

IN THESE LAST DAYS - THE MESSAGE OF HEBREWS - PART 7

Outline #7 Jesus, the Anchor of the Soul

Bless the LORD, O my soul - Psalm 103:1-4

1. A warning against falling away

- a) What blessings were received by those who had heard the truth about Jesus and received the message with a receptive heart? Hebrews 6:4-5
 - i) Enlightened v.4
 - ii) Tasted the heavenly gift v.4
 - iii) Became partakers of the Holy Spirit v.4
 - iv) Tasted the good Word of God v.5
 - v) Experienced the powers of the age to come v.5
- b) What was the greatest blessing you received when you heard the truth about Jesus and received the message with a receptive heart?
- c) Why would anyone choose to turn their back on Jesus and fall away after having experienced a life-changing encounter with Jesus? (Hebrews 10:32-33)

2. Impossible to restore

- a) Give some examples from the Bible of individuals who experienced a moral or spiritual fall and were restored.
- b) What promises of Scripture assure us of the possibility of restoration after we have experienced a moral or spiritual fall? 1 John 1:9, 1 john 2:1, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, etc.

- c) What falling away is the author referring to in Hebrews 6:4-6 from which it is impossible to be restored?
- d) Why is it such a fatal mistake to crucify again the Son of God and put Him to an open shame? Hebrews 10:26-29
- e) How can we avoid this deliberate falling away from Jesus? Jude 24-25, Galatians 2:20, etc.

3. Hope for a better outcome

- a) Hebrews 6:9-12
- b) Why is it important to speak words of encouragement and hope as well as words of warning?
- c) Share a time when you became "sluggish", "lazy", and "spiritually dull and indifferent" in your spiritual life. How did you experience spiritual revival?

4. Finding refuge in God

- a) Hebrews 6:17-20 What is the steadfast and sure hope we have that is the anchor for our soul? Romans 10:13, John 10:27-29, etc.
- b) Share a Bible text that assures us God will be faithful to His promises. Malachi 3:6, 2 Timothy 2:13
- c) What promise of God brings you great comfort as you face the challenges of life in this damaged and sin-ravaged world? Hebrews 13:5, Isaiah 41:10, etc.