

Title: God will not Forget

Text: Hebrews 6:9-12

Would you turn in your Bibles to Hebrew chapter 6:9-12. We have here a wonderful section dealing with God's comfort and encouragement to us. There are notes in your bulletin and I do hope you will use them. The subject is "God Will Not Forget". This is a wonderful promise coming out of Vs 10: "For God is not unjust so as to forget."

Read Hebrew 6:9-12

Let Us Pray

Father, we thank you for these words of comfort. And Father, there are times, when we need to be shaken out of false comfort. But, we do thank you for the words of comfort and for the fact that ^{own} ~~are~~ salvation is not based upon works or performance, but upon our position in Christ. Salvation is a result of faith in what Christ has already done, ~~and not in faith in what we can do.~~ Our Father, there are many who come here who continue to battle their relationship with Jesus Christ. Father, we pray that by your spirit you ~~will~~ would show them that in Christ there is perfect security. There is a wonderful hope.

And we thank you for the fact that all has been accomplished by Jesus. There is nothing missing, nothing lacking. So, we ask you blessing on this time together in your Word, for Jesus Sake we pray. Amen

Now, I would remind you that Hebrews chapter 5:11 through chapter 6:8 is one of the warning passages. There are a number of them in this book. Warning passages. Many believers, today, like in the early church, have a false comfort and a false security. There are also people who are professing ~~the~~ ^{Christians} ~~Christians~~. They profess Christ but they have never come to possess salvation in Jesus Christ. They merely talk a good line.

So, they are being warned, ~~also~~.

In this warning section, we have an exhortation to maturity. The Bible tells us not to be dull of hearing (V 11 of chapter 5). But to go on to maturity which is mentioned in chapter 6 verse 1-3. Then that little section - Vs 4-8 - where he says it is impossible to - once people have experienced Christ - it is impossible, once they have fallen away to renew them again. And I believe I showed you a few weeks ago that these ~~verse~~ refer to believers. People who are saved.

And the issue here is a hypothetical illustration to demonstrate the seriousness of apostasy. And I hope you will listen carefully, today, because I believe the Word of God proves that is clearly what happened in verse 4-8. It is an illustration. And it shows us what God thinks of your sin and mine. What God thinks of sin if we continue in sin, and continue to engore His Word. ~~This is the subject of Chapter 5 verse 11 through chapter 6.~~ Christians become dull of hearing when they do not practice as a habit of life the principles of God's Word. They remain as Babes, never heaving the elementary principles of the oracles of God. *IT IS BAD!*

And the whole point of this illustration is to shwo ~~who/ how/ God/~~ what God thinks about those who call themselves christians. Yet, continue to engore His Word.

Once you have seen and heard the Word of God you are responsible for it. ~~of~~ ~~to~~ *IT* whom much is given, much is required.

Then after this strong warning, Paul moves into words of comfort for the believers. This is the subject of Vs 9-12. *Read Heb 6:9-12 Pray*

(1) First of all, lets look at the ^{impossibility} ~~possibility~~ of falling away. This is the first area of comfort. Vs 9 "But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way."

Two things I would like you to see as it relates to comfort.

(a) First, Comfort- The comfort of God - is based upon our position in God's family.

If you want comfort, as to whether or not you can ever lose your salvation, let me tell you that that comfort or security is based upon your position and my position in God's family... *Nothing Else - I Am so glad!* *That.*

Vs 9 says: "But, beloved," That word "beloved" is used only of believers. It is God's special term of affection for his children. It is never used of unbelievers.

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Notice the change of pronouns. "But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you." The pronoun changes from ["]they and ["]them to "we and you." There is a definite change. So that, true believers were never a part of this hypothetical illustration - this warning passage of Vs 4-8. And God's comfort is based upon our position in God's family. We are "beloved." We are the object of God's great, wonderful, love.

You know there is no finer security in all the world, than God's love. Did you know that. -- God's love is so wonderful that he ^{accepts} ~~accepts~~ us just like we are... May --- Did you hear that --- GOD'S LOVE IS SO WONDERFUL THAT HE ACCEPTS US JUST LIKE WE ARE...

