

Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> 2013  
The Letter to the Hebrews  
Part Seventy One  
Study Questions

1). Heb 1:1 ¶ *God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,*

- a). Exactly what has God spoken about and how has He done it?
- b). What does the progressive warning in Hebrews have to say to us with respect to that which God has said?
- c). Who is the focus of the 5<sup>th</sup> part of the progressive warning and what kind of a person is he?
- d). So what conclusion could we draw from this about those who would have the greater propensity to ‘drift away’?
- e). Are any of us immune from drifting away and if not why not?
- f). So, why do you think the sin of unbelief can so easily ensnare us?
- g). Which scriptures did we look at that we need to remember when considering this?
- h). If we put all these scriptures together, what must we conclude about the way we conduct our lives?
- i). What is going to determine which choice we make?

j). Is there any way we can tell if our focus is in the right place?

2). Read Philippians 3:18-19 – how does this NT scripture epitomize Esau?

a). Does Jacob cheat Esau out of his birthright and how can we know for certain?

b). Do the scripture suggest that Esau was in any way concerned about what he had done immediately after it?

c). When does Esau realize the value of what he has willingly cast aside?

d). Is there any justification to his claim to receive the firstborn's blessing?

e). What does this sequence of events in Genesis Chapter 27 provide a picture of?

f). Read Matthew 7:21-23 – is there any similarity between the Christians seen here and Esau?

3). Read Genesis 4:7 – what exactly does God tell Cain here?

a). What do you think this would mean for Esau and the Christians seen in Matthew 7?

b). What does 1 John 1:9 have to say about this?

c). Read Luke 15:10-24 – What might we learn from the parable of the prodigal son with regards to this?

d). What should our response be to any 'Esau' amongst us and which scripture did we look at in connection with this?

e). Read Proverbs 14:12-14 – How might these verses explain why Esau doesn't repent before he stands before his father?

f). What do you think this teaches us about the Christians seen in Matthew 7 and indeed any Christian who is 'like Esau'?

g). Read Hebrews 3:12-13 – what commentary do these verses give on what we have just been looking at and what are we admonished to do within this context?

4). What do both Jacob and Esau bring to their father at the time he is to give his blessing?

a). Within the overall type we see here of the Judgment Seat what would the food they bring picture for us?

b). What is the difference between the food that Jacob brings and that which Esau brings?

c). On what is Jacob's faith based?

d). Read Hebrews 11:4 – What commentary does this verse provide for us?

e). Read Hebrews 11:6 – How does this verse relate to Jacob?

f). Which other verses did we look at in connection with this?

g). Read Romans 11:22 – How does this verse relate to the truth taught through Jacob and Esau?

5). Read Hebrews 12:18-24 – Which 2 mountains are contrasted here?

- a). How is Mt. Sinai described?
- b). How is Mt. Zion described?
- c). Which 2 groups of people are compared in these verses?
- d). What would you say marks the distinction between the 2 groups?
- e). How do you think all these comparisons relate to the experiences of Jacob and Esau?
- f). What do you think we might learn here for ourselves?
- g). What does Paul have to say about these 2 mountains in Galatians 4:19-26?
- h). What is the comparison that Paul makes in these verses and how does this relate to us?
- i). Any final thoughts?