



This quarter we will take a close look at one of the great chapters in the Bible, Hebrews 11.

- _____ specific heroes of faith are listed
- The expression, "By faith," is used _____x
- These heroes are considered a "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1)

In this lesson, we want to understand the context of the book of Hebrews

A. Background to Hebrews

1. The audience was Jewish Christians who had suffered (10:32-35)
The suffering had taken a toll.
 - Some were considering "shrinking back" to what they had before (10:39)
 - The thoughts of returning to Judaism was strong (10:25)

The Impact of Suffering on Their Hearts:

1. Neglected Heart (2:1-4):
2. Stagnant Hearts (5:11-6:2):
3. Apostate Hearts (6:4-6):
4. Entangled Hearts (12:1-2):

Leaving Jesus may stop the immediate persecution, but it will put one in deeper trouble with the Lord

2. The book of Hebrews builds a massive case against the idea of leaving Christ. Jesus is Superior in every way

The Superiority of Jesus Christ

- In the Way God _____ (1:1-2)
- Over _____ (1:5, 13)
- Over _____ (3:1-6)
- Over the O.T. _____ (4:8-10)
- Over first _____ (7:22; 8:6)
- Over O.T. _____ (7:26-27)
- Over O.T. _____ (9:11-14; 10:12)
- Over O.T. _____ (9:9, 14)
- Over O.T. hope and _____ (7:19; 8:6)
- Offers a heavenly _____ (11:16)

Admonitions To Continue On Are Sprinkled Throughout Hebrews:

- Take care (3:12)
- Be diligent (4:11)
- See to it that no one comes short (12:15)
- Let us hold fast our confession (4:14)
- Let us draw near with confidence (4:16)
- Fix your eyes on Jesus (12:2)
- Let us press on (6:1)

C. Help From Hebrews for Troubled Hearts

1. Pay _____ (2:1)
2. Be _____ in Christ (12:28)

The expression, "let us" is found a dozen times in Hebrews. What can we learn from "Let us"?

Another key word in Hebrews is "Covenant." It is used 18x. What does that word mean?

Hebrews 8:7 states that the first covenant was faulty. How was it faulty?