

HEBREWS 1-9

A “leveling up” sermon



“Are we _____ with Jesus?”

If so, our experience of Him will not be “bigger” each year; we will be in danger of losing our first love for Him; we will be tempted to look elsewhere for the help we need “when hard gets harder.”

The Three-fold Core of Applications from Hebrews:

FOCUS ON _____; FAILURE IS _____; FELLOWSHIP IS ESSENTIAL

We must keep our FOCUS ON JESUS because

. . . of the superlatives used about Him, such as in Hebrews 1:3-4, 2:3a, 3:3, 7:25, 8:6

. . . Jesus is the _____ Savior, offering the _____ salvation.

He is the perfect Revelation of God – because He is God, the perfect Sovereign Son of God, the “Fitting” Plan of God, offering perfect solidarity with Us as fully human, made perfect through the suffering of death, a perfect Help in time of need, a perfect Anchor of Hope, the perfect High Priest, Who Saves to the Uttermost, and the perfect Minister of a Perfect Covenant, with perfect provisions of all-the-time access.

. . . bored people forget how important it is to obtain a perfected and purified conscience (see 9:1-10, 14)

The Devil, through false teachers, will try to slip in a “_____ - _____ Jesus.” Would we notice?

Knock-offs like: Jesus is only . . . a good man, a prophet of God? Created by God? God’s salvation plan is “do our best”? Jesus is a sinner like we are? The cross was a needless martyr’s death? He only helps through His example? Jesus was only a want-to-be priest who gives more rules? He was merely a troublemaker and unfaithful Jew?

If we lose our focus on Jesus, we will not make it “_____ .” (see 3:6, 14)

If we become bored with the PERFECT Savior, we will enter into “The Danger Zone” and may reach “The Point of No Return” (see 5:11, 2:1, 6:11-12, 3:12-14)

Some Signs of Spiritual _____:

- “I have made ‘enough’ profession of commitment to Christ to give some hope to others that I am saved, yet I have retained the rights of my life’s ‘lordship’ so that the description of my life does not mention Jesus.”*
- “My kids/friends cannot remember when they last heard me rave about Jesus and what He has been doing in my life.”*
- “My ‘public’ prayers at meals and before meetings have become so rote that they bore even me.”*
- “I find myself often drifting off in times in the Word and prayer.”*
- “My worship of God is mostly thoughtless repetition or merely mouthing the words of the songs.”*
- “I find myself looking for some other ‘fix’ to make it through my days?”*

People bored with Jesus are in great danger (6:4-6), drifting away from the only way to have a perfected and purified conscience before a holy God.

*So, let us enter our study of the exhortation-rich chapters 10-13,
with wide-eyed wonder, never losing focus on Jesus!*