

A Study of the Book of Hebrews: God Speaks to Us through His Son

Lesson 6: Hebrews 6, “Growing in the Maturity of Faith”

Part 1: Heb 6:1-6, “Warning Against Apostasy”

1. “Elementary doctrine of Christ” is contrasted here with “maturity.” Although maturity certainly isn’t the lack of talking about Christ, what is involved with the elementary doctrine which we all must move on from?

- a. Foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God
- b. Instruction about washings _____
- c. Laying on of hands _____
- d. Resurrection of the dead _____
- e. Eternal Judgment _____

2. Where are all these things summed up for us today?

3. Verses 4-6 are hard to hear and often misunderstood, yet are stern warnings when correctly understood. What exactly is the author referencing and what is the key here?

- a. Those who have once been enlightened _____
- b. Tasted the heavenly gift _____
- c. Shared in the Holy Spirit _____
- d. Tasted the goodness of the word of God _____
- e. Fallen away _____
- f. Crucifying once again the Son of God _____
- g. Holding him up to contempt _____

4. Can you give examples of such people?

5. Who alone can bring such unbelievers to repentance?

6. What is our response to such people?

Part 2: Heb 6:7-12, “Continue in Your Good Works”

7. Imagery of faithful and unfaithful land is used often in Scriptures to mirror the connection between faith and works. How does Jesus make this connection?

8. What is the “rain” that gives life? What does it produce?
9. What is the assurance mentioned in verse 9?
10. How does the author to the Hebrews couch his encouragement for good works?
11. “Antinomianism” is the fancy term for not preaching the Law, usually used in reference to those who preach salvation without encouraging good works. How would verse 12 refute such an idea?

Part 3: Heb 6:13-20, “The Certainty of God’s Promise”

12. This passage explains the “better thing” of verse 9, upon which we can have “full assurance” (v 11) of hope and salvation. What is the basis for God’s oaths?
13. Read Gen 15:7-21. What does it mean that God passes between the sacrifices? God also swears by himself in Gen 22:15-18, quoted here in Hebrews.
14. How are oaths used today?
15. What attributes of God are the basis for his oaths and promises?
16. What is our sure anchor?
17. How do we have access into the Holy of Holies?

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