

## HEBREWS LESSON NINE OUTLINE

- I. Review of where we have been
  - A. The emotional picture the author has painted
- II. Structure of this passage
  - A. 5:11-14 Reproof for their dullness of hearing
  - B. 6:1-3 Exhortation to press on to maturity
  - C. 6:4-8 Warning about those who have fallen away
  - D. 6:9-12 Encouragement to continue loving God and serving the saints
    - 1. Their works are evidence of their salvation
    - 2. They must continue in their diligence
- III. 5:11-14
  - A. v. 11 they are dull of hearing= slow, sluggish, unable to hear deeper teaching
    - 1. v. 12 Evidence- not only not teaching, but regressing
    - 2. v. 13-14 babies vs. Mature
    - 3. Two distortions
      - a. Chronological spiritual adults drinking only milk
      - b. Adults taking solid food, yet remaining passive and inactive
  - B. v. 14 the goal of growth- discerning good and evil
- IV. 6:1-3
  - A. Positive exhortation
    - 1. Press on to maturity- God causes the growth, but they must participate
  - B. Negative exhortation
    - 1. Not laying again the foundational teachings
  - C. Yet all is dependent on God permitting it- He is sovereign
- V. 6:4-8
  - A. v. 4-5 Who are 'those'
    - 1. v. 4-5 Verbs suggest salvation BUT Greek grammar points to not continuing
    - 2. Have experienced blessings of community and may have made some profession
    - 3. Promising past, but present state indicates a need for true repentance
  - B. v. 6 And have fallen away
    - 1. They have returned to sacrifices and self-effort= misuse of the Law
    - 2. Impossibility of repentance- true repentance is the total dependence on Christ
      - a. They cannot go forward and backwards at the same time
      - b. It is Christ and Christ alone or Christ plus something else

- c. It does not mean they cannot be saved!
  - 3. Result of returning to self-effort is crucifying Christ again and again- essentially saying His sacrifice is insufficient
  - 4. Putting Christ to open shame- He is not worthy of their obedience
    - a. True dependence results in obedience out of trust in and love for Him
- C. v. 7-8 Analogy of land
  - 1. Ground that receives rain and produces crops is blessed by God
  - 2. Ground receiving the same rain and producing weeds is worthless
    - a. It is CLOSE to being cursed- but there is still time and opportunity
    - b. Its end if it remains in that state is burning- judgment

## VI. 6:9-12

- A. Final encouragement-follows warning with pastoral note
- B. BUT beloved we are convinced of better things
  - 1. Contrasts them with 'those' above and addresses them with great affection
  - 2. Expresses confidence in their true repentance and service out of love for God as evidence of their salvation
- C. v. 11-12 Positive and negative encouragement
  - 1. Continue to be diligent- results in full assurance of hope
  - 2. Don't be sluggish- same word as dullness described at the beginning
  - 3. Be imitators of those who exercise faith (true repentance) and patience (willingness to trust, obey, and suffer for Christ) and obtain the promises
  - 4. Another bridge passage- he will expand on hope, inheritance, and promises

## VII. Implications

- A. How are you feeding your soul?
- B. Press on to maturity!
- C. Warning! No U-turn!
  - 1. Concerning those who have fallen away
  - 2. Concerning your life
- D. Encouragement
  - 1. You are His and He is yours
  - 2. Keep serving Him out of love for Him
  - 3. Bring your temptations and sins to Him
  - 4. Be energized in the assurance of hope that all He has is yours