

“But We See Jesus...” (Part 3)

Dangers If We Do Not Keep “Looking Unto Jesus” (Heb. 12:2)

- 1) Drift away and neglect (Heb. 2:1-4)
- 2) Depart and be hardened (3:12-14)
- 3) Come short and fall (4:1, 11)
- 4) Become dull of hearing (5:11)
- 5) Become sluggish (6:12)
- 6) Forsake the assembling (10:25)
- 7) Sin willfully (10:26)
- 8) Cast away confidence (10:35)
- 9) Fall short (12:15)
- 10) Refuse Him who speaks (12:25)
- 11) Carried about with various and strange doctrines (13:9)

Words of Exhortation in the Book of Hebrews (13:22)

(exhort = to admonish, to urge one to pursue some course of conduct)

If We Keep Looking Unto Jesus, We Must...

- 1) **Give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard (2:1-4)**
 - A) The need to pay careful attention, extreme interest, highly focused to the truth
 - B) Word spoken through angels – Old Testament (Gal. 3:19; Acts 7:53)
 - i) Proved steadfast, sins received just penalty
 - C) We will not escape if we neglect the word of salvation today (danger of negligence)
 - i) First spoken by the Lord
 - ii) Confirmed to us by those who heard Him
 - iii) God bearing witness with signs, wonders, miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 2) **Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope (3:6)**
 - A) We are the house which Christ has built (1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:21)
- 3) **Exhort one another daily (3:12-14)**
 - A) To avoid having an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God
 - i) A loss of faith in God and His promises
 - B) To avoid being hardened through the deceitfulness of sin
 - C) To hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end
- 4) **Fear lest any come short...be diligent to enter that rest (4:1, 11)**
 - A) Lest we come short of it and fall after the same example of disobedience
 - i) Example of Israel’s disobedience and failure to enter God’s rest (3:16-4:6)
 - B) A rest remains for the people of God – salvation in Christ (4:9)

- 5) **Hold fast our confession...come boldly to the throne of grace (4:14-16)**
 A) Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest of our confession (3:1)
 i) Sympathetic to our weaknesses - sin
 B) Throne of grace provides mercy and find grace to help in time of need
 i) Help us to overcome our weaknesses (cf. 2:18); come boldly – with confidence
 ii) Times of need = temptation, sin, fear, persecution, etc.
- 6) **Leave the discussion of the elementary, and go on to perfection (6:1)**
 A) After foundational matters, we must strive for maturity of understanding and faith
 B) Solid spiritual food belongs to the mature who have senses exercised (5:12-14)
- 7) **Show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end...imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises (6:11-12)**
 A) Confident of things that accompany salvation – work and labor of love shown toward His name, ministering to the saints (vv. 9-10)
 i) Diligent imitation and work will overcome the tendency to sluggishness (indifference)
- 8) **Draw near with a true heart...hold fast the confession of our hope...consider one another to stir up love and good works...exhort one another (10:22-25)**
 A) Necessary to avoid willful sin resulting in the wrath and judgment of God (vv. 26-31)
- 9) **Not cast away confidence (10:35)**
 A) Faith has great reward – saving of the soul and victory that overcomes (1 Jn. 5:4-5)
- 10) **Run with endurance the race that is set before us (12:1)**
 A) Following the example of the “cloud of witnesses” (ch. 11 worthies)
 B) Laying aside every weight (personal hindrances) and the sin which so easily entangles us (unbelief, lack of confidence)
 C) Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith – the pathway and goal (Phil. 3:14)
 i) The “something better” provided for us to perfect all the faithful (11:39-40)
 ii) Author = leader, captain, originator (2:10)
 iii) Finisher = completer, perfecter (10:14)
- 11) **Strengthen the hands with hand down, and the feeble knees...pursue peace...look diligently (12:12-15)**
 A) Make straight paths for feet – the pathway of truth (Prov. 4:26-27; Psa. 5:8)
- 12) **Serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear (12:28)**
 A) “Have grace” = thankfulness for receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken
 B) Faithful service in the kingdom will keep us from falling into unfaithfulness
- 13) **Let brotherly love continue...entertain strangers...remember the prisoners...conduct without covetousness...remember those who rule over you...go forth to Him...continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God...not forget to do good and to share...obey those who rule over you, and be submissive (13:1-17)**
 A) Series of important exhortations at the close of the epistle

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