

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 6:9-12

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 6:9-12.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

9a But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, (Main statement)

9b           though we are speaking in this way. (concession 9a)

10a       For God is not unjust (causal 9a)

10b           so as to forget your work and the love (result 10a)

10c           which you have shown toward His name, (relative clause 10b [specifically “love”])

10d           in having ministered (manner 10c)

10e           and in still ministering to the saints. (manner 10c)

11a And we desire (main statement)

11b       that each one of you show the same diligence (content 11a)

11c           so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, (result 11b)

12a           so that you will not be sluggish, (purpose 11c)

12b           but imitators of those who [...] inherit the promises. (contrast 12a, purpose 11c)

12c           [through faith and patience] (instrumentality 12b)

1. Describe the transition from the previous section to this section. How does this passage help you understand the audience of the previous section?

2. What are the two big sections you see in the diagram? What is the main verb in each of the two sections? Broadly speaking, what are the two sections then about?

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3. What does the word “convinced” mean? What is the author convinced of concerning his audience?
4. What concession does the author give despite his conviction? How does that inform our application of the warning in vv. 1-8?
5. What reason does the author give for his conviction in v. 10?
6. What would be the result of an unjust God according to 10b?

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❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 6:9-12 again.

7. How does the author describe the love of his readers in 10c-e? Toward whom/what is their love directed? How was their love shown? How is their love still being shown?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is the span of time vv. 9-10 are referring to? What about vv. 11-12?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. What is the author's desire for his readers?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. What does the word "diligence" mean?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What result of their diligence is he longing for them (11c)? What does diligence in ministering to the saints lead to?

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12. For what negative purpose does the author want them “to realize the full assurance of hope” (12a)? How is this different than our sinful tendencies might suggest?

13. For what positive purpose does the author want them “to realize the full assurance of hope” (12b)? How are 12a and 12b contrasts?

❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 6:9-12 again.

14. What does it mean to be an imitator? What role does imitation play in the Christian life? (See a couple of the following: Matt 16:24, Phil 2:5-11, 2 Cor 5:21, John 13:15, Eph 4:32-5:2, Col 3:13, 1 Pet 2:21, 1 John 2:6, 3:15-16, Rom 8:29, Col 3:10, 1 Cor 4:16, 11:1, Phil 3:17, 4:9, 1 Thess 1:6-7, 2 Thess 3:7-9, 2 Tim 1:13, 1 Pet 5:1-4, Heb 13:7, 3 Jn 11)

15. Who might the author be referring to in 12b? What would it mean to inherit the promises?

16. How did they inherit the promises? How does this inform us?

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17. How would you summarize the message of this passage?

18. What are the main implications for you personally from this passage?

19. How does this passage speak to congregational life in the church?

20. How does this passage inform our understanding of sanctification and perseverance?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would be diligent to minister to the saints and thus realize the surety of our hope and thus become imitators of the faithful who have gone before us. Pray that God would use the preaching of his Word to encourage, exhort, and edify.