

Lecture 9 – Hebrews 10-13: The Life of Faith

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:19-24

Key Terms

Warning; encouragement; faith’s character; knowledge, assent, trust; heroes of the faith; cloud of witnesses

Lecture Objectives

- Outline how the preacher applies faith to the struggling believer’s situation
- Outline the preacher’s descriptions of faith
- Identify specific ways in which the preacher’s application impacts your own life and ministry?

Preliminary Questions

Hebrews 11 is the well known “faith hall of fame.” The preacher says again and again, “By faith....”

- What exactly does it mean to “By faith wait...”; “By faith obey...”; “By faith be sawn in two...”?
- What might it look like to live “by faith” in our culture?

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I. Warning and Encouragement: Applying faith to the situation again

A. Analysis of structure (see 5:13-6:12)

1. Exhortation (10:19-24)
2. Warning (25-31)
3. Encouragement (32-34)
4. Appeal (35-39)

B. Confidence to draw near; let us hold fast together. (10:19-25)

1. Let us draw near
2. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope
3. Let us spur one another on
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. Let us not forsake meeting together
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

C. Warning against deliberate sin; the possibility of apostasy revisited? (10:26-31)

D. Remember the bad old days: (10:32-34)

E. Final warning and confident conclusion (10:35-39)

II. Character of Faith (11)

A. Emphasis: faith in its orientation to future

1. Traditional three parts of faith: knowledge, assent, trust
2. The time frame of faith: Past? Present? Future?
 - a. _____

- b. _____
- c. _____

B. Heroes of the faith

1. Looked forward

- a. Noah
- b. Abraham
- c. Joseph
- d. Moses

2. Included waverers, sinners

C. Some escaped distress, some perished in it

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

D. Attested/witnessed by God (*martyrēthēntes*)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

III. The Race Described (12:1ff)

A. Context: A cloud of witnesses

1. Heroes and sufferers of 11 are witnesses, (*martyrōn*) not spectators

- a. _____
- b. _____

2. Their message

- a. _____
- b. _____