

SESSION 11

HEBREWS 6.9-20

Context : The warning advanced to not become dull of hearing and thereby slide into an apostasy that in your experience would hold Christ Jesus up to be a liar. There is no forgiveness for this deliberate unbelieving iniquity.

Learning Targets For Enduring Understanding From This session:

1. To be earnest in realizing the full assurance of hope you have in Christ Jesus as your Great High Priest before God .
2. To be greatly encouraged by and confident in the ministry of Jesus on your behalf and therefore take hold of the hope of your salvation, which is Christ in you, the Hope of glory.

V 9 What do you learn about the author's heart in this verse?

V 10 What is the author affirming?

V 11 What does the author identify as indicative of the presence of true spiritual life and the needful quality for going on to full spiritual maturity?

Earnestness – Serious and intense, not joking or playful. Zealous and sincere, profoundly convinced and moving forward in conviction.

What does “ realizing the full assurance of hope until the end “ mean?

What is hope? Upon what is it anchored?

What is assurance?

1 Jn 3.2-3

Phil 3.13-14

Realizing the full assurance of hope until the end is knowing your true foundation in Christ Jesus and fixing your spiritual gaze resolutely upon Him, no matter what, to the end of your days on earth when the fullness of your salvation in Him is accomplished.

The wonder of spiritual induction- the great and mysterious provision of the Holy Spirit afforded to every believer wherein his hoping in Christ and aspiring to be like Him causes the barnacles of his sin to fall from him . The very pursuit of Christ begets purity in Christ.

V 12 What now does the author bring into the picture for the encouragement of the readers?

What did these witnesses do during their lifetime on earth?

V 13-15 What is the example Abraham provides? Gen 22.15-18

V 16 What do you think is the significance of oath-taking?

V 17 Upon what things is the purpose of God for your life founded?

V 18 What is the purpose of God swearing upon Himself to uphold His promises to you?

The double ground of our confidence in God:

1. We have confidence in God the Promisor Who gives us His Word.
2. We have confidence in God the Guarantor who confirms His promise by His oath.

We have therefore no possibility of being deceived in our hope of salvation.

V 19-20 How is an anchor an appropriate illustration of Who Jesus Christ is for you?

Heb 4.14

Heb 2.10

Jesus is your Hope (Heb 4.14), having passed through the heavens and entered the inner shrine of God Most High, and He remains there for eternity interceding for you as your Great High Priest. He is the forerunner of the many sons He is bringing to glory (Heb 2.10) of which you are one. On the basis of the Anchor that He is, guilt, shame, and fear of condemnation are overcome by a trust and confidence in Him that cannot be dismantled by the world around you, a world that is headed and driven by Satan, a world that is designed to distract you from the truth of your salvation in Christ Jesus. Jesus is the sure and steadfast anchor of your soul, the Author and Finisher, the Pioneer and Perfecter of your faith.