

Hebrews: a Bible Study

Lesson Eight

Liberty Towers Church
Men's Bible Study
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Better

The message of God, as found in the Bible is two things: REVELATION AND RECONCILIATION

Our Path

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| 1. Better source of God's message 1:1-3 | Prophets |
| 2. Better vehicle of God's message 1:4-2:18 | Angels |
| 3. Better leadership toward God's message 3:1-3:7 | Moses |
| 4. Better internal understanding of God's message 3:8-4:13 | Rest |
| 5. Better provider of God's message 4:14-5:10 | Priests |
| 6. Better understanding of God's message 5:11-6:12 | Teaching |
| 7. Better promise of God's message 6:12-6:20 | Promise |
| 8. Better intermediary of God's message 6:20-7:28 | Melchizedek |
| 9. Better contract of God's message 8:1-9:28 | Covenant |
| 10. Better provision of God's message 10:1-18 | Sacrifice |
| 11. Better method of God's message 11:1-40 | Faith |
| 12. Better encouragement of God's Message 12:1-13:22 | Admonitions |

Our focus for tonight Hebrews 6:13-20

Focus

- The message is still the same
- The message still fills two needs of man
 - Who is God and what does He expect of me? (REVELATION)
 - A path to God and how to become what he expects of me. (RECONCILIATION)
- Tonight it is a message about expectation and hope.

EXPECTATION IS NOT THE SAME THING AS HOPE

Exercise in your worksheet

Idea
1

- Last page of the study guide. Read each sentence and decide for your self the most appropriate word choice.
- From your responses what would you think is the difference between Hope and Expectation.

Christian hope is not a passion for the possible but more a passion for the promise

Hebrew Christians 40-64 AD

Idea
2

- Pentecost thousands of converts to the new Messianic promise
- A sect of Judaism - with apocalyptic eschatology
- Peter took a back seat to James brother of Jesus
- Most Christians were ethnic Jews
 - Jesus as Lord and the resurrected Messiah (Christ)
 - Jesus was returning soon to set up God's Kingdom
 - Very evangelical always encouraging Jews to join
 - It was OK to accept gentiles if they conformed to the Noachide Laws
 - Daily at the temple

Jewish Christians at the time of this writing

Idea
3

- Jewish Wars 66 AD. Against Rome's oppression.
 - Slaughter of 6,000 Jews
 - Grass roots reprisals by the Zealots
 - Roman government leaves Jerusalem
 - Roman legions return and are ambushed 6,000 Romans killed
- The Empire strikes back 67 AD Vespasian and Titus
 - The brutal conquest of nation city by city
 - Alliance between the Sadducees and the Zealots
- Two paths in face of Roman oppression
 - Side with the Zealots (wiped out in after the siege of Jerusalem)
 - Flee to the area East of the Jordan (Pella) Late spring of 68 AD
 - Titus lay siege to Jerusalem for 7 months

Abraham Promise and Oath 6:13-17

Idea # 4

- Illustration not the message
- Promise to make the family of Abraham countless and would bless the world.
- The promise was backed up by an oath by His own name
- Facing the impossibility, Abraham waited
- Abraham received what was promised
- Why bring this up?
 - God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, and he confirmed it with an oath.
 - God did this so that, by two unchangeable things (promise and oath) God can not lie.

Hope and expectations

Idea
5

“There is hope, even
when your brain tells
you there isn’t.”

JOHN GREEN



- Hope is the oxygen of our souls
- Expectations are defined by the result
 - Result is more important than the process
 - Results are defined by rules, norms, wants, personality
- Godly Hope lets God define the result
 - The result is up to God
 - “I am content in whatever state I am” Paul
 - Hope is never a disappointment
- Without a Godly Hope all we have is expectations and disappointment.

Hebrews 6:19-20

Key
Verse

So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, (*A promise of God and an oath of God*) we who have taken refuge (*These two things*) would have strong encouragement (*for us*) to take hold of the hope set before us.

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us,

WHEN THE WORLD
says, "give up."

HOPE WHISPERS,
"try it one more time."

Picture here

- Jesus the anchor of our souls
- Enters the veil
- On our behalf
- Behind the curtain

**Idea
7**



Application

- EVERYONE HAS A STORY
- EVERY STORY IS IMPORTANT
- MY STORY IS NOT MINE
- MY STORY IS ALL ABOUT THE NEXT CHAPTER
- THE PERFECT WRITER IS MY HOPE

