

015 Hebrews 12:1-17 A Great Cloud of Witnesses in [Edward Rangel](#)

Pre-Service Loop

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Warm-up

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Service

24 slides in 19 items

Title



How much better

Hebrews 1-11: How much better the New than the Old

- O.T. priesthood, High Priest Jesus
- Physical Promised Land, Heaven
- Animal sacrifices, Perfect Lamb
- Salvation was made attainable by Jesus' blood

How much better

Hebrews 1-11

- Described a mountain climb
- Backward and downward
- Hebrews 12 looks forward and upward

Hebrews 12 talks about a great cloud of witnesses - this is what makes heaven!

Mountain climb from Old Testament things and now we have made it to the top, the mountain peak.

In Hebrews 11 we saw the great men and women of faith, not we've made it to the top and see Jesus see heaven! in Hebrews 12.

Hebrews 1-11 was looking backwards and downward (back to Old Testament and downward to a physical reward)

Hebrews 12 looks forward and upward to the heavenly reward

Great cloud of witnesses - what makes heaven are not the things (streets of gold), but the people there. A family makes a home.

Cloud of Witnesses

Cloud of Witnesses

- Not spectators cheering us on, but witnesses giving testimony
- Catholics call on these witnesses as saints for help
- Fix your eyes not on the witnesses but on Jesus

Cloud of Witnesses

Not spectators cheering us on, but witnesses giving testimony

The encouragement we get from the witnesses is that it can be done!

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1-3

Hebrews 3:1

1 Therefore, holy brethren,
partakers of a heavenly calling,
consider Jesus, the Apostle and
High Priest of our confession;

Hebrews 3:1

Hebrews 11:24-27

24 By faith Moses, when he had
grown up, refused to be called
the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

Hebrews 11:24-27

Let Us

Let Us

- Now that we have reached the mountain peak
- Lay aside every encumbrance
- Every **SIN**'s that besets us
- Run with endurance (my friend Percy)

Let Us

Now that we have reached the mountain peak

Now what? Take pictures?

Lay aside every encumbrance

Not every encumbrance is sinful - these may be relationships, employment, sports, etc...

Every **SIN** that besets us - these are plural

Run with endurance (my friend Percy)

Note that God has not called us to be an Abraham, Moses, Rahab, but to run MY race that is set before ME

Consider Jesus

Consider Jesus (12:3)

- Saints can't help us
- Only Jesus

Consider Jesus

4 Points

Four Points to Consider (12:1-17)

1. Perseverance
2. Pattern
3. Persecution
4. Suffer more as a Christian than as a non-believer

Consider Jesus

Perseverance

Perseverance

- Run with endurance
 - Be stripped
 - Be stretched
 - Things that slow down, cause a handicap
 - Rich young ruler

Philippians 3:14

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

2 Timothy 4:7

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith;

2 Timothy 4:7

John 19:30

30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

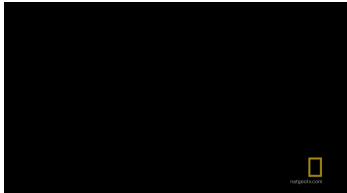
John 19:30

Perseverance

Perseverance

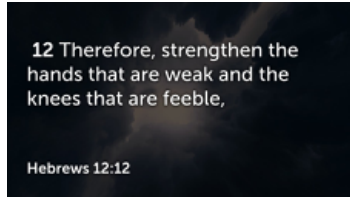
- Run with endurance
 - Get rid of SIN(s) that beset us

How To Survive Quicksand Primal...

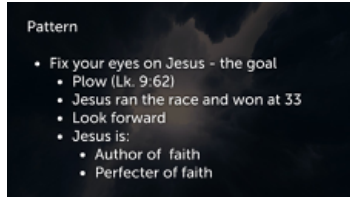


Idea is of running through clay, all sin will hold you back and eventually disqualify you (12:12)

Hebrews 12:12



Pattern



Pattern

Fix your eyes on Jesus - the goal

Plow (Lk. 9:62)

Jesus ran the race and won at 33

Look forward

Jesus is:

Author of faith

Perfecter of faith

Jesus got to the end of the course and will get me to the end of the course.

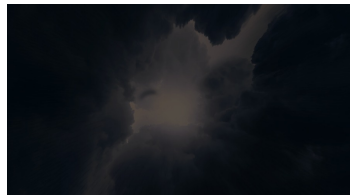
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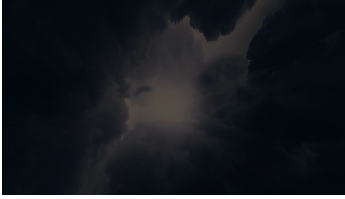
Post-Service Loop

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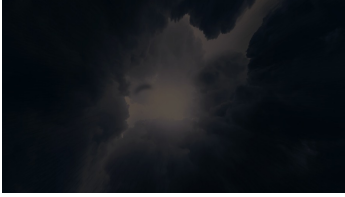
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