

Sermon Notes for 8/3/25

Hebrews 12:1-2 | A Life of Proclaiming and Protecting the Gospel

“Hebrews is basically a sermon about Jesus. It begins by exalting Jesus’ greatness, then goes on to explain what He did on our behalf as the ultimate High Priest, ending with a challenge to embrace His finished work on the cross. The overarching theme of Hebrews is, simply put, the superiority of Jesus Christ – a matter with both doctrinal and practical applications.” – Skip Heitzig

God has provided something better for us.

We don’t pursue faithfulness for personal gain, but because God has provided something better.

In the pursuit of living a life that proclaims and protects the gospel know that you are never alone in your efforts.

“And on that day, we join the resurrection and stand beside the heroes of the faith and with one voice, a thousand generations sing worthy is that lamb who was slain. Forever He shall reign!” – Phil Wickham’s “Hymn of Heaven”

*Diagram will go here

1. Lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us.

One of the greatest dangers in life is these two common lies we tell ourselves:

1. My sin is not that big of a deal.
2. I can manage the sins in my life.

Our sins will only hinder us from proclaiming and protecting the gospel.

3. Run with Endurance.

“No believer runs with endurance by his own strength. We are best with weakness.”

- Christ Centered Exposition: Hebrews

One of the greatest truths in following Jesus is that we are never called to be good enough or strong enough.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Isaiah 43:1-3

2 Timothy 1:7

3. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

We have nothing worth proclaiming and protecting apart from Jesus.

Jesus is the only thing worthy of our devotion.

“For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

This is what we proclaim. This is what we protect. This is what we pursue.

“Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful”