

Sunday January 1st 2012  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Twenty Seven  
Study Questions

1). Heb 2:1 ¶ *Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.*

- a). What does this verse teach us?
- b). To what does the word ‘therefore’ refer?
- c). How many warnings are there in the Book of Hebrews – What are they/where are they found?
- d). How should we understand these warnings?
- e). What would you say is the message of these warnings?
- f). Where do we find a parallel situation to this in the gospels and what do we learn from it?

2). Heb 9:27 *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

- a). What does v27 teach us?
- b). What does the first sentence in v28 teach us?

c). What is the difference between ‘men’ who die once and Christ who was offered once? What additional scripture did we look at in connection with this?

d). What does the second sentence in v28 teach us? What additional scripture did we look at in conjunction with this?

e). Who are those who eagerly wait for Him?

f). What according to the scripture has God provided for us so that our appearance at the Judgment Seat might be a positive experience?

g). Despite all of this what does the very existence of the progressive warning in Hebrews make absolutely plain and why would this be troubling?

3). Read Revelation 2:1-5 – What do we know about this ‘Church’?

a). What had those pictured in this ‘Church’ done and how does this connect with the Book of Hebrews?

b). What do we know about the ‘Church’ of Laodicea and how does this connect with the Book of Hebrews?

c). Although they had left their first love, what does the Lord have to say about the Ephesian ‘Church’?

d). What would this mean with regards to the function of this ‘Church’?

e). If the Lord had not made a negative comment about them, how might we have viewed their actions?

f). What would this mean for any other group of Kingdom believers who have embarked upon the race of faith?

4). 1 Th 1: 3 *remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,*

a). What is different here to that which we find in Revelation 2:2?

b). To what exactly does the ‘work of faith’ refer?

c). What would work without faith look like?

d). Read Hebrews 11:8-10 – What can we learn here from the example of Abraham?

e). How could it be possible for our certainty about the coming Kingdom to actually work against the salvation of our soul? Do you think this is a real possibility?

f). What have we learned in our previous study of Hebrews about the labor of love?

g). What have we learned from 2 Peter about the kind of love we are to labor with?

h). What scripture did we look at that shows the progression to ‘agape’ love?

g). What must take place in order for us to act with this kind of love?

i). How does this connect with the warning we have seen in Hebrews?

- j). What would labor without love look like?
- k). To what does 'patience of hope' refer?
- l). What happens to patience without hope?
- m). What scripture might we have neglected if our 'patience' was without the hope?
- n). What might all of this mean for us personally?
- o). Re 2:5 "*Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works,....* What, according to the scripture, is the solution to this situation?
- p). According to Hebrews what 'first works' does the writer remind the readers of?
- q). What encouragement do we find in these verses and how does this tie in with where we began today?
- r). What is the consequence at the end of Revelation 2:5 should we not hear His voice?
- s). What encouragement does scripture give us to continue?
- t). Any final thoughts?