

God Speaks  
Lecture Eleven: Hebrews 12:1 – 13:25  
3/19/13

I. Chapters 12 & 13: Tying it All Together

A. Thematic Elements Reviewed

1. Faithful \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Taking God's view of \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ within the church
3. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Purpose of Chapter Eleven

1. To exhort believers to persevere by \_\_\_\_\_
2. That implied purpose now becomes \_\_\_\_\_

II. Running the Race – Vv. 1-2

A. Therefore

1. Based on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of those who have lived and died by faith...
  - a. Let us, too, \_\_\_\_\_ by faith

B. Great Cloud of Witnesses

1. Those listed in chapter eleven
2. Great cloud
  - a. An idiom that conveyed the idea of a large \_\_\_\_\_ of people
  - b. The author wants his listeners to recognize that they (and we) are part of that \_\_\_\_\_
3. Witnesses
  - a. How it's often interpreted
  - b. Courtroom language
    - i. They are not \_\_\_\_\_ us
    - ii. They are witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - c. These are people who \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Both to \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_
4. Encouragement from one who has "been there, done that"
  - a. For the original hearers
  - b. For us

C. Throwing Off

1. Runners
  - a. Would throw off \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Could even refer to body \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Anything that would \_\_\_\_\_ free movement
2. Everything that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Could mean that what \_\_\_\_\_ one person might not another
3. Entangling sin
  - a. Obviously, we must all thrust aside \_\_\_\_\_ - whatever it may be
  - b. Word picture of someone being \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ by the sin

D. Let Us Run

1. Not a competition
  - a. We are simply \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the race
2. Marathon – not a sprint
  - a. It requires \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Sustained \_\_\_\_\_ over time

E. Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus

1. Analogous to athletes with their eyes fixed on a \_\_\_\_\_
2. Literally means “with eyes \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus”
  - a. Means to “look to” in the sense of \_\_\_\_\_ on or looking to someone for \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

F. The Author and Perfecter of Our Faith

1. Author = champion, \_\_\_\_\_, forerunner, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He is also the preeminent \_\_\_\_\_ of endurance
    - i. He \_\_\_\_\_ the cross
  - b. He \_\_\_\_\_ the race before us
  - c. He won our \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Through his shed blood, he is the one who created the \_\_\_\_\_ on which we run
2. Perfecter
  - a. He fully accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ needed for our faith
  - b. He has brought us to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ end, his \_\_\_\_\_ goal
3. Our faith is entirely \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus

G. The Joy Set Before Him

1. “In the \_\_\_\_\_ of” or “In order to \_\_\_\_\_”
2. The joy
  - a. Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God

H. Scorning the Shame

1. *Kataphroneo* – to consider something as if it had little \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus treated the shame of the cross as \_\_\_\_\_ or of little \_\_\_\_\_

I. Sat Down at God's Right Hand – Ps. 110:1

1. Change of tense
  - a. From past tense without further result or \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To past perfect – a past action with continuing \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The point being made is that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ seated at God's right hand
    - i. And we can look to him for \_\_\_\_\_
2. The listeners are being encouraged to look beyond the \_\_\_\_\_ of this life to God's promised \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Just as \_\_\_\_\_ did

III. The Discipline of Children – Vv. 3-13

A. Transition – Vs. 3

1. The author is moving from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
  - a. To the listeners' \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. In hope that they might \_\_\_\_\_ their own shame
2. Consider = careful \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Again telling them to \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus
3. Sinful \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Jesus faced \_\_\_\_\_ persecutors just as they were
4. Why should they "consider Jesus?"
  - a. So that they won't grow \_\_\_\_\_ and lose \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Grow \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ fatigued
  - c. Become \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ out
  - d. Aristotle used the second word for runners who collapse after completing the race
    - i. Here our author wants to inspire his listeners to not collapse before reaching their \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven
5. The author wanted his listeners to draw strength from the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' suffering

B. Proof of Paternity – Vv. 4-8

1. The impact of \_\_\_\_\_ on faith
  - a. His original listeners may have wondered why God would \_\_\_\_\_ them to suffer persecution
  - b. They may have \_\_\_\_\_ God's love for them
2. The primary point from Proverbs 3:12
  - a. The fact that God disciplines us is \_\_\_\_\_ that we are his children
  - b. His discipline is not \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Rather, since he is a loving Father who desires what is best for his children, his discipline is \_\_\_\_\_ of his love for and commitment to them

- d. The author wants his listeners to see in their current difficulties God's hand lovingly \_\_\_\_\_ them in right character
- 3. "Making light of"
  - a. A synonym of "\_\_\_\_\_"
  - b. Do not consider God's discipline as \_\_\_\_\_ or as being of little \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Punishment
  - a. Conjures up images of \_\_\_\_\_ for us
  - b. The word means \_\_\_\_\_ parental training intended to change \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. God is not abusing his people
  - a. He is using the abuse of sinful people to bring about his good \_\_\_\_\_ in the lives of his children
- 6. A word about God's discipline
  - a. It can be in response to \_\_\_\_\_ or sin
    - i. But that is not necessarily the picture being painted here
  - b. Discipline is also used to \_\_\_\_\_ for a goal
  - c. Either way
    - i. God's discipline is always \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ in purpose
  - d. God uses trial and difficulty to grow us in \_\_\_\_\_

