

Jesus is Greater: A study of Hebrews

Week Three

Anchored to Jesus

Hebrews 2:1-9

January 17th, 2021

For His Glory and our joy!

Message Notes:

Prayer for our Nation

Introduction – *“How important are anchors?”*

Review of Hebrews 1

Jesus is Greater (1:1-4)

Angels are higher ranking than humanity, but not Christ! (1:5-14)

Today’s Message:

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Hebrews 2:1-9

Don’t Drift Away!

Hebrews 2:1

Three big “winds” that cause us to drift today:

Fear

Discouragement

Self-Righteousness

This is Serious Stuff!

Hebrews 2:2-4

1. Gospel is more serious than the Law
2. Jesus > Angels
3. Announced by Jesus
4. Confirmed by Disciples
5. Confirmed by marvelous works
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Biblical Storyline

Creation – Fall – Redemption – Restoration

Christmas Present analogy

Present – Promise to Abraham

Box – Old Covenant “Do this and you will live.”

Gift – Jesus fulfills the Law FOR us!!

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Hebrews 2:5-8

Who is large and in charge?

Hebrews 2:9

Gospel Application - *With all the craziness of the world, will you anchor yourself in Jesus?*

Scripture Passages (unless otherwise noted, from the NIV)

John 12:20-21 (KJV)

²⁰And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: ²¹The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

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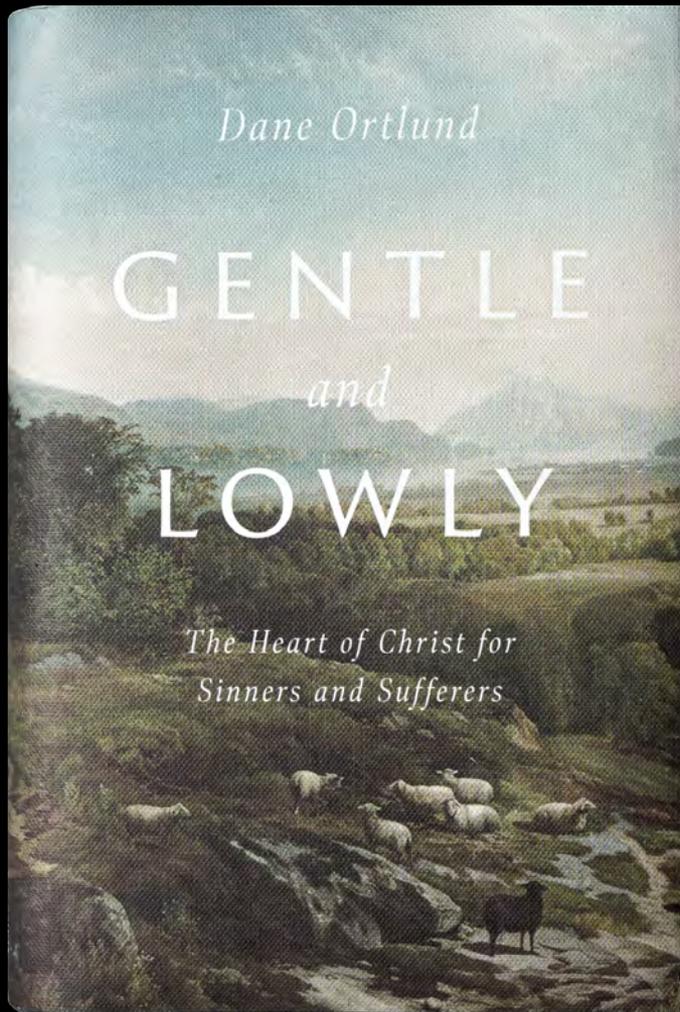
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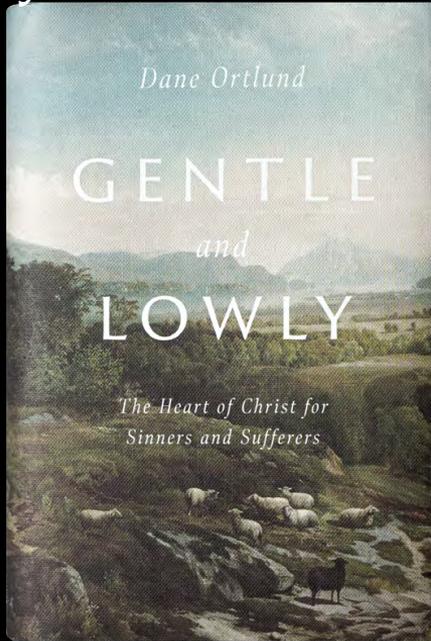
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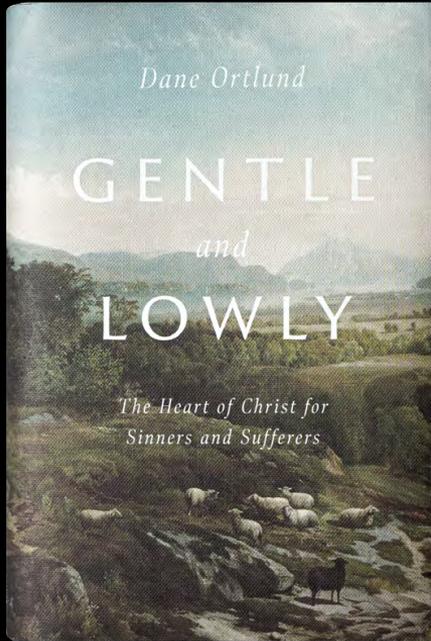


