

Endure To the End

Heb 12:14-29

1. Intro

1. Last week:
 1. Keep our eyes on Jesus
 2. Strip off the things that weigh us down. (pride, rebellion, jealousy, selfishness)
 3. Discipline comes for we are being trained for eternity (holiness)
2. Today we see endurance, a prepared place and judgment both past and future.

2. Endure

1. Don't be the instigator of rebellion (14)
 1. work at building good character
 2. To not see the Lord – feel ashamed (I John 4:17; xf: I Cor 3:12)
2. Cautioned about failing to receive the grace (II Peter 1:10)
 1. Root of bitterness – goes back to the weight that hinders us (v1)
 2. It was too late for Esau (Gen 25:27-34)
 1. He thought nothing about his inheritance
 2. Shows him blaming Jacob, not looking at his decision. He mourned his loss but not his sin. (Gen 27:36)
 3. A lesser blessing, but still of the family
 3. It is a mindset which takes little notice of anything beyond what is seen here.
 1. The grace will be missed if the material is valued more than the spiritual.
 2. Is not casual or unintentional, but deliberate.
 4. If we are unfit for His presence now, how will be fit for His visible glory?

3. A Prepared Place

1. God showed Israel that He was far greater than any god they had seen in Egypt (19-21)
 1. By thunder and lighting (Ex 20:18-19)
2. We come to a place that is prepared for us. (Rev 21:10)
 1. We are the firstborn; we have been justified
 2. We are connected to the righteous who are being perfected, as we will be (xf 11:40)
 3. We come to Jesus who can mediate a new covenant because of His shed blood
 1. His shed blood brings forgiveness; Abel's is waiting for judgment.

4. A Shaking

1. First at Mt. Sinai, