

THE SURRENDER THAT OVERCOMES

(Heb. 10:5-7)

Introduction:

1. The main point the author is making is that God did not desire that people offer sacrifices for their sin, what He desired is that people live godly lives obedient to His will (for their good always). Jesus was the ultimate fulfillment of that in that Jesus allowed people to be free from their sin, and to walk blameless before God which is His true desire.
2. A secondary point is the means of that blameless living = having received a body from God we too ought to live to do God's will. Living in that manner is a surrender of our own will. And as strange as it may sound, that surrender and living allows us to overcome the world of sin and death.
3. Let us consider this morning how we surrender, how we benefit from that surrender, and what keeps us from that surrender.

Discussion:

I. How do we surrender?

- A. We must understand some things (Is. 1:18-20).
 1. God is God, and He is worthy of our surrender (Ps. 8).
 2. God loves us and His desire is that all men be saved (1 John 4:8; 1 Tim. 2:4; Rom. 5:8).
 3. He has revealed all things that we need to know in order to overcome the world and be saved (2 Pet. 1:3-11).
- B. At its most basic, our surrender is simply allowing God to have the authority in our lives (Gen. 4:7; Deut. 30:19, 20; Phil. 3:17; 2:9-11).
- C. Jesus came to give us the perfect example of this surrender to God (Phil. 2:5-8; cp. Heb. 10:5-7), and the motivation for this surrender (Phil. 2:9-16; 3:7-21).
- D. Thus, our surrender is achieved by knowing God and living our lives by that knowledge (Phil. 2:1-5; cp. 2 Tim. 2:15; Col. 2:6, 7).

II. How do we benefit from surrender?

- A. The truth shall set you free (John 8:32!)
 1. When you know the word of God you are free from fear and doubt! "If we have the mind of Christ, no one can outthink us"—Dennis Curd.
 2. When you live the word of God you can KNOW you are living right!
 3. When you live right with God you can face tomorrow!
- B. This freedom allows us to be the workers God requires.
 1. Free from our own agendas we are finally able to give preference to others (Rom. 12:10).
 2. Free from our own fears we can love others as Jesus loved.
 3. Free from worries we can be bold in the service of our God.
- C. Let us never forget our own fervent desire (John 14:3; 1 Thess. 4:17, 18; Rev. 22:4).

III. What keep us from surrendering?

- A. The devil has always been lying to mankind, telling us that God is not worthy of our surrender (Gen. 3:4, 5; John 8:44).
- B. Our fears, based on the lies of the devil, keep us fighting a battle we cannot win as lord of our own lives.
 1. Sin and death are only overcome in Christ!
 2. The love of God is the only means of overcoming fear!
- C. Consider again Paul's words to the Philippians (Phil. 3).
 1. VV 1-9 = Rejoice in God, not self and our own achievements. Righteousness is only found in the right relationship with God, which is from Him in Christ not of us!
 2. VV 10-17 = imitate Jesus in all things that we might imitate Him in the resurrection and glory! Imitate those who are imitating Jesus = imitate what is good and right!
 3. VV 18-21 = remember what it is all about (heaven not the world) and who we really are (the people **of God** not people **of the world**).

Conclusion:

1. Why not this morning stop fighting the impossible fight, stop living in fear and doubt, and why not stop rejecting what is for your good always?
2. Surrender to Jesus. Make Him your Lord and Master so that he can also be your Savior. Surrender and overcome all (Rom. 8:36, 37)!
3. Invitation.

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1. Why is it that we humans strive so hard and doggedly for what we cannot accomplish.
 - A. We cannot solve our sin problem by ourselves (Hos. 6:6 = quoted twice by Jesus in Matthew).
 - B. We cannot make everyone in our lives be good and treat us well.
 - C. We cannot construct some artificial means of bringing peace of mind (i.e, rest for our souls), although the world tries with books, drugs, and distraction.
 - D. We cannot construct a manmade life that is free from all concerns and worries (Pax Romana).

2. In Christ, we have all we claim to desire (Gal. 5:17-26). Why do we so often neglect/ignore Christ and His words?

3. Like dieting, surrender is easy and very hard. What makes the hard easy is DETERMINATION and WILL POWER. These can be stimulated, strengthened, and become steadfast (1 Cor. 15:58). If we will.

4. All that we want to be, and fail to be, we can be if... All that we want to do, and find ourselves not doing, we can do if...(Phil. 4:13; 2 Pet. 1:3-11).

5. If we will allow God to be God in the fullness of what it means to be God (Creator, All-Mighty, All-Knowing, All-Present, and love personified and Deified!) we become His people, the conquering army of the Lord of Hosts (we are the hosts!). Engaged in a battle that is already won, armed for victory (personal and corporate), and guaranteed the greatest reward!!

6. More personally, we can have...
 - A. The marriage that we all dream about.
 - B. The family that we all dream about.
 - C. The friends that we all dream about.
 - D. The life that we all dream about.
 - E. The future that we all dream about.

SURRENDER AND OVERCOME!!!