

More Than Survivors

Hebrews

Why Was It Written?

- “... so that ... we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
Hebrews 6:18

Hebrews is not ...



Hebrews 12:12-13

- Therefore lift your drooping hands
- and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet

It's a War Out There



Healing for the Lame

- so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.



A Quick Survey

- Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. Heb 2:1
- If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Heb 11:15–16

- But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. Heb 10:32–36

- About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. Heb 5:11–12

- For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Heb 4:15
- Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ... In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. Heb 12:1,4

- And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Heb 10:24–25

Charles Simeon

- Simeon's missionary friend Thomason writes about a time in 1794 when a friend of Simeon's named Marsden entered his room and found Simeon "so absorbed in the contemplation of the Son of God, and so overpowered with a display of His mercy to his soul, that he was incapable of pronouncing a single word," till at length, he exclaimed, "Glory, glory."

Thomas Charles

- I had such a view of Christ as our High Priest, of His love, compassion, power and all- sufficiency, as filled my soul with astonishment-with joy unspeakable and full of glory. My mind was overwhelmed and overpowered with amazement. The truths exhibited to my view appeared too wonderfully gracious to be believed. I could not believe for very joy. The glorious scenes then opened to my eyes will abundantly satisfy my soul millions of years hence in the contemplation of them.

God's Intention is to Encourage You

- I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. Heb 13:22