C. Lesser to Greater – Vs. 9

- 1. If we \_\_\_\_\_ our human fathers for their discipline, how much more ought we \_\_\_\_\_ to our loving heavenly Father who disciplines us perfectly
  - a. For it is the only path that leads to \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Submit = **hypotasso** (military term)
  - a. To voluntarily \_\_\_\_\_ or come into \_\_\_\_\_ with

D. The Result of Discipline – Vv. 10-11

- 1. Because God disciplines us for our \_\_\_\_\_, it produces \_\_\_\_\_ fruit in our lives
  - a. Namely \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. God's discipline is a primary way we become more like \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. It's not \_\_\_\_\_, but the author's point is that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the discipline is worth the price of the \_\_\_\_\_

E. Therefore – Vv. 12-13

- 1. The author is calling them to renew their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Since the path of discipline is hard, they must strengthen their \_\_\_\_\_ to stay the course
- 2. Communal \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. They must strengthen their resolve so the "lame" – those who were \_\_\_\_\_ to turn away might not be "dislocated" (\_\_\_\_\_ off from God), but rather be "healed" (\_\_\_\_\_ to faith)

- b. The picture is one of a community of believers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another up

#### IV. The Importance of Choosing Holiness – Vv. 14-17

##### A. The Impact on Community

- 1. Live in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Both are necessary for the \_\_\_\_\_ to function well
- 2. Root of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ breeds a quarreling, grumbling body

##### B. Esau

- 1. Biblical account doesn't say he was \_\_\_\_\_ immoral
  - a. Early tradition taught this
  - b. Used metaphorically to describe a person who lived for \_\_\_\_\_ pleasure of any kind
- 2. The point
  - a. For something as valueless as a meal and in order to gratify his own physical \_\_\_\_\_, Esau foolishly bartered away his first born rights
    - i. Which were part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ purpose
  - b. The point is that Esau \_\_\_\_\_ the provision and covenant of God and sought to do things his own way
    - i. Which showed him to be among those who \_\_\_\_\_ God and his redemption
  - c. And when Esau realized what he had done, his sorrow was not over his \_\_\_\_\_ but rather the material wealth he had lost
  - d. We, too, are God's \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. And we must not despise and scorn (treat as \_\_\_\_\_) the blessings and things of God

#### V. A Tale of Two Mountains – Vv. 18-29

##### A. The Old Covenant Mountain – Vv. 18-21

- 1. Represents \_\_\_\_\_ and the Sinatic \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Dreadful and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. The people were terrified by what they \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. There was no way they could \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. The New Covenant Mountain – Vv. 22-24

- 1. Represents \_\_\_\_\_ and the new \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Joyous celebration

3. Because of Jesus we can draw near go God boldly, with \_\_\_\_\_ and utter \_\_\_\_\_

C. A Final Warning – Vv. 25-29

1. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ God
2. Lesser to greater
  - a. If the Israelites were \_\_\_\_\_ for not listening to the message that came from God
  - b. How much more will those who reject the message from \_\_\_\_\_ be judged
3. Shaking of heaven and earth
  - a. First time – Mt. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Future – the \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of time
    - i. The material \_\_\_\_\_ will pass away
    - ii. Only God's \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom will remain
4. Response
  - a. Since we are receiving an unshakable kingdom
    - i. Let us respond with \_\_\_\_\_ and worship and \_\_\_\_\_

D. "He is No Fool"

1. Jim Elliot's story

VI. Not So Random Exhortations – Hebrews 13:1-6

A. The Author's Concern

1. That the body of believers be \_\_\_\_\_

B. Love as Brothers and Sisters – how is that done?

1. Show \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for those in need
  - a. Particularly those who are in \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage
  - a. View your vows as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (not greedy) and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Discontent with material things is tantamount to accusing God of being incompetent as a \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ God to meet your needs

VII. Guidelines for Church Leadership – Vv. 7-19

A. Past Leaders – Vv. 7-8

1. They are a source of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to them
  - a. And he will be to \_\_\_\_\_
3. Jesus was their \_\_\_\_\_ in their times of need
  - a. And he will be \_\_\_\_\_
4. He is the same \_\_\_\_\_...and will be \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ may change, but Jesus and his Gospel do not

B. Reminders – Vv. 9-19

1. A reminder of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus and his gospel – Vv. 9-14
2. A reminder to offer \_\_\_\_\_ to God – Vv. 15-16
  - a. And \_\_\_\_\_ to others
3. A reminder to \_\_\_\_\_ your leaders – Vs. 17
4. \_\_\_\_\_ for us – Vv. 18-19

VIII. Benediction and Closing – Vv. 20-25

A. Benediction – Vv. 20-21

1. A prayer containing \_\_\_\_\_ of the letter/sermon
  - a. Christ's offering of his \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. The new \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. God's \_\_\_\_\_ in us to do his will
  - d. Living according to God's \_\_\_\_\_ in light of all Jesus has done on our behalf

IX. Conclusion

A. As We Approach Easter

1. God still \_\_\_\_\_ through his Son
2. God has provided complete \_\_\_\_\_ through his Son
3. God has provided a way for us to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with him through his Son

B. Jesus is Truly Better

1. And he is, in fact, the \_\_\_\_\_
2. For he is the only One who \_\_\_\_\_ the cross for us
3. He is the only One who was raised to new \_\_\_\_\_ for us
4. He is the only One who is now and will forevermore be seated at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - a. Clothed with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
5. Ladies, he is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Lord
  - a. And he will \_\_\_\_\_ for us someday
6. How can we not bow in reverent awe in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of him?