

INVESTIGATION

A man in a dark blue suit, white shirt, and brown tie is holding a white rectangular sign with both hands. His index fingers are pointing towards the text on the sign. The background is plain white.

What
is
Salvation?

(20 – Exposing our Preconceptions)

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Did you find the study so far has been too difficult to accept – especially #19, ‘Death & Salvation’?

The reason is that you're blocked by the religious, theological training that you received in the church system.

We believe what we believe because of the teaching we've received in the church. The leaders also taught us how we were to interpret the Bible.

We didn't follow Jesus's directive to allow the Spirit to teach us. We didn't even ask him what we needed to know or to separate what is truth and error in our theology.

This session will expose the extent that the pulpit teaching we've been under causes us to be unable to accept spiritual reality when Father shows it to us.

As a consequence, what needs to happen to all of us so we can understand the realities of spiritual life in the Kingdom, is to have our mind transformed so we can accept the knowledge of what's real, not religion.

That requires us to be deprogrammed. All religion and legalism needs to come out of us, and then we need to be reprogrammed with the realities of what the Trinity has established in the Kingdom.

Reprogramming will show us the 'big picture' of what Father is working on to bring about the culmination of his work to fully reverse the effects of The Fall.

To be fully reprogrammed we need to have an open mind so we don't get stuck in one part of what he's doing.

For example:



Before we go any further in our investigation into 'What is Salvation?', I'll show you in this session how much your mind needs to change to accept spiritual reality

EXAMPLE: Church Teaching Prevents Us Accepting Reality

(Ian Clayton - 'Radiant Fire Session One Promo')



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Simply put, we're totally biased in what we believe.

That is, we only see one side of anything – our own understanding.

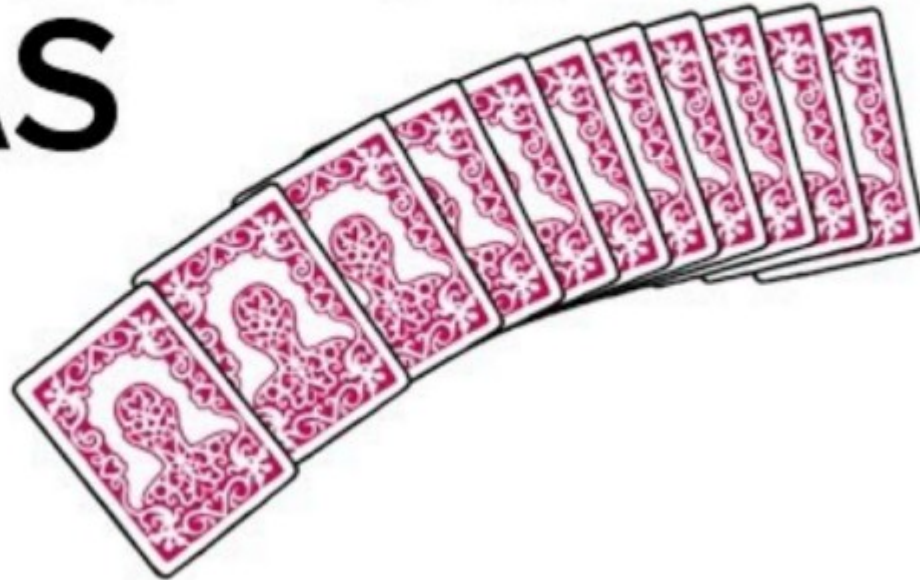
As with everyone, our theological perspectives or biases are powerful. They impact our thoughts, decisions, feelings and actions without our knowing it.

It's important to realise these biases influences what we receive from others and the Spirit. They also cause us to unconsciously impose our values and judgments on others who have values and beliefs different from our own.

We're usually not aware of our perspectives and biases when we interact with others, as they are deeply embedded in who we are.

We form our bias or perspective based on things we hear, read or see. Friends and our religious/spiritual network have a very big influence on our perspectives, and there's often an underlying emotion or feeling driving our biases.

UNCONSCIOUS BIAS



THE
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It is important to acknowledge your own spiritual perspectives and biases. The first step is to realise that you do have them and that they are used by you as a 'safety net'. However, they do stop you from exchanging false beliefs for right beliefs.

It is helpful to reflect on why you hold the theological opinions that you have. Where did they come from? Do they align with the Trinity's reality?

You can overcome bias through keeping an open mind and understanding, so the Spirit can teach you. Also, reading on spiritual topics that you may not feel comfortable with can help you correct your belief system.

