

HEBREWS

Lesson 6: Solemn Warnings

- ❖ To Hebrew Christians fatigued by persecution
- ❖ Jesus: Final Messenger
- ❖ Jesus: Greater than the prophets
- ❖ Jesus: Greater than the angels

- ❖ Exhortation & warning: Heed or drift away
- ❖ Jesus: Made a little lower than angels
 - ❖ High priest, captain of our salvation
 - ❖ Flesh & blood; temptation, suffering, & death
- ❖ Jesus: Greater than Moses

- ❖ Beware unbelief
 - ❖ The fathers fell short of God's rest
 - ❖ Rest still awaits the faithful
- ❖ Jesus: Better High Priest (order of Melchizedek)
 - ❖ Without sin
 - ❖ Author of eternal salvation

- ❖ Rebuke and encouragement
 - ❖ Admonition for spiritual immaturity
 - ❖ “Confident of better things concerning you”
- ❖ God assured Abram (and us) with an oath

- ❖ Jesus: Order of Melchizedek
 - ❖ Greater than Abraham, Levi
 - ❖ Priesthood by oath of God, not law/lineage
 - ❖ Always lives
- ❖ Jesus: Better sacrifice than bulls & goats

- ❖ Jesus: Better covenant/testament
 - ❖ Our God, His people
 - ❖ God's laws in minds & hearts
 - ❖ All know God
 - ❖ Full, eternal atonement
- ❖ Exhortation to press on, hold fast

- ❖ Faith
 - ❖ Substance of things hoped for
 - ❖ Evidence of things not seen
 - ❖ God exists and rewards the diligent
 - ❖ Several OT examples of faithfulness
- ❖ Warnings in the book of Hebrews

DEPARTING FROM THE LIVING GOD

DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS

- ❖ Who fell in the wilderness? (3:16–19) All who ...
 - ❖ Came out of Egypt, led by Moses
 - ❖ Sinned
 - ❖ Disobeyed
 - ❖ Did not believe

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- ❖ What does it take to enter God's rest? (4:11)
 - ❖ Diligence
- ❖ How deeply can God's word penetrate? (4:12)
 - ❖ Soul & spirit, joints & marrow, thought & intent
- ❖ What is hidden from God's sight? (4:13)
 - ❖ Nothing: all is naked and open

DULL OF HEARING

YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS

- ❖ Three things that signify maturity (5:12–14)
 1. “ought to be teachers”
 2. Skill “in the word of righteousness”
 3. Ability “to discern both good and evil”

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- ❖ Why is it “impossible” to renew some? (6:4–7)
 - ❖ Already rejected the best Jesus offers (Mk 3:29)
 - ❖ We cannot draw; God can forgive the contrite
- ❖ What happens thorns & briars? (6:7, 8)
 - ❖ Burned
 - ❖ Clear figure: Hellfire

DRAWING BACK

RECALL THE FORMER DAYS

- ❖ How do we know the audience were saved?
 - ❖ “received the knowledge of the truth” (10:26)
 - ❖ “blood ... by which he was sanctified” (10:29)
 - ❖ “His [God’s] people” (10:30b)
 - ❖ “illuminated” (10:32)
 - ❖ “enduing possession ... heaven” (10:34)

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- ❖ Consequences of willful sin after receiving truth?
 - ❖ “no longer remains a sacrifice for sins” (10:26)
 - ❖ “fearful expectation of judgment” (10:27)
 - ❖ “fiery indignation ... adversaries” (10:27)
 - ❖ “worse punishment” than death (10:28, 29)
 - ❖ God’s “vengeance” (10:30)