

A Study of the General Epistles

NT Survey Lesson 148—Hebrews 6

Introduction: Having pointed out that his readers were “dull of hearing”, the Hebrew writer now urges them to press on toward maturity rather than fall away and be cursed by God. He is confident that they will do this; and thus, reminds them of the wonderful hope which was promised by God to Abraham and is founded upon the high priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Lesson aim: To show the need for spiritual growth and diligence in obtaining the hope set before us.

The Hebrew writer continues the appeal for his readers to mature spiritually rather than fall away—Heb. 6:1-8

1. What did the Hebrew writer urge his readers to leave? (v. 1) To what were they to press on? What things did he regard to be the foundation upon which their spiritual maturity was to be built? (v. 1-2)
2. What people does the Hebrew writer talk about in v. 4-6? What does he say about the prospects of renewing such people to repentance? (v. 6) Why is this?
3. Describe the two kinds of ground and what happens to each one (v. 7-8).

An encouragement to diligence in laying hold of the hope set before them—Heb. 6:9-20

1. Did the Hebrew writer expect his readers to experience the curse of God or salvation? (v. 9) What did he tell them to motivate them to continue in their work and love for His name’s sake? (v. 10).
2. What did the Hebrew writer desires that his readers do? (v. 11) What did he not want them to be? (v. 12)
3. Who did he want them to imitate? (v. 12) What qualities had these shown?

4. By whom did God swear when He made His promise to Abraham? (v. 13) What was the promise? (v. 14) How was Abraham able to obtain this promise?
5. In oaths among men, what two things are true? (v. 16) How did God seek to show to the heirs the unchangeable nature of His purpose? (v. 17)
6. God made His promise with an oath in order that the heirs might have what? (v. 18) Christians are those who have fled for refuge in laying hold of what? (v. 18)
7. What five things does the Hebrew writer say about our hope? (v. 19)
8. What part does Jesus have in making this hope possible? (v. 20)