You don't have to agree with what you read, initially, but allow the Spirit to reveal to you any truth that's in it.

Our study in this session is to look a chapter in Hebrews from a different perspective to what we usually understand it to say.

Firstly, listen to
Hebrews 6 as it
appears in
some common
versions

Click the version links
on the right and
choose chapter 6





Now, we'll read Hebrews 6 as it
appears in the MIRROR Bible



**The following slides are quotes from
Hebrews 6 in the Mirror Study Bible
put out by MirrorWorld**

Comments appear in grey text

6:1 – Consequently, as difficult as it may seem, you ought to divorce yourselves from your sentimental attachment to the foreshadowing doctrine of the Messiah, which was designed to carry us like a vessel over the ocean of prophetic dispensation into the completeness of the fulfilled promise. A mind shift from attempts to impress God by your behavior, to realizing the faithfulness of God, is fundamental. →

→ There is no life left in the old system. It is dead and gone; you have to move on.

Compare with Romans 3:27

6:2 – All the Jewish teachings about ceremonial washings [baptisms], the laying on of hands (in order to identify with the slain animal as sacrifice), and all teachings pertaining to a sin consciousness, including the final resurrection of the dead in order to face judgment, are no longer relevant.

All of these types and shadows were concluded and fulfilled in Christ, their living substance. His resurrection bears testimony to the judgment that he faced on mankind's behalf and the freedom from an obstructive consciousness of sin that he now proclaims. [Romans 4:25; Acts 17:31; John 12:31-33] Jesus said, "and when I am lifted up on the cross, I will draw all judgment unto me." (Hebrews 9:28)

6:3 – So it is with God's prompting that we advance.

From the prophetic types and shadows of Scripture into the substance of what God has now spoken to us in sonship. (Heb 1:1-3)

6:4 – Now it may be that someone may clearly see the light (of the prophetic word) and participate in the Holy Spirit by already having sampled the heavenly gift,

“The Prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired about this salvation; they inquired what person or time was indicated by the Spirit of Christ within them when predicting the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glory. (1Pet 1:10, 11)

6:5 – and they might even begin to feast on the beauty of the Word; already having experienced the power of the age of the promise that all were waiting for.

6:6 – If such a person were to insist on relapsing into the old mindset of legalism, sin consciousness, and condemnation, it becomes impossible for him to be restored again and again to repentance. The principle of repeated repentance, as practised under the law, does not make sense in the context of the new dispensation, because it would absurdly imply that Christ was being re-crucified and →

→ subjected to public shame over and over again. This new order is not to be confused with the old. Grace is not a cheap excuse for sin. C'mon, awaken to faith-consciousness once and for all. You are free from the old rules and bondage of the duty-driven law of will-power. It is impossible for the old system to match the new.

Repentance – See Romans 3:27. Under the shadow system of the law, sacrifices were repeatedly slain because no permanent cleansing was possible. [Hebrews 10:1-4] The word often translated, repentance, is the Greek word, *metanoia*, from *meta*, ‘together with’ and *νοιέω* *noieō*, ‘to perceive with the mind’. It describes the awakening of the mind to that which is true; →

→ a re-alignment of one's reasoning; it is a gathering of one's thoughts, a co-knowing. Faith is not a decision; it is a discovery. It has nothing in common with the Latin word *paenitentia* - where the idea of penance and repentance stems from.

6:7 – For when cultivated soil is soaked by frequent showers and produces the useful, life-giving crop expected by the farmer, the harvest brings much celebration.

6:8 – What a complete disappointment though, if the same soil produces nothing but thorns and thistles; it is a worthless yield, and fit for burning; like a dream that has gone up in smoke.

6:9 – Having said all this, my dear friends, I am fully convinced of God's love for you; what God accomplished in salvation on your behalf is beyond comparison to anything you were familiar with before. Salvation realities echo what the law could only foreshadow.

6:10 – God is not unfair, neither is he unaware of the affectionate way in which you have honored his Name, and the diligence you have shown in your unrelenting religious service in keeping all the sacred rituals and ceremonies, even to this the present day.

6:11 – I urge you to employ that same sincere devotion to now realize the fulfillment of everything that the old system anticipated.

6:12 – We do not want you to behave like illegitimate children, unsure of your share in the inheritance. Mimic the faith of those who through their patience came to possess the promise of their allotted portion.

Illegitimate – The word, *nothros* comes from *nothos*, one born outside of wedlock, of a concubine or female slave. The child of the law and not of the promise.
(Galatians 3:29; 4:22-31.)

