

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

20: “A Word of Comfort from the  
 Confronter”  
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**Matthew 13:24-30**

“<sup>24</sup> Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. <sup>26</sup> But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. <sup>27</sup> The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, “Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?”’

<sup>28</sup> And he said to them, “An enemy has done this!” The slaves said to him, “Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?” <sup>29</sup> But he said, “No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.””

**James 2:18, 26**

“<sup>18</sup> But someone may well say, ‘You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.’”  
 “<sup>26</sup> For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”

**I Thessalonians 1:3-4**

“<sup>3</sup> ...constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, <sup>4</sup> knowing, brethren beloved by God, His choice of you.”

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**Ephesians 1:18-19**

“<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.”

**God not only knows those  
who are His,  
but He also comforts them, too.**

**Hebrews 6:4-6**

“<sup>4</sup> For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, <sup>6</sup> and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.”

**Malachi 3:16-17**

“<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, and the Lord gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who esteem His name. <sup>17</sup> ‘They will be Mine,’ says the Lord of hosts, ‘on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.’”

**Malachi 4:2**

“<sup>2</sup> But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.”

**Spiritual fruit is important, but the Hebrews writer had in mind works that were demonstrated in the past.**

**Hebrews 10:32-34**

“<sup>32</sup> But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, <sup>33</sup> partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. <sup>34</sup> For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.”

**Hebrews 6:7-8**

“<sup>7</sup> For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; <sup>8</sup> but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.”

**Once again, here is a clarification about good works.**

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**Ephesians 2:8-9**

“<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

**Work begins with God,  
and we work because  
He works within us.**

**Philippians 1:6**

“<sup>6</sup> For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

**Consider the great contrasting  
sides of God’s love.**

**Psalms 103:12**

“<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed  
our transgressions from us.”

**Hebrews 8:12**

“<sup>12</sup> FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR  
INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER  
THEIR SINS NO MORE.”

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**Countless others have gone on before us.**