

Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2011  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Twenty One  
Study Questions

1). Heb 6:17 *Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation,* - What does this scripture teach us about the nature and character of God?

a). What did God set in place to demonstrate that it is impossible for Him to lie?

b). What other scriptures did we look at that testify to this same fact?

c). Who would have ‘strong consolation’ from God’s faithfulness and what would we particularly note about them?

d). What scripture did we look at from the foundation in Ruth that demonstrates this very thing?

e). How would Orpah and Ruth fit into the picture of the land and the rain at the beginning of Hebrews Chapter 6.

f). Those who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope and the heirs of the promise would be one and the same individuals – what do we learn from

Romans 4:13 that helps us make a distinction as to who out of all Christians these individuals would be?

g). What other scripture did we see in support of this?

h). Ga 3:29 *And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.* – Does this scripture refer to our positional standing in Christ, and if not how should we understand what it means and what scripture did we look at in connection with this?

2). When John 15:7 says - 7 *"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.* – What makes the second half of this verse possible?

a). When would our desire be done for us?

b). Where do we see this in foundation?

3). Read Romans 4:16-25 – What does God's own commentary on Abraham teach us about his faith?

a). What should this mean for us and what scripture did we look at in connection with this?

b). What have we already looked at today that should make this kind of faith possible?

c). What should it protect us against and in what example would we see as a warning for ourselves?

4). Heb 11:9 *By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

a). What does this scripture teach us about Abraham?

b). What connection would we see here for ourselves?

c). What do we see in the idea of the New Jerusalem?

d). How would we relate this to the account of Ruth?

e). What other OT example did we look at and where did we see it in the scriptures?

f). Continuing with the account of David, where do we see that which God had said being an anchor of his soul?

g). What does this mean then for our hope?

5). *20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.* – What is revolutionary about this verse?

6). Read Hebrews 10:19-25 – What has Jesus done for us with respect to entrance into the Holy of Holies?

- a). What does the ‘new and living way’ mean?
- b). If we read John 14:6 in the light of this, what does this verse teach us?
- c). Why is the veil described as ‘His flesh’?
- d). What is significant about the tearing of the veil in the temple in

Jerusalem after the Lord gave up His spirit?

- e). What do we learn with respect to all this for ourselves?
- f). Why was Christ able to initiate this new and living way into the Holy of Holies?

7). Read Hebrews 7:1-4 – What does the name Melchizedek mean?

- a). What else are we told that he is?
- b). What is significant about what he is?
- c). What OT account is referenced in this scripture?
- d). What does this provide us with a picture of?
- e). What blessing does Melchizedek give to Abraham?
- f). How do we know that Abraham accepts his priesthood?
- g). What might we say about the bread and the wine?

h). Read v3 again – what do we read here and what questions does it raise that we need to have answers to?

8). Do you have any final thoughts, comments, questions?