

Sunday January 6th 2013
The Letter to the Hebrews
Part Seventy
Study Questions

1). Heb 12:11 *Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present*

a). Of what benefit is the child training of the Lord to us?

b). What do we know about Christ's present High Priestly ministry and what scriptures could we look at in connection with this?

c). What has God done to demonstrate His faithfulness and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

d). How does God's faithfulness with respect to our hope keep us steadfast?

e). What is the purpose for the catalogue of OT saints in Hebrews Chapter 11?

f). Putting all the above together, what impact do they have on you in your race of the faith?

2). Heb 2:1 ¶ *Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away* – What has the Lord interspersed within these Chapters of encouragement?

- a). What is the substance of the first part of the warning found in Chapter 2?
- b). Who is the progressive warning within Hebrews for and how would we know?
- c). Read Hebrews 3:7-13 – What is the substance of this part of the warning and how does it build on what has gone before?
- d). Read Hebrews 6:1-6 – What is the substance of this part of the warning and how does it build on what has gone before?
- e). Read Hebrews 10:26-31 – What is the substance of this part of the warning, how does it build on what has gone before and what action does it bring us to?
- f). Why would apostasy have to be the logical conclusion to the progressive warning?
- g). Where are the 4 parts of the progressive warning leading us to?
- h). Who is the central focus of the 5th part of the warning?
- 3). Read Hebrews 12:15-17 – What immediately precedes the introduction of Esau in these verses?
- a). How should we understand the phrase ‘looking carefully’?

- b). Which earlier verse does falling short of the grace of God connect with and what should we understand this to mean?
- c). Which additional scripture did we look at in connection with this?
- d). What would be the underlying cause for us falling short of the grace of God and why must this be so?
- e). Which 2 ways should we understand a 'root of bitterness' springing up and which scriptures did we look at in connection with this?
- f). How should we understand what is meant by the use of the words 'fornicator' and 'profane'?
- g). In what sense is someone who is a 'fornicator' or is 'profane' like Esau?
- h). What is the thread that is woven throughout this?
- i). Where do we find the original account concerning Esau?
- 4). Read Genesis 25:21-27 – What is pictured for us in v23 through Rebekah's pregnancy and where else in scripture do we see this?
- a). What might we learn from the naming of Jacob and Esau?
- b). What additional information is given to us in v27 and how does this add to what has gone before?

c). What does God clearly state in v23 about the rights of the firstborn and what does this picture for us on a spiritual level?

d). Where do we find additional commentary on this in the OT?

e). Which additional scriptures did we look at in the NT?

5). Read Genesis 25:29-34 - Is Esau's choice in these verses a legitimate one?

a). What is the one event recorded here that causes Esau's downfall?

b). Are we not allowed one mistake?

c). So, how should we understand what happens here with Esau?

d). What would be the point of juxtaposing the rights of the firstborn with a bowl of stew?

e). What do we learn from this for ourselves and what does the Lord have to say about it?

f). Knowing all of this, why do we still give in to our flesh?

g). What is the ultimate conclusion for those who govern their lives in the same way as Esau?

h). Any final thoughts?