

Sunday October 28th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Sixty Three
Study Questions

- 1). Read Hebrews 2:5-8 – What do these verses reveal to us about God’s purpose and the timing for the completion of His purpose?
 - a). Specifically what does v8 tell us and what does this mean?
 - b). When did God first reveal His purpose and His timing?
 - c). Between that point and the completion of His purpose yet future what information does Hebrews 1:1-2 give us?
 - d). What does Hebrews 2:10 reveal that God is at present doing and what do you understand the wording of this to mean?
 - e). How is this same process described from our perspective in Philippians Chapter 2?

- 2). Whose experience does Hebrews Chapters 2 -10 draw from and what is the purpose for showing us these things?
 - a). Which scripture [not in this week’s message] confirms this?
 - b). What are then derived from the experiences of Israel and where do we find them in our Book?

c). Beyond the warnings that we find in Chapters 2-10, what do we then find in Chapter 11 and what is the key to understanding what we find here?

3). Read Hebrews 11:33-37 – What contrast do we see in these verses and what do these contrasting circumstances teach us?

a). What is the lesson we can learn from this for ourselves and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?

4). Read Hebrews 12:1-4 – ‘Therefore we also’ – what are we to understand from this?

a). How should we understand the phrase, ‘so great a cloud of witnesses’?

b). What can we know about these witnesses?

c). What does Hebrews 11:39 say about them?

d). What do we know from the end of Paul’s life that speaks of the same thing?

e). Read Hebrews 12:1 again – what three things are we to do with respect to the race set before us?

f). What does Paul say about this race in 1 Corinthians Chapter 9 and 2 Timothy Chapter 2? What do we learn from this?

5). *let us lay aside every weight* – Exactly what are these weights?

a). What examples do we find in the Parable of the Sower?

b). What do these examples teach us?

c). What happens if we don't lay aside 'every weight'?

d). Can you identify a weight in your own race that you have already laid aside?

e). Is every activity in this age of itself inherently sinful?

f). So, how would it become sin?

g). What do you think would be the warning signs we would need to look out for if this is happening to us?

6). What else are we to lay aside?

a). What is 'the sin' referenced here and how would we know?

b). What would be the consequences of not dealing with this sin?

c). What example of this did we see in Hebrews Chapter 3?

d). What is the phrase 'so easily ensnares us' a translation of?

e). What does this word literally mean and how would it impact our race?

f). Why do you think this sin has these particular qualities?

g). What do you think about this with regards to your own race of faith?

7). How easy is it for us to sin in complete ignorance of what we are doing?

a). If we have a recurring sin, that which we might call an habitual sin we will often see this as an area of weakness in our life. What is it though that is the root issue for every habitual sin?

b). So, every time we are faced with the temptation of this habitual sin what choices do we have?

c). Why would we chose to give in to this sin?

d). What question should we be asking ourselves with respect to this?

e). What do you think about what we are learning here?

f). What reasons could there be do you think for us to have a lack of faith in this way?

8). Any final thoughts, comments, questions?