

Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews

The Five Deadly D's that Destroy Faith, Lesson 1

- Hebrews 1:1, Hebrews 2:1-3 Background
 - God through the author of Hebrews refers to the children of Israel.
 - God tells us that the children of Israel missed what God had for them because they did not hear him.
 - Hearing using ears vs. hearing so it has an effect on us.
 - We need a hearing that leads us to obedience.
 - Numbers 13:17-20: “When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, “Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak...”
 - Number 13:27: “They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.”
 - Numbers 13:28-30, The majority said “*but* the people who live there are too powerful”, while Caleb said the Lord would provide.
 - Numbers 13:31-33, The scouts claim the land is not as God said and refuse to walk by faith.
 - Numbers 14:1-4, Children of Israel grumble and complain and wish to return to Egypt. They are listening to man and not God.
 - Numbers 14:11, God bemoans the lack of Israel’s obedience and trust.
 - Numbers 14:27-30, God tells Israel that their wish to die in the wilderness will come true.
 - Only Joshua and Caleb are blessed by God, the ones who heard and obeyed the Word of God.
 - Numbers 14:31-33, Only the children will see the promised land.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-3: “I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food.”
 - Deuteronomy 8:2, Remember the way the Lord led you in the wilderness.
 - Second giving of the law.
 - Deuteronomy 8:3, God humbled the children of Israel through suffering so that they would turn to Him.
 - Man lives through every word that comes from God.
 - John 6:32-35: “...Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven....I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”
 - John 6:33: “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.”

- John 7:37-39: “On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive...”
 - 1 Corinthians 10:3-4: “They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.”
 - This is the Old Testament reality that foreshadows a New Testament reality.
 - Reminiscent of Moses striking the rock in Exodus, precursor to Jesus’ living water.
 - Moses missed Canaan because he did not do what God said.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:5-7: “Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did...”
 - Romans 1:21-23: “...their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.”
 - 1 Corinthians 10:8-10: “We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.”
 - 1 Corinthians 10:11-12: “These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!”
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13: “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”
 - This is the message of Hebrews, that there will be peace with those who are exercised by suffering and tests.

Principles of Warfare

5 Deadly D’s

○ Concentration	○ Disappointment
○ Security	○ Discouragement
○ Communication	○ Dejection
○ Supply	○ Despair
○ Intelligence	○ Demoralization