

Sermon Notes

There Is No Reason to Turn Back! *An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews*

#20 – “A Word of Comfort from the Confronter” – Hebrews 6:9-12

I. Introduction

A. The challenge of being a pastor

1. Pastors find themselves in strange roles while shepherding.
 - a. Sometimes stern admonitions
 - b. Sometimes offering comfort and assurance
 1. Psalm 23:2-3,4
2. The Hebrews writer exhibits both of these roles, too.
 - a. At one point he questioned if some are born again.
 - b. Yet, others call for comfort and assurance.
 1. Richard Phillips & J. C. Ryle
3. Today, confidence in salvation
 - a. They were referred to as “dull of hearing” but now he is offering comfort.

B. Today’s text – Hebrews 6:9-12

II. Exposition

A. Hebrews 6:9-10

1. “Beloved” – a form of AGAPE
2. “Accompanying salvation” or “Belong to salvation”
 - a. Contrast point – things that accompany salvation verses things that accompany unbelief
 - b. Things that accompany salvation do not reflect external religion but internal regeneration.
3. “Though we are speaking this way” – no doubt an encouragement after a stern warning.
 - a. John MacArthur
 - b. Note Parable of the Tares – Matt. 13:24-30

4. God will not forget their work for Him.
 - a. Christian _____ does not save a _____.
W_____ is an evidence of S_____.
 1. James 2:18,21
 - b. I Thessalonians 1:3-4
5. “Love” – care for the saints because of love for God.
 - a. Pastor Don’s first pastoral call, 1980.

B. Hebrews 6:11-12

1. The call to press on in the Christian life.
2. Diligence is key.
 - a. If you do not exhibit perseverance, you will not feel secure in your salvation.
3. “Realize full assurance” or “To the full” NASU.
 - a. Joy in trials
 - b. Note Paul – Eph. 1:18-19
4. “May not be sluggish,” vs. 12 – Lazy
 - a. Hang around the right people!

III. Points for Reflection

- A. God not only knows those who are His, but He also comforts them, too.
 1. Hebrews 6:4-6; Mal. 3:16-17; 4:2
- B. Spiritual fruit is important, but the Hebrews writer had in mind works that were demonstrated in the past.
 1. Hebrews 10:32-34; 6:7-8
- C. Once again, here is a clarification about good works.
 1. Hebrews 6:10; Ephesians 2:8-9; Phil. 1:6
- D. Consider the great contrasting sides of God’s love.
 1. Psalm 103:12; Heb. 8:12; Heb. 6:10
- E. Countless others have gone on before us.