

“Hebrews #7”

Hebrews 5:11...

Review: Chapter 4:14-16 / 5:1-10

Last week... After last week's study, Driving home began to talk to myself... **I was asking God why Abraham? Why Melchizedek now, at this time?**

1. Parable of the lost sheep...
2. Rejoicing / Joy in Heaven over one sinner that repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. (Luke 15:4-7)

“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep. I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.”

The Joy of Lord...!

Text 5:11... 12-14

V11 (ESV) *“About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain...”*

- Why? *“Since you have become dull of hearing.”*

V's 12-14... *“By this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again.”*

- There is a danger of not progressing in the kingdom... Remaining babies.

V14 (Read) ESV... *“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good and evil.”*

(NKJV) *“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.”*

1 Cor. 3:1-3 (NKJV)

“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, **as to babes in Christ**, If I fed you with milk and not solid food; for until now you are not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able. **For you are still carnal**. For where there are envy, strife, and division among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”

- I remember years ago when pastoring on the Navajo Reservation, my head usher (Johnny Guerro) came to me with a revelation.
- His wife and kids were not with him... rebelling against God / strife in the home.

James 3:14-16 *“If you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. His wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”*

- **He said... Pastor a curse has been put on my family. (Witchcraft)**
- **His wife’s family was still involved in witchcraft... (Prayed, rebuked witchcraft)**
- **Later in Uganda...**

Text 6:1-3 (Read)

- **Doctrines of Repentance from dead works and faith toward. (Fundamental)**
- **Doctrine about washings... (Jewish ceremonial washings / Baptisms) NKJV-translates it baptisms.**
- **Doctrine of laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead. (Fundamental)**
- **Doctrine of Eternal Judgement... these are doctrines, we that are mature should know and understand.**

V3... “And this we will do if God permits.” **(Some manuscript say “and this let us do”)**

Text 6:4-6 (Read)... very controversial.

- What we need to determine is... Is he talking about genuine Christians?
- 1. They have been enlightened!
- 2. Tasted the Heavenly gift!
- 3. Shared in the Holy Spirit!
- 4. Tasted the goodness of God word!
- 5. Tasted the powers of the age to come! (other words these are people that have tasted the power of God!

Now if that is not a Christian... I don't know what is.

V4... *“For it is impossible... Having Fallen away, V6...*

- Here is the question? Is it impossible to restore a backslider?
- David... Prodigal Son... Peter.

Key phrase: V6b (NKJV) “Since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God and put Him to an open shame.” (ESV) “Holding Him up to contempt.”

(Remember he's writing to Jewish Christians... Sacrifice + Jesus / Works + Jesus)

Contempt: The feeling with which a person regards anything, vile or worthless to disdain or to scorn... To dishonor, the act of showing disrespect.”

Text 6:7-8 (Read) – This is an illustration of what he just said...

- Parable of the Sower... seed and the four soils. (Matt. 13:1-9 / 18-23)

Text 6:9-12 (Read)

- V10 We are not saved by works... But God sees our work and our faithfulness.
- V11 We are admonished to HOPE until the end.

1 John 3:2-3 *“Beloved, now we are the children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this HOPE in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”*

- Hope in Jesus and His promises, has a purifying effect on us.
- V12 We are to be imitators of those who through faith inherit the kingdom of God!