6:13 – Since God had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself. He could give Abraham no greater guarantee but the integrity of his own Being; this makes the promise as sure as God is.

6:14 – Saying, “I will continue to speak well of you. I will confirm my intention always only to bless you, and to multiply you beyond measure.”

i.e. “In blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply you.”

6:15 – And so Abraham continued in patience and secured the promise.

6:16 – It is common practice in human affairs to evoke a higher authority under oath in order to add weight to any agreement between parties, thereby silencing any possibility of quibbling.

Silencing – The word *peras*, means ‘the end of all dispute’; ‘the point beyond which one cannot go’.

6:17 – In the same context we are confronted with God's eagerness to go to the last extreme in his dealing with us as heirs of his promise, and to cancel out all possible grounds for doubt or dispute. In order to persuade us of the unalterable character and finality of his resolve, he confined himself to an oath. The promise which already belongs to us by heritage is now also confirmed under oath.

Confined – The word *mesiteo* is used, ‘interposed’ or ‘mediated’. Compare *mesites*, ‘mediator’, from *mesos*, ‘midst’. In the incarnation, God has positioned himself in the midst, of his creation. (See Galatians 3:20)

With Abraham there was no middleman; it was just God.

“The Mosaic law spoke the language of “the fallen mind” and required mediators – the Levitical priesthood – because it was an arrangement whereby mankind had a part and God had a part. Mankind’s part was to obey the commandments and God’s part was to bless. God’s covenant with Abraham was a grace covenant pointing to the man Jesus Christ, in whom God himself would fulfil →

→ fulfil mankind's part and therefore needed no mediator apart from himself. In the incarnation Jesus fulfills both the proposal and the "I do". M. Perez]

The Word is the promise; the Incarnate, crucified and risen Christ is the proof. He desires to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose. (RSV)

*Mankind was not redeemed from the Devil; a thief never becomes an owner; neither did Jesus do what he did to change his Father's mind about us. It was our minds that needed persuasion. God was not to be reconciled to his creation; God was in Christ when he reconciled the world to himself.
(2 Corinthians 5:18-20.)*

6:18 – So that we are now dealing with two irreversible facts which make it impossible for anyone to prove God wrong; thus our persuasion as to our redeemed identity is powerfully reinforced. We have already escaped into that destiny; our expectation has come within our immediate grasp!

The promise of redemption sustained throughout Scripture and the fulfillment of that promise in Jesus. (See John 8:13-18)

“That should settle it for you since it is written in your law that the testimony of two, is true.”

This combined witness of two is not true just because they agree, unless true in fact separately. But if they disagree, the testimony falls to the ground. (Deuteronomy 17:6; 9:15) - Robertson

Also Revelation 10:6.

*See notes on the Oath at the end of
Revelation 10.*

*Also the Notes on the Testimony of Jesus at
the end of Revelation 20.]*


6:19 – Our hearts and minds are certain;
anchored securely within the innermost
courts of God's immediate Presence;
beyond the (prophetic) veil.

6:20 – By going there on our behalf, Jesus pioneered a place for us and removed every type of obstruction that could possibly distance us from the promise. In him we are represented for all time; he became our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. We now enjoy the same privileged access he has.

He said, “I go to prepare a place for you so that you may be where I am. On that day you will no longer doubt that I and the Father are one; you will know that I am in the Father and you in me and I in you.” (John 10:30; 14:3, 20)

Let's hearing from Mike Parsons
about Hebrews 6:1-2

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laying again a 
foundation of repentance...



An excerpt from our second Patreon group Zoom

Mike Parsons

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Is something holding you back?

What's holding you back are your pre-conceived ideas about what the chapter says, and therefore, you won't change.

Can you now see how much religious teaching blocks you from any alternative understanding in spiritual matters, including the spiritual reality (truth)?

Let's finish off by hearing from
Mike Parsons about how Father
deconstructed his thinking so he
could come into full sonship

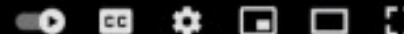
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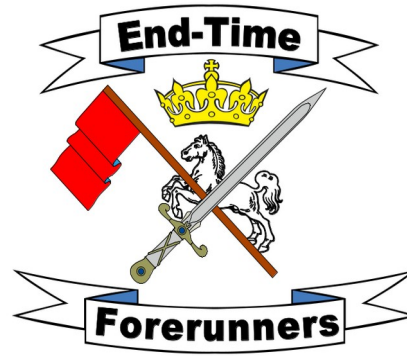
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