taught every day**: (The Great Commandment).

Deu 6:10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,

Deu 6:11 And houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;

Deu 6:12 *Then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

8. **The First Commandment**:

Deu 5:7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. **The opening proclamation:** We have Found Him

Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

2. **The Warning never to Forget:**

Luk 21:29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

Luk 21:30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

Luk 21:31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

Luk 21:32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.

Luk 21:33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

Luk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.

Luk 21:35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Luk 21:36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

1. With the Good spring and summer weather upon us. It is easy to slack off and lay out of church and put other things before the Lord and His Work. (Hearts Overcharged)

Luk 21:14

Settle it, therefore, in your hearts - Fix it firmly in your minds - so firmly as to become a settled principle - that you are always to depend on God for aid in all your trials.

2. **Settle in your hearts:** I am going to draw nigh to God like never before. I am not going to miss church, visitation, home bible studies, prayer meetings.

Luk 21:34

Lest at any time your hearts be overcharged ... - The meaning of this verse is, “Be continually expecting these things. Do not forget them, and do not be “secure” and satisfied with this life and the good things which it furnishes. Do not suffer yourselves to be drawn into the fashions of the world; to be conformed to its customs; to partake of its feasts and revelry; and so these calamities shall come upon you when you least expect them.”

3. **Don't Let your salvation slip:**

Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.

Heb 2:2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

4. **It is easy to slip back in to lukewarm ness and half heartedness and put on a lazy spirit. But the diligent shall bare rule! I must be a soul winner!**
5. **The comfort Zone is bidding for us. Let us resist it bidding**
6. **Paul said: I Press!**

Phi 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

Phi 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Rev 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Rev 3:15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Phi 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

Phi 3:11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

Phi 3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

1. Every time you see a sunset, time is slipping away.

THE NIGHT COMETH, THE NIGHT COMETH

Joh 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Isa 21:11 The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

Isa 21:12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come.