

greatest hope

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Review

1. Written to Hebrew Christians
2. Jesus is great – greater than – anything
3. Don't drift, shrink back, allow your heart to become hardened

This week -the greatest promises

Chapter 11 – the Hall of Faith chapter –the key to receiving the promises –faith

- Faith – getting in the wheelbarrow

Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV) ¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:13-16 (NIV) ¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Because of faith we run the race marked out for us — which also includes not seeing all that is promised before we act — trusting

- Strip off what hinders --
- A race marked out for us
- With endurance
- How do we get over the trouble --Fixing our eyes on Jesus as we go over the trouble
- Trouble doesn't mean what the enemy or our own voice in our heads makes it out to be
- God disciplines for our good – the devil accuses for our destruction

Hebrews 12:1-6 (NIV) ¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s

discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Hebrews 12:8 (NIV)⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all.

Warning to finish strong

Hebrews 12:14–17 (NIV)¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.¹⁶ See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

Hebrews 12:25–29 (NIV)²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”²⁷ The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,²⁹ for our “God is a consuming fire.”

Hebrews 13:12–15 (NIV)¹² And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood.¹³ Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore.¹⁴ For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

Hebrews 12:12–14 (NIV)² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.¹³ “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Proverbs 4:25–27 (NIV)²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways.²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

This year

- Set straight paths for your feet – this includes intentional abiding
- Let the Lord reveal your part in the lives of others

