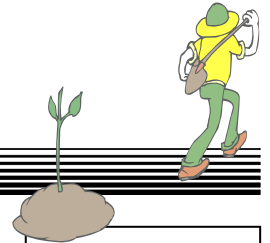


Digesting Hebrews

Reevaluating Our Response to God's Word



Option # 1: AKA _____ (v.19)

Heart Response

Diagnosis

Now What?

Option # 2: AKA _____ (vv.20-21)

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Now What?

Option # 3: AKA _____ (v.22)

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Now What?

Option # 4: AKA _____ (v.23)

Heart Response

Diagnosis

Now What?

Matthew 13:18-23

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. ²² The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Describe a time when the accurate preaching of God's word did not have the proper and biblical desired effect on your life. What was it like to sit through sermons when you were at odds with God?

Read **Ephesians 2:1-5**. Are you sure that you are "alive" in Christ (i.e., having sincerely repented of your sin, having placed your trust in Christ to make you right before God, and demonstrating legitimate signs of a transforming life since that time)? Describe the difference between your interface with accurate preaching of God's word before becoming a Christian and now as a Christian.

2. Read **Matthew 16:24-25**. What are some of the wrong (but common) motives for "identifying with Christ" that clash with this statement spoken by Jesus?
3. How would you respond to a friend who told you he preferred a church where he only hears "happy sermons" that affirm him?
4. What are some of the costs personally incurred by wholeheartedly applying the sermons preached from the book of Hebrews over the past months?
5. How would you advise someone wanting to make sure he or she is always ready and resolved to do what God's word instructs?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

January 19th

Gen.38-39 & Mt.19

January 20th

Gen.40-41 & Mt.20

January 21st

Gen.42-43 & Mt.21

January 22nd

Gen.44-45 & Mt.22

January 23rd

Gen.46-47 & Mt.23

January 24th

Gen.48-50 & Mt.24

January 25th

Ex.1-2 & Mt.25

January 26th

Ex.3-4 & Mt.26

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0528 – **Being Extra Careful to Always Take Hold of God's Truth**

CD # 0535 – **The Key Ingredients for Being Loyal to Christ**

CD # 0534 – **Setting Our Sights on a Lifetime of Serving Christ**

CD # 0421 – **Reaffirming God's Word as Our Ultimate Authority**

CD # 0717 – **Boldly Following God's Path for My Life**

CD # 0621 - 0624 – **Almost a Christian** (a four-part series on Hebrews 6:4-12)

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

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Montgomery, John Warwick. **Damned Through the Church**. Dimension Books, 1970.

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Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.

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