

Sermon Outlines

The Gospel in Hebrews

Readings

Hebrews 2:1-3; 3:7-11, 19; 5:11-12; 6:4-6

Introduction

- 1) Hebrew epistle is looking at evidence. People say they are saved, but are they?
- 2) What we do not know:
 - a) Hebrews and the unknowns about the book
 - i) We do not know who wrote it.
 - ii) We do not know where it was written from.
 - iii) We do not know exactly who it was written to:
 1. Unlike 1 Peter 1:1
 2. It was a congregation or maybe several congregations
 - iv) We do not know how it got its name.
 - b) What we do know:
 - i) It is set to balance the Romans epistle for:
 1. Romans presents salvation by faith as the only way of salvation (Rom. 3:23-24; 4:3-8).
 2. Hebrews presents a far superior way of salvation (Heb. 1:4; 7:19, 22; 8:6).
 - ii) We know it contains some very serious warnings
 - iii) We know it proclaims a glorious gospel
 - iv) We know it was written to four groups of people

The Four Groups of People

- 1) Those who were saved and that had been evidenced by:
 - a) What they had endured
 - b) The examples presented to them of faith
 - c) The terms used to describe them
- 2) Those who were saved but were sabotaging their own spiritual development by staying with baby food.
 - a) Babies in the New Testament:
 - i) 1 Cor. 3:1
 - ii) Heb. 5:13
 - iii) 1 Pet. 2:2
 - b) They were encouraged to go on (ch. 6:1)
 - c) They were reminded of the former days (ch. 10:32-35)
 - d) Reminded of God's desires for them (ch. 13:20-21)
- 3) Those who were nonchalant about the message (ch. 2:3-4).
 - a) The danger of procrastination:
 - i) Agrippa (Acts 26:28)
 - ii) The parable (The invitation of the king, "they made light of it") (Matt. 22:5)
- 4) Those who have decided to reject the message.
 - a) The solemnity of rejecting the divine commandment:
 - i) Pharaoh (Ex. 5:1)
 - b) Such are:
 - i) Despising the mercy and grace of God
 - ii) Dismissing the pledge of God

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- iii) Denying the consequences for disobedience, what are the consequences?
 1. A fearful looking for of judgment (ch. 10:20)
 2. Falling into the hands of the Living God (ch. 10:31)
 3. No other sacrifice for their sins (ch. 10:18)

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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