

## Precept Upon Precept-Hebrews

### Hearing God: A Matter of Life and Death, Lesson 2

- Hebrews 3:1: “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.”
  - Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen
  - God has spoken in His Son; Hebrews shows anyone can make it who has access to God
  - Jesus is accessible and He is adequate
  - Hebrews 13:22: “But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.” (Hebrews is an exhortation)
  - Recipients of Hebrews: Hebrews 3:1 (holy brethren), Hebrews 6:9 (beloved), Hebrews 13:22-23 (brethren/brother), Hebrews 2:1, 2:3 (‘editorial we’), Hebrews 4:14-16 (‘editorial we’), Hebrews 10:23 (‘editorial us’)
    1. Hebrews 2:1-3, They were in danger of drifting away from God’s Word, (Hebrews 1:1-2)
    2. Hebrews 3:12, A possible heart of unbelief
    3. Hebrews 5:12, Ought to be teachers but need teaching
      - Hebrews 6:1, They need to go on to maturity
    4. Hebrews 6:9, 10:23,39, Addressed as believers
    5. Hebrews 6:10, Have show love by ministering to the saints
    6. Hebrews 10:32-33, Were illuminated
      - Hebrews 10:33, Were the companions of those treated improperly
      - Hebrews 10:34: “For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.”
      - Hebrews 13:3: “Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, *and* those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.”
    7. Hebrews 10:36, Need of endurance
      - People are walking away from God
    8. Hebrews 12:3-4, Had not shed blood in resisting sin
      - “For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.”
    9. Hebrews 12:7-8, 10, Were being disciplined by God
      - “It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.”

- Hebrews 12:10: “For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.”
  - Hebrews 12:12-13: “Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.”
  - Hebrews 12:14: “Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.”
- Matthew 13:1-17
  - “That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea...And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, “Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”
  - Matthew 13:10-12, Explanation: “For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”
  - Luke 18:18: “So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.” (God has spoken)
  - Matthew 13:13-15: “Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, you will keep on hearing, but will not understand; You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive For the heart of this people has become dull, With their ears they scarcely hear, And they have closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, And understand with their heart and return, And I would heal them.”
  - Matthew 13:16-17: “But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”
  - Four categories of soil
    1. Does not care about God (road)
    2. Has no firm root (rocky)
    3. Choked out (thorn)
    4. Hears it and produces fruit (good)