

Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2012  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Thirty Four  
Study Questions

1). The scriptures admonish Israel to ‘remember the former days’, they admonish the recipients of the letter to the Hebrews to ‘recall the former days, and the church is admonished to ‘remember from where you have fallen’ – What is the reason for such emphasis being placed on remembering?

a). How is this exemplified in the accounts of Lot and Daniel that we had looked at last week?

b). Read 1 John 5:19 and 1 Peter 5:8 – what parallel can we see here with Daniel being cast into the lions’ den?

c). What was the outcome for Daniel and why was this?

d). Read 1 Peter 5:9, 1 Peter 1:3-9 and Ephesians 1:19-21 – how do all of these connect together?

2). Heb 10:32 *But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings:* What does the Greek word translated ‘struggle’ teach us?

a). Why did they endure this great struggle?

b). How is their better possession in heaven described in 1 Peter 1:4 and what is this inextricably connected to in 1 Peter 1:9?

c). What did those written to in Hebrews have in the former days that they are admonished not to cast away?

3). What will it require on our part to maintain our confidence in the midst of trial and persecution?

a). What will we also need in order to maintain our diligence and what scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

b). What reason does the scripture give us for needing patient endurance and what will happen when this takes place?

c). Read 2 Peter 3:3-7 – What question do those who have stepped away from the faith ask?

d). Why did they ask this question?

e). How does this connect with what we are told in Hebrews 11:3?

4). 37 *"For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.*

38 *Now the just shall live by faith;* Where is this quotation taken from and what do the original verses say?

- a). Where else do we find v4 of Habakkuk Chapter 2 quoted in the scriptures?
- b). What is the one thing that this verse is speaking of every time it is used in scripture?
- c). What is the obvious thing we can say about believing that which God has said?
- d). What must our progress from faith to faith be dependent upon?
- e). What connection is there between our faith and our works?
- f). With this in mind can you say what is the difference between works that produce fruit and dead works and how are dead works described in 1 Corinthians Chapter 3?
- g). Which scriptures did we look at that bring all of this together?

5). Heb 10:38 *Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.*" 39 *But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.* What 2 types of Christian are described here?

- a). What does one have that the other does not?
- b). Why, according to the scripture, will God have no pleasure in the one who draws back?

c). What does the one who draws back, draw back from?

d). What is the scriptural definition of faith?

6). Heb 11:1 ¶ *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds [ages] were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. 4 ¶ By faith Abel*

a). What is the connection between Hebrews 10:39 and Hebrews 11:1?

b). How could we rewrite these verses in order to help us see this clearly?

c). What does this then tell us about ‘the elders’ who obtained a ‘good testimony’?

d). Who would ‘the elders’ be?

e). From whom did they receive a good testimony?

f). What does v3 teach us?

g). What does v4 then teach us about Abel?

h). Is any of this surprising?

7). What then would you say are the similarities and differences between faith that results in the free gift of eternal life and faith that results in the salvation of the soul?

