

Teaching – Hebrews 5:11-6:12

Sermon – No Standing Still!

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The theme of Hebrews is stated earlier in chapter 5: 8-10.

“Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. And God designated him to be a High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.”

These are the three takeaways from this thematic statement.

- Jesus who is God’s Son learned perfect obedience through his suffering, even without sin.
- Jesus is the Source (the Original) of eternal salvation. There was no one before or after Jesus.
- God designated him to be a High Priest. The High Priest would take away the sins of the people.

The Preacher to the House Church of Hebrews was dealing with Spiritual Immaturity.

- They are dull in understanding. (5:11)
- By this time, you ought to be teachers, but you still need someone to teach you. (5:12)
- Their spiritual Immaturity included their moral immaturity.
- Whereas solid food is for the spiritually and morally competent.

Let us move toward perfection (maturity) in faithfulness and morality. (6:1)

- Jesus is the only perfect one in the book of Hebrews. (See 2:10 and 5:9)
- To move on toward perfection is to move on to moral and spiritual maturity.
- The way to do that is to leave behind the basic teaching about Christ. (6: 1-3)

This warning in (6:4-6) is meant to encourage and challenge the church to move forward in faith.

- Many had fallen away and refused to be restored to the church. (10:32-39)
- When one leaves the church and slams the door shut on restoration, it is difficult for the church to offer reconciliation.
- If someone won’t listen to your calls for restoration, it probably won’t happen.
- We must remember that this is God’s grace and God is in control of that grace, not us.
- Some people look like good soil and some people look like bad soil. (6:7-8)
- Yet do we not all have good and bad soil within us?

This is clarified in the last section of our reading. (6:9-12)

- The preacher has clarified his remarks.
- As for you – you are meant for better things, things that have to do with salvation.
- You will not be spiritually dull or indifferent to the Christian faith.
- Instead, you will follow the example of those who have gone before us, who will inherit God’s promises because of their faith and endurance.

Questions:

1. What sufferings are you going through?
2. How is God bringing faith maturity to my life?
3. Who is God calling me to teach/disciple?
4. What are the better things that we as the church (New Covenant) are meant for?