



DIGGING DEEPER

Hebrews 5v11 – 6v20 – A Warning and a Promise

PLEASE READ – Hebrews 4v14 – 5v10

GETTING STARTED

Why do you think the author has chosen this point to take time out to exhort his readers?

How does this 'interlude' differ from previous exhortations to hold firm and not to drift?

What can we learn from his approach? (sobering warnings followed by wonderful encouragements)

1) THE DANGER...

Of not really trying (5v11 – 6v3)

What is the danger of not trying to grow in our faith? Isn't it enough to know John 3v16?

Of knowing but not really knowing (6v4-8)

What is the danger of knowing things about Jesus but not really knowing Jesus?

Consider Judas and the abiding example he is...

2) THE ENCOURAGEMENT...

God knows our heart (6v9-12)

Have you thought before of God taking notice of our works? Is that thought reassuring or daunting? How does the phrase 'God is not unjust' help?

God has promised an amazing future (6v13-20)

The author of Hebrews doesn't spend time on the content of our inheritance, but instead emphasises the certainty of the promise. Why do you think that might be?

What do you think of the phrase 'fled to take hold of the hope set before us' as a description of our salvation?

How are **you** encouraged by these promises?

Meditate on the words of Hebrews...

6v19: We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.