

Homework: Hebrews (Due 10/16)

Read: Hebrews Chapter 1-13

Study: 5:11 – 6:12

Questions/Observations:

5:11 The author uses the phrase “dull of hearing” to describe his readers. From the immediate context of 5:11-14, describe what he means by this. How does this relate to the warning in 2:1?

6:1-3 What is the stated goal of the author in these verses?

Warning #3

6:4-6 The writer sternly warns his readers of the dramatic error of “falling away” from the message they have heard. The fact that he is describing believers here is evident in terms such as “enlightened”, “tasted” and “partakers” (v.4). Using a concordance, locate each of these terms as they are used elsewhere in the letter. How does the use of these terms by the author help us determine whether or not he is describing a true believer in 6:4-6?

Such who fall away from the message reveal the same stubbornness as the hard hearted generation that rebelled in the desert (chp 4). Such is their stubborn resolve that it is impossible to renew them to repentance for they align themselves with the very ones who crucified Christ (v.6).

6:7-8 Blessing or cursing? Meditate on these verses and compare them with the words of Jesus in John 15. What is the message of the author here?

6:9-12 The author compares his readers to those described in 6:4-8. What encouragement does he give them? What is his main point? Note: the word translated “sluggish” or “lazy” in v.12 is the same Greek word translated “dull of hearing” in 5:11.

6:13-20 The author uses the example of Abraham to illustrate his point. What is the main point of the illustration and why should it be an encouragement to the readers?