You mean, I don't have to act a certain way? Or say the right words - or dress a certain way? -- that's right -- GOD'S LOVE IS SO WONDERFUL THAT HE ACCEPTS US JUST LIKE WE ARE.

No matter what you have done or what I have done - our security is based upon what God has done. God loves us inspite of our sin. And I feel sorry for you if you believe that you are in and out of God's grace based upon how you live - or what you do or fail to do--

Some mornings I get up and I don't feel so ^{down} ~~exciting~~. I didn't sleep well. I have a lot of pressure. You know how it is. Then you run into some one who says -- "PRAISE THE LORD, ISN'T IT A WONDERFUL DAY?"

And you think - "Man, this is the worst day of my life." --You know.

Now, my comfort is not based upon my feelings..from day to day. And I feel really sorry for you if that is what you know to be security. Our comfort is based on God and His character. God loves me no matter how I feel or how I get up in the morrowing. GOD LOVES ME.

"Beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you," says the text. Romans 8 reminds us: "nothing can separate us from the love of God." And if you are having a problems about this, why don't to write down Romans 8 verse 35-39. Read and study those verse than ask yourself - if there isn't comfot in God's wonderful love.

(b) Secondly, ^{Vs 9} this verse teaches that comfort is based upon our possession of salvation,. Notice ~~he says~~ ^{what he said}: " Beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, ~~though we are speaking in this way.~~"

Now, a couple of things about this possession of salvation. Number 1, the evidence was convincing to the writer. He said "we are convinced." Literaly - "having been convinced." ~~(The word persuaded or convinced means it happened at a time in the passed when you got saved and we have continued to see the evidence. This is why I believe vs 4-8 was a hypothelical illustration. A warning to those who treat His Word lightly.~~

No, we are convinced of better things concerning you. Things that accompy salvation. ~~The evidence was convincing.~~

Number 2, concerning thefact that our comfot is based upon our possesion of salvation. The explanation of Vs 4-8 is found at the end of Vs 9. "THOUGH WE ARE SPEAKING IN THIS WAY." This phrase clearly indicates that Vs 4-8 is a hypothetical cases.

The point is -- Beloved, don't get upset, we are convinced of better things concerning you. Even though we were speaking the way ~~we were~~.

Now, don't take this illustration lightly. It is a very serious warning passage. ~~If you are an unbeliever - God tells~~

exactly what is going to happen to you. Vs 8 says you will be wothless and cursed and your end is burning which is distruction.

If you are a believer, and you are not giving attendtion to the Word of God, God gives the illustration to prove how serious that neglect is. Because this whole discussion from chapter 5:11- on through chapter 6 is about becoming dull of hearing.. And that is our problem, people. Many of you are so superficial. You come to meeting - listen to sermons - consider them speakes- and we are not like those christians who sreach the scriptures daily to see if these things are so. AND THAT IS OUR PROBLEM. WE BECOME DULL OF HEARING AND WE ARE LIKE UNDER CHILDREN. Ephesians 4 says little children can be tossed about by waves and every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceifful scheming.

You know why people are not stright on doctrine? Answer: They are not studing it from God's Word. You know why people can led you into false teachings - that might seem christian? ANSWE - YOU ARE NOT STUDYING THE WORD.

Hebrews 6 warns believer, that you can become spiritual infants over night -when you contineae in a pattern of engoring God's Word.

This is the warning that we all need to realize, even if there is this — great comfort for the believer. IThe impossibility of falling away.

(2)

Now, there is a second area of comfort. This area deals with the promise of God. Vs 10 is a wonderful verse. And I can't think of a better verse for any believer to memorize. If you want to remember some thing from the message today - just ~~memorize~~ memorize this verse. "For God is not unjust so asto forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints"

(a) First of all, I notice that this wonderful promise that God willnot forget us is based upon His own character.

God will not forget you - even though you forget Him. WHY? -- His Character. -- God is not unjust. God is just -- He is a righteous God.

By the way - the word "forget" is in the aorist tense - which means it happened at a point in time. And the point would be: That God would never for one moment forget you **and** forget me. **MAN --- ISN'T THAT GREAT --- NOT ONE MOMENT --** The Psalmist says God never goes to sleep. He knows everything that is going on in your life and mine. He never forgets.