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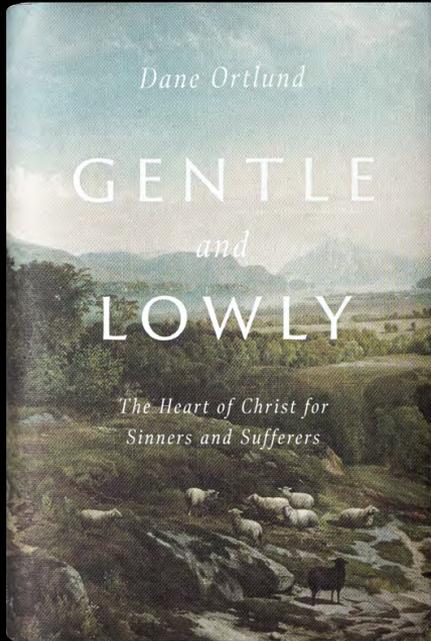
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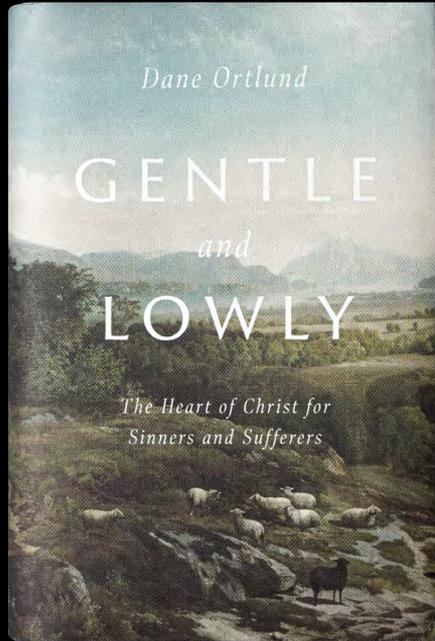
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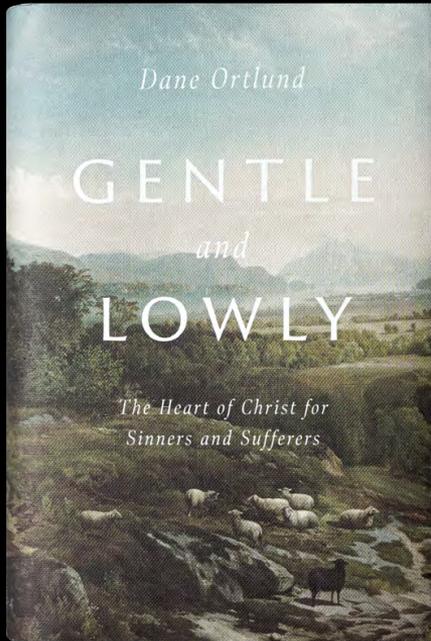


