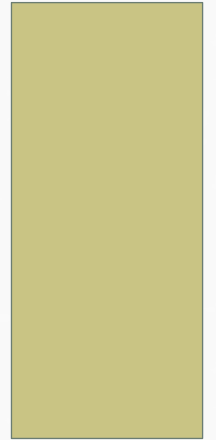


THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

– CHAPTER 6 –

HOPE IS THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL



THE CHRISTIAN WHO FALLS AWAY

HEBREWS 6:4-6

- The initial state of the Christian
 - Enlightened
 - Tasted the heavenly gift
 - Partakers of the Holy Spirit
 - Tasted the good word of God
 - Tasted the powers of the age to come
- Were these people truly converted? **YES**
 - **But they fell away.**

THE CHRISTIAN WHO FALLS AWAY

HEBREWS 6:4-6

- The final state of the Christian
 - Fallen away
 - Crucify again for themselves the Son of God
 - Put the Son of God to open shame
- How is this Christian similar to the Israelites who wandered 40 years (Heb 3:12)?
- It is impossible...to renew them again to repentance”
 - **What does the parable of prodigal son in Luke 15 teach us about this principle?**

AN ILLUSTRATION

HEBREWS 6:7-8

Fruitful Ground

- Drinks the frequent rain
- Bears useful herbs
- Cultivated
- Receives blessing from God

Unfruitful Ground

- Thorns and briars
- Rejected
- Near to being cursed
- End is to be burned

- Jesus' gave a similar parable. Which one?

WE ARE CONFIDENT OF BETTER THINGS CONCERNING YOU (HEB 6:9-12)

PREVIOUS CHARACTER

- Workers for God
- Love for His name
- Served the Saints
- Still Serving

FUTURE CHARACTER

- Imitate the faithful
- Imitate the patient
- Inherit God's promises
- Not lazy or sluggish

What must they eliminate in order to achieve this?

When difficulty arrives, what must we do to persevere in faith?

GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE

HEB 6:13-18

- God's promise to Abraham was "doubly sure"
 - God's Word
 - God's Oath
- Abraham's example
 - Patient endurance
 - Obtained God's promise
- The Hebrews were heirs of Abraham, but in a more important way than bloodline. How?
- V.18 ***we have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.***

HOPE IS OUR ANCHOR (HEB 6:19-20)

- **“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul**, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus,”
- “having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

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SUNDAY MORNING