

A SUMMARY OF HEBREWS

1.Warning #1.

- a.Our writer starts with the command to pay attention so we don't drift away.
 - i.What we've heard is God speaking through His Son (Hebrews 1:1-2).
 - ii.The command is pay attention to the message of Christ so that we don't drift away (Hebrews 2:1).
 - iii.To drift means slip away from something through neglect.
 - iv.We have to pay attention to the teaching of Christ or we will float away like an unanchored boat.
- b.The concern is shown for people who are careless with their salvation (Hebrews 2:3).
 - i.We must be those who care about and tend to our salvation.
 - ii.It takes great care and watchfulness to remain saved and we can't be negligent or we will slip away from the things we've heard.
- c.The consequence is that we will not escape the judgment of God.
 - i.There is no way to be negligent with the gospel message and hope to escape punishment for it.
 - ii.This is a message of God given through His Son so there is no way that God won't hold us accountable for failing to hold to it.
- d.What we need to be convicted of in order to obey this command is two-fold:
 - i.Hebrews 2:14-15 - realize that Jesus has defeated the power of death.
 - ii.Hebrews 2:17-18 - He's been where we are and can aid us through our trials.

2.Warning #2.

- a.The command is to not allow our hearts to be hardened to gospel message (Hebrews 3:7-8).
 - i.The writer encourages them to learn from the poor example set by the Israelites while wondering in the wilderness.
 - ii.The hardness of their hearts to God's message then led to the death of hundreds of thousands of them while journeying to Canaan.
- b.The concern is shown for those who have an evil heart of unbelief (Hebrews 3:12-13).
 - i.Notice how God considers unbelief.
 - ii.He calls it evil and it resides in the spiritual heart of those who refuse to pay attention to God's message.
- c.The consequence of failing to heed this warning is that we will turn away from God and miss out on His rest.
 - i.When we allow unbelief to remain in our hearts, it will bring on a hardening of our hearts which will cause us to turn away from Him.
 - ii.This is what happened to the ones in the wilderness.
 - iii.They allowed their unbelief to cause them to want to go back to Egypt all because they steadfastly refused to believe in the promises of God.
 - iv.For that fact, they missed out on God's rest (Hebrews 3:18-4:1).
- d.We must be convicted of the fact that there is a rest waiting for us (Hebrews 4:9-10).
 - i.This life is difficult no doubt.
 - ii.For those to whom this letter was written there was a lot of difficulty.

iii.If we are convicted of the fact that heaven awaits us, we will be willing and able to remove the unbelief and hold fast to God so that heaven, the rest of God, can be our eternal home.

3.Warning #3.

- a.The command is to go on to completeness or perfection (Hebrews 6:1-3).
 - i.Instead of remaining as spiritual children, we need to move towards spiritual adulthood.
 - ii.Those things that hold us back need to be removed and we must focus on growing in Christ.
- b.The concern is for those people who have fallen away from Christ (Hebrews 6:4-6).
 - i.When we fail to grow, we fail to obey.
 - ii.What will happen is that, though we have done all these verses say is done when one obeys the gospel, we will turn against Christ.
 - iii.It is like putting Christ back on the cross.
- c.The consequence is that we will be burned up (Hebrews 6:7-8).
 - i.When we fail to produce the fruit we are called to produce, God won't put up with it.
 - ii.We will be cast out and burned up in the eternal punishment of a devil's hell.
- d.The conviction we must have to help us grow to perfection is two-fold as well:
 - i.Hebrews 6:9-10 - know that God remembers our work for Him.
 - ii.Hebrews 6:19 - we have the hope of Christ in heaven working on our behalf as our anchor for our souls.
 - iii.This anchor keeps us grounded and unable to slip away from the gospel when we are convicted in the belief of it.

4.Warning #4.

- a.The command is to hold fast to our confession of faith in Christ (Hebrews 10:19-23).
- b.The concern is for those who willfully persist in sin (Hebrews 10:26-31).
- c.The consequence that they will fall into the hands of God which will be a worse punishment than being put to death.
- d.The conviction we must have is knowing we've endured in the past and we can continue to endure (Hebrews 10:32-35).

5.Warning #5.

- a.The command is to gain patience, or endurance (Hebrews 10:36-37).
- b.The concern is for those who draw back from God (Hebrews 10:38).
 - i.To draw back is to really show cowardice.
 - ii.It has to do with being too scared to stand up for what you believe to be true.
- c.The consequence is that God takes no pleasure in us and we will be destroyed, which is the idea of perdition in verse 39.
- d.The conviction we must have that we are going to stand because our faith is strong (Hebrews 10:39).

6.Warning #6.

- a. The command is to seek peace and a holy life (Hebrews 12:14).
- b. The concern is for those who allow themselves to be profane like Esau.
 - i. He had something that was very valuable and didn't protect it.
 - ii. He held it very lightly and valued other things over that which was most important.
- c. The consequence is that you become unable to repent.
 - i. This won't be because there won't be opportunities or God won't allow it.
 - ii. It will be because it is too late.
- d. The conviction we must have is that we've come to God and His spiritual Mt. Zion (Hebrews 12:22-24).

7. Warning #7.

- a. The command is to listen to God (Hebrews 12:25).
- b. The concern is for those who refuse to listen to God (Hebrews 12:25).
- c. The consequence is that they will not escape punishment (Hebrews 12:25).
- d. The conviction we must have is that we've received a kingdom that will not be destroyed (Hebrews 12:28).

8. Warning #8.

- a. The command is to give thanks to God by offering acceptable worship (Hebrews 12:28).
- b. The concern would be about those who are failing to worship that he mentioned back in Hebrews 10:24-25.
- c. The consequence is that God is a consuming fire of those who fail to honor Him (Hebrews 12:29).
- d. The conviction we must have is that God is never going to fail us (Hebrews 13:5).

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