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BOOK OF HEBREWS

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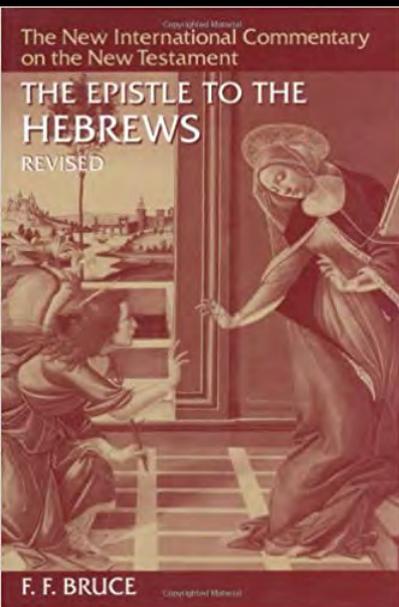
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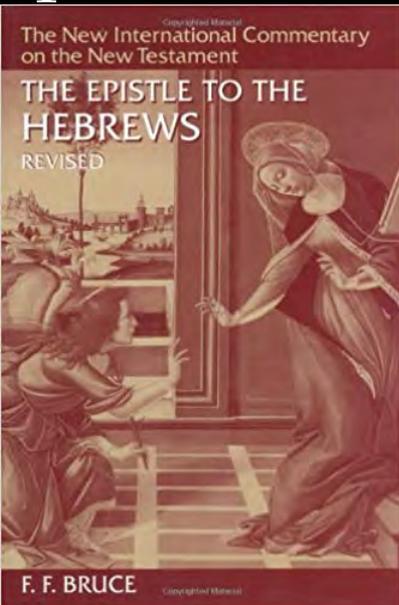
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An open Bible is shown from a high-angle perspective, slightly out of focus. A vibrant red ribbon bookmark is draped across the pages. The text 'OLD TESTAMENT' is superimposed over the center of the image. 'OLD' is rendered in a large, 3D, reddish-brown serif font with a metallic sheen. 'TESTAMENT' is in a smaller, black, classic serif font. The background shows the texture of the aged paper and the dark binding of the book.

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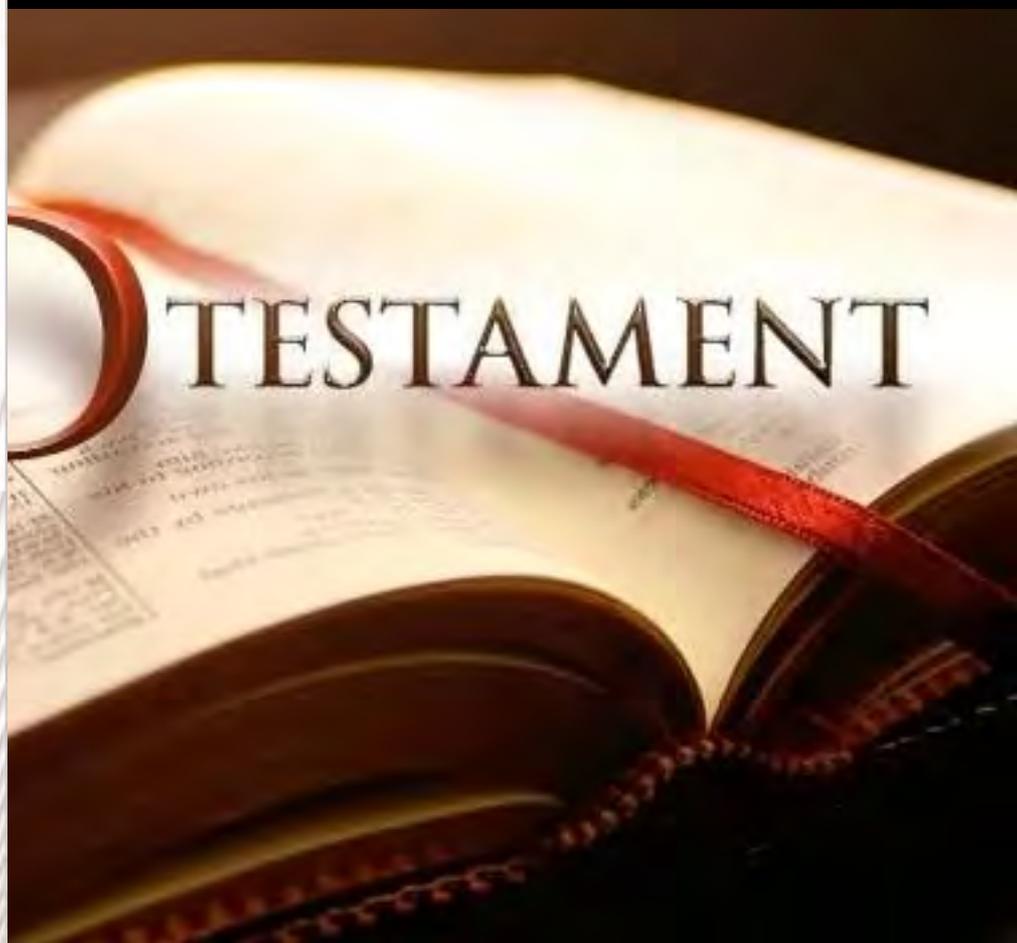


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*How the
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The Solid Rock

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
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His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.