~~And 2 Timothy 2:13 says~~ And 2 Timothy 2:13 says that we we are faithless -- that is - we never grow as christians - we remain only babes - never expericeningthe fruit^{But} of the spirit - HE remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself." PRAISE THE LORD..

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your saviour, God could never forget that one moment of time. That moment of time when you placed your faith and trust in what God did for you on the cross of calvary.

Luke 12:6 says, "Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? And yet not one of them is forgotten by God." Now, I don't want to get in trouble with any of you who happen to be bird lovers. But, to a bird lover sparrows are the least important of all the birds. I hope I said that right.

They are the least important. Yet, God will not forget a single one. You know, my christian friends, we need to get awholed of this. Get awholed of this great promise and live by it. God will not forget. And this promise is based upon his character.

(b) But secondly, this promise is based on our conduct. Not that our performance guarantees that we are going to be saved; but our ~~performance~~ proves that we are saved. Because it says in Vs 10 that "God will not forget what? "your work and the love which you have shown toward His name." Jesus said that if you take a cup of water and give it in my name it is like doing it unto me."

The work ~~or ministers~~ that Christians do in the name of Christ promes they are of God. Notice what it says in Vs 10. "having ministered and is still ministering to the saints."

Christians minister or serve - Other people - not God - but people in - the - name - of Jesus.

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The calling of the believer ^{is to} ~~is to~~ minister to other people. To meet needs in the name of Jesus. If you are truly born again, you will minister to other people. And the great comfort is that God will not forget our work and the love which is shown toward his name.

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(30) Third, in this area of comfort, notice the patience needed. Vs 11-12 says: "And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promise."

(A) / First of all / --- You know, patience is a rough word, isn't it? Every time you say it - doesn't it hurt just a little...Patience is something everyone wishes they had a little more of..You know...Patience. Yet, the Bible teaches that this Patience is a great comfort to the ~~the~~ believer. ^{How} Now, notice what patience involves.

(a) First of all - it involves DILIGENCE on your part and mine. DILIGENCE. We need diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope.

The point that I would like you to see begins way back in 5:11. Some Christians have become dull of hearing. Because they were not using the Word. Now, we are told to be diligent in order to realize the full assurance of our hope (hope refers to the resurrection ^{and} the promise of the second coming) -- THEREFORE THE PRINCIPLE IS: WITHOUT FULL ASSURANCE IN MY LIFE I LACK THE ABILITY TO MAKE PROGRESS AND TO GROW.....That is the whole point. You see I need diligence in ^{my} life -- diligence, real effort, centering in on the full assurance of ~~the~~ hope - if ^{we are to} I ~~am~~ ^{we are to} have security that ~~I am~~ ^{we are} really in the family of God...

Many people have never given diligence to the Word of God ^{and they} ~~that~~ lack full assurance. ~~And they~~ Result: they doubt their salvation. And week after week they have to run down the isle in order to get saved again.

If you want to grow in the Lord, you are going to have ~~to~~ ^{to} be diligent in realizing and studying the full assurance of your hope. The study and the application of God's Word. Oh, how I pray that more of you will see and understand this principle and become involved in the study of God's Word. - Ex SS Class - Leann Layman

~~1~~ HOW LONG ARE WE TO BE DILIGENT IN THE STUDY OF GOD'S WORD? Some ~~of~~ people feel that ~~the~~ S. S. is for children. How sad. Many of you never come to a Bible Class because you feel that way. Others never come ~~because they believe~~ for many other reasons. BUT HOW LONG ARE WE TO BE DILIGENT? Vs 10 - UNTIL THE END. or until Christ comes again. YOU NEVER OUT GROW YOUR NEED TO BE DILIGENT IN THE STUDY OF GOD'S WORD. ^{and that}

WHY?

