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More Than Enough

The Roman Emperor was sanctified and to be worshiped in the temple at that time. It was impossible to live and do any social activities if one is not worshiping Emperor. It was difficult to live as Christians and the church was persecuted. The Jewish Christian was despised as heresy not only by Romans but also by the same Jews. They suffered from persecution and social isolation in Rome. It was difficult time for them but, they were able to endure it because they believed the Lord was coming soon. But the Lord’s Day did not come, and the situation got worse. The church was getting weaker. The book of Hebrews is a letter written by a Jewish Christian for struggling church that time.

The book of Hebrews does not start with greeting or consolation, but an explanation of who Christ is. The Jews were mistaken themselves for possessing everything with only the Old Testament and shadow. Christians are those who met and have Jesus in their heart. The author of the book of Hebrews conveys a direct message rather than comfort, asking them to find and look at the value of Christ in their heart who they have met already. The Roman emperor is a fake and talking only about the shadow of the Old Testament is also a fake. He is advising those who forgot that Jesus is the only real answer in persecution and contempt.

This era is giving us a lot of change and pressure. Most of the normal daily lifestyle are gone. This is an era when no one can guarantee what will happen in the future. What is the value of Christ we believe in now? Are you overcoming persecution and contempt with the gospel and faith? Or are you living like the Jews who have lost the value in Christ due to the torture of persecution and contempt of their own people? We must be able to see the genuine value of Jesus Christ we have. Only then we can live as a person of the gospel even in this chaotic era.

The book of Hebrews presents us with this challenge. Knowing and realizing his value and look at him deeply. Live as a man of the gospel and Christ in everyday life through this. In Jewish tradition, angels have always been the admiration for their role. It was because they had immortality and morality that was incomparable to humans. Relying on this fascinating being, it began to appear in the Jewish Christian community, even praying in the name of an angel and worshiping him, and soon after it began to spread in the churches of the gentiles. They began to craft another idolatry.

What is your “angel” that has taken place of Christ in your life? We must think about what is substituting Christ that is ruling us while evoking the illusion of being religious. Let us find that fake replacement and throw it away. We already have real deal. It has already given to us. Let us not be obsessed with fakes when we already have the perfect one. Let us meditate on the perfect Christ day by day until we have no fake substitutes within us. Let us think deeply about this perfect Jesus Christ.