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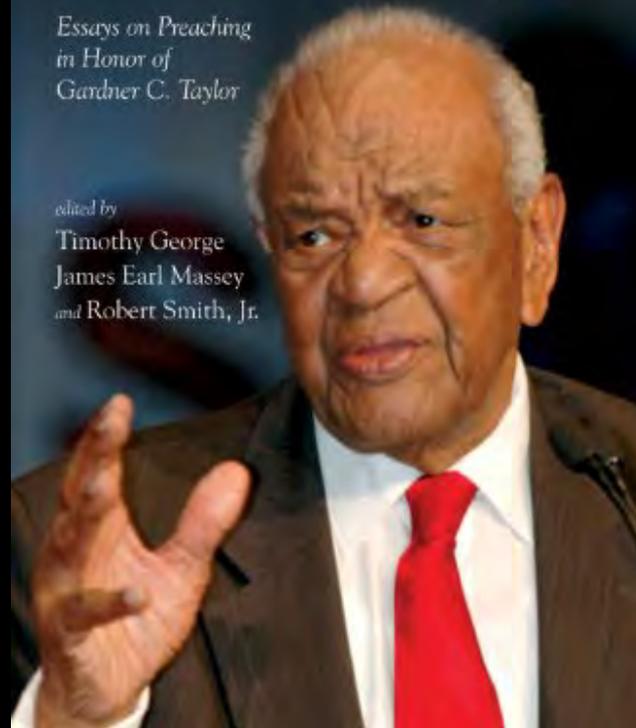
When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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Our Sufficiency IS OF GOD

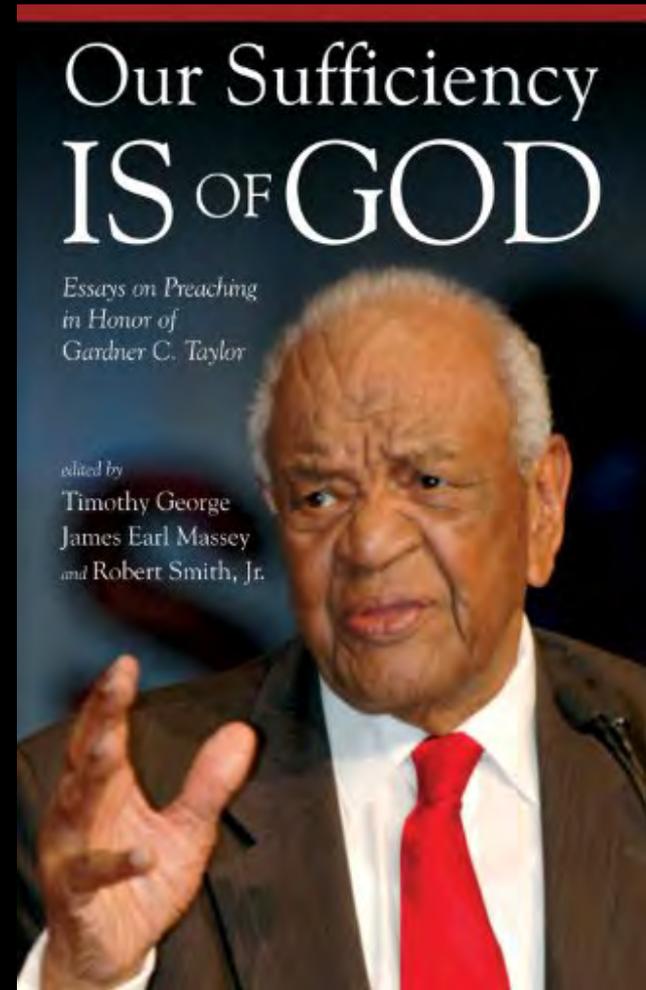
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Go on, Preacher: we
can see Jesus in the
darkness.



Gospel Application:

*With all the craziness of the world,
will you anchor yourself in Jesus?*