

The Book of Hebrews
The Third Warning: A Serious Call to Maturity PART 2
Hebrews 5:11-6:20 (page 840)

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REVIEW of last week:

The problem - *you are spiritually immature*

(Heb 5:11-14; 2 Tim 2:15; Luke 8:18; 1 Cor 3:1-2; 1 Cor 2:13-16)

The solution - grow up...pursue spiritual maturity

(Heb 6:1-3)

The danger of spiritual immaturity (Hebrews 6:4-8)

- The context - don't "fall away" from faith in Jesus Christ (Num 13-16; Heb 2:1-3; 3:7-4:11; Psalm 95:7b-11)
- The meaning - Failure to move forward in one's faith brings the danger of God's judgment today (*missing God's rest*) and the prospect of missing one's future inheritance - one's *reward for faithfulness* (1 Tim 1:18-20; 4:1; 2 Tim 2:17-18; 1 Cor 5:5; Num 14:20-23, 40-45)
- The point of the illustration - pictures the contrast between a faithful believer who is *fruitful* and an unfaithful believer who is *unfruitful*.
(v 7-8; Gen 3:17-18; 1 Cor 3:10-15; 9:27; 2 Cor 5:10)

Conclusion: If I do not put God's truth into practice in my life, I will be in danger of departing from the truth and missing God's blessings and the loss of future rewards

The prescription to move toward spiritual maturity (Heb 6:9-20)

- Remember the past (6:9-10; Rev 2:4-5)
- Act in the present (6:11-12; 2 Peter 1:3-4, 5, 10)
- Live for the future (6:13-20; James 2:21; Gen 22:1-19; 2 Tim 2:11-12; Num 35:9-15; Josh 20)
 - Consider the faithful example of Abraham (vs 13-15; 11:17-19)
 - Remember the faithfulness of God (vs 16-18; Num 35:9-15, 26-28; ; Josh 20:1-6; 1 Kings 1:50-51)
 - Hold to our great High Priest who has assured us of heaven (vs 19-20)

Conclusion: Be diligent to keep from falling away from the faith and press on knowing that we have a faithful God and High Priest who has secured the way for us.