

Hebrews 6:1-9

LESSON 12

Perfection and Impossibility

1. Hebrews 6:1 – Going on to Perfection

- a. The half way point in Hebrews – a push toward perfection.
- b. Doctrine of Christ: Jesus is God, Man, Apostle, and High priest – Heb 2:9, 3:1
- c. He was made perfect through sufferings/death – Heb 2:10, 5:9
- d. Perfection is the goal – Deu 18:13, Matt 5:48, Luke 8:14
- e. The *perfect* remain the land – Prov 2:21; By works faith is made perfect – Jam 2:22
- f. Hebrews move toward perfection after suffering – 1 Pet 5:10, Heb 13:21
- g. Paul speaks wisdom among them that *ARE* perfect in 1 Cor 2:6, Gal 3:3, Phil 3:15

2. Hebrews 6:2 – The Hebrew Foundation

- a. These things in the ministry of MMLJ are *NOT* new – 1 John 2:7
- b. Repentance, works, faith, baptisms were all part of John’s message – Luke 3:1-17
- c. Laying on of hands, resurrection, eternal judgment – Mk 16:18, Ac 5:12, 3:18-23
- d. See also the authority and power granted by laying on of hands in Acts 8:19-20
- e. All of this has a foundation on the prophets and ministry of Jesus in Heb 2:3-4

3. Hebrews 6:3-6 – The Great Impossibility

- a. The passage is plain, but must be excused by those that fail to rightly divide
- b. It is possible to fall away, and impossible to renew – Heb 6:4, 6
- c. If you want to teach you can lose salvation you must put yourself in Hebrews
- d. “*powers of the world to come*” – Kingdom power – Heb 2:5
- e. “*heavenly gift... tasted...*” = the Holy Spirit at Pentecost - Acts 2:38, Luke 11:13
- f. “*if they shall fall away*” – Heb 4:11 and the parable of the sower Luke 8:13-14
- g. “*crucify... afresh*” – This is not the first time, but the second – Luke 12:8-10
- h. Hebrews could lose their promise (4:1), but did not possess salvation to lose
- i. Once you are saved by God’s grace today, it is impossible to not be – Rom 3-8

4. Hebrews 6:7-9 – Things That Accompany Salvation

- a. The rain bringing blessings is the prophetic kingdom - Ps 68:9, Isa 55:10-13
- b. Blessing and curse in Heb 6:7-8 is Israel’s covenanted position
- c. This is “know them by their fruit” teaching of Matthew 7:15-28, Matt 3:10
- d. The burning of the thorns matches Jesus’ teaching in John 15:6-8, 20
- e. “*things that accompany salvation*” – He knew their works – James 2:22, Rev 2:2
- f. Paul says there is nothing that accompanies salvation apart from the riches of God’s grace, being complete in Him, a position in heavenly places, all spiritual blessings, and a membership in the Body of Christ (all missing from Hebrews)