Vs 11 - so that you may not be ~~a~~ sluggish - but imitator of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. ^{delays - produce Patience}

How is patience developed in a life? By diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end. ^{IN The Word of God}

Look at Vs 12: The Word sluggish or kjv says slothful. Are you ready for this. This is the same word that is translated DULL in Vs 11 of chapter 5. SAME EXACT WORD. ~~It says~~ // ~~is says~~ Do you see how he ties it all together.

And how do you avoid becoming dull? I remind you of what it says in chapter 5:12-14. ^{How?} By the application of the word of God to your life. So that by practice - habit of life - you have your sense trained to ~~to~~ discern good and evil. Meaning -- the ^{principles} ~~principles~~ of God's Word are ~~controlling~~ controlling your actions and motives and patterns of life.

Results - ~~Confidence~~ ^{Patience} - Result ^{Confidence}

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(c) Then third, ~~in order to have~~ patience ~~we~~ need to be IMITATORS.

Paul said in I Thess 1 that the Thessalonians had become imitators of the Lord in habit of life.

You are going to hear a great deal about ELS - EVANGELIST LIFE STYLE. This is a program designed to help people develop a new life style. ~~A~~ A new pattern of life. A life based upon being imitators of Jesus Christ. When someone is ~~calling~~ ^{Following} the Lord - they desire to do what God would do. They become imitators of Christ.

And my frinds that is how you grow, spiritual. That is how you learn to take the pressures of life - that is how patience is produced.

(d) Finally, notice a tremendous promise. Vs 12: "Those who through faith and patience inheit the promises."

Some Bible teachers say that this little phrases refers to the O.T. saints. I do not. ^{age} Why? Because it is in the prsent tense not the past tense. It is not thos e who inherited - past tense - but it is those who are inheriting the promis es, now. Namely - the present believers. I/can/hot build/my/life/after/the/life/of/abraham.//I/can/after/the/content/about/abraham.//But/he/is/not/my/disciplex.//My Be patience for you are inheriting the promiese.

You know, I believe that the root of much of our depression and discouragement is that we forget where we are going.

You know, if this nation of ours would come to an end, if something happened and a foreign power would take over, or we were to lose all of our wealth, listen, it wouldn't make one pit of difference .. to the one who knows the Lord. Because whether we are rich or whether we are poor, whether we have everything we want or we have nothing...Yet, we know.. we have complete ~~dependence~~ ⁱⁿ dependence upon Jesus.. that one day when we lay aside this earthly tabernacle we are going to be with the Lord. All the things that the Bible is talking about - the furture - the promises - the hope.

So, let me give you one final principle: I believe that the reason why you and I have a lot of problems in life, as christians, is because we are not resting upon the hope. We lose that full assurance.

Maybe he willn't ~~come~~. Maybe the Bible isn't true. Maybe it is all make believe. Mabybe there is no eternal life, no heaven , no God. Thus, the devil starts working on you . WHY? Because you don't keep solid in the WORD.....And YOU LOSE THE FULL ASSURANCE OF THE ROPE.

You forget what God says ~~is~~ out there that makes us endure the suffering and take the pressure and know that one day all will be removed - all sorry - all suffering - all tears - and we will be with him forever. AMEN

Oh, Christian friends, let's not forget what the whole christian message is all about. IT IS THE MESSAGE OF HOPE * OF FAITH - OF CONFIDENCE - THAT THERE IS A GOD WHO LOVES US AND IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS.

That is why we share Christ because in this day of despaire we have the message of hope. And my friends if this world, as we know it, should come to an end, it will happen because God will it. And ~~not~~ man pushing ~~to~~ some remote button.

Listen, we get so warped up in our own problems. ~~We~~ worry about what is going on in our business, or families and your financils. If you were to drop dead today, it would make one bite of difference...

Why do we kid ourselves. Comfort and ~~the~~ security is in knowing where I am going. And I don't care what happens in this life. When I know that one day I am going to see Jesus Christ. And I am going to be with him forever. And that takes away the fear - the insecurity - and your feet began to stand ~~a little bit~~ firmer. Because you are standing on solid ground. And ~~for~~ the thinks around you don't bother you. FOR ONE DAY WE ARE GOING TO SEE JESUS. WE ARE GOING TO BE WITH HIM. THAT IS GREAT SECURITY

Let's Pray.