

Sunday February 12th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Thirty Two
Study Questions

1). Heb 10:26 *For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins* – Simply put, what is the willful sin?

a). What is this sin called in 2 Peter and what scripture did we look at?

b). What extra dimension does our scripture from 2 Peter give to our understanding of the willful sin?

c). Why would this of necessity have to be so?

d). What is the connection between this and the Matthew 13 parables?

e). What might we know about the destructive heresies?

2). Ro 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

How should we understand this scripture with regards to the salvation of the soul and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

3). What do the scriptures teach us about the experiences of the nation of Israel with respect to ourselves?

- a). This being the case, if we find the willful sin in the Book of Hebrews, where else must we also find it?
- b). Why must it be this way?
- c). What does scripture teach us is God's purpose for bringing the nation of Israel into existence?
- d). Is Israel's participation in God's purpose for them conditional or not and how would we know?
- e). Given what we read in 1 Corinthians Chapter 10, what would this mean for us? What scriptural evidence do we have for this?

4). So where in the scriptures will we go to find the type, the picture of the willful sin?

- a). So what did God allow Israel to do with regards to the land before entering in?
- b). Where do we find the account of this?
- c). Why do you think God did this?
- d). Where do we find the antitype for this with respect to ourselves?
- e). Why do you think God does this for us?
- f). In which OT account do we see a parallel to Israel spying out the land?
- g). What report did the spies give to the nation with regards to the land?

h). What would you say in the major difference between Caleb and Joshua and the other 10?

i). Who was in the land and what lie did Israel subsequently believe?

j). How would this play out with regards to ourselves?

k). In refusing to go into the land what did the nation of Israel in effect do?

l). What did God do in response to this and where do we find this same response in Hebrews with respect to ourselves?

m). Why is this a good deal more serious for us if we follow after Israel's example and how would we know?

5). *44 But they presumed to go up to the mountaintop; ...* Once Israel had realized what they had done what did they then choose to do?

a). What was God's response to this and why?

b). Where do we find this same truth in Hebrews?

6). What then follows in the first 21 verses of Numbers Chapter 15 and what should we learn from this?

a). Read Numbers 15:22-29 – what is dealt with in these verses and how should we understand what is taught in them?

- b). What does this mean for us and how does this connect with Christ's present High priestly ministry?
- c). Read Numbers 15:30-31 – what is dealt with in these verses and how should we understand what is taught in them?
- d). How does the presumptuous sin and the willful sin connect?
- e). How is the presumptuous sin presented in Numbers 15:32-36?
- f). What had God said to Israel about the Sabbath and why had He done so?
- g). Are we to keep the Sabbath?
- h). What would it mean for us to profane the Sabbath?
- i). Why is this so important?
- j). Where is the man gathering sticks on the Sabbath referenced in Hebrews Chapter 10?
- k). What is the link between the events at Kadesh Barnea and the man profaning the Sabbath?
- l). Why do you think God lays out the sequence of events in the way He does in Numbers Chapters 13-15?
- m). Any final thoughts?