

Sunday November 4th 2012
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Sixty Four
Study Questions

1). Heb 6:11 *And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

How does this scripture relate to both ourselves and the OT saints from Hebrews Chapter 11?

2). Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 and James 5:17 – What do these verses teach us about the OT saints and why is this important?

b). Read 1 Kings 19:2-4 – What do these verses tell us about Elijah?

c). How do we account for the difference between that recorded in James 5:17 and that which we find here in 1 Kings 19?

d). What do the 2 facets of Elijah's experience in these verses teach us about our own sin nature?

e). If we should have bitterness towards others we might well view this bitterness as our sin nature. What in effect is it? What is the beginning point for all sin?

- f). Where do we see the foundation for this in Genesis?
- g). If we want to deal with bitterness what do you think we should do?

3). In very simple terms, how do we lay aside the sin of unbelief?

- a). What is the key scripture we need in understanding this?
- b). Read James 1:21 – What are we told to lay aside in this verse?
- c). Why do we need to do this?
- d). What role does the Holy Spirit play subsequent to this?
- e). What is the end result of following these instructions?

4). Read 1 Peter 2:1-3 – What do these verses teach us and how do they connect with what we read in James and Hebrews?

- a). Why is receiving ‘the pure milk’ of the word so important?
- b). What are the consequences of not growing properly?
- c). Read Romans 12:1-2 – what do these verse have to say and what do they add to all that has gone before? What do you understand the word metamorphosis to mean? Where else is this word used in scripture?
- d). How is this same thing presented in Ephesians Chapter 4?
- e). What is to be renewed and how is this to be accomplished?

f). Read Colossians 3:9-10 – How do these verses say the same thing again?

5). Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Ephesians 5:17-18, Colossians 3:16 – What is recorded in these verses and how do they provide a slightly different perspective on all we have looked at previously?

6). So then, putting this altogether, can you explain how we are to lay aside the sin that so easily ensnares us?

a). Is this an overnight project?

b). What happens if we still struggle with sin in the midst of our metamorphosis?

7). Has God placed us in this race in order that we should fail?

a). Read Ephesians 4:11-14 – What has God provided for us?

b). How has He laid out the scriptures for us?

c). What has He said about how to study the scriptures?

d). Who is our Helper in this and what does He do?

e). On a nuts and bolts level, what has He provided for us in order that we can grow from faith to faith?

f). Given all that the Lord has provided for us is there any reason why we should not be successful in this race of faith?

g). Exactly what will we receive at the Judgment Seat?

h). What are the unholy trinity that infest the Laodicean period in which we live?

i). Do you see any of these in your own life?

8). What is the 3rd of the 3 things given to us in Hebrews 12:1 that we are to do with respect to the race set before us?

a). Read James 1:3-4 – what do these verses teach us about patient endurance?

b). Why do we need to patiently endure trials and testings and what examples did we look at?

c). What does Romans 8:28 have to say about this?

d). Read 2 Timothy 2:11-12 and James 1:12 – What do these verses teach us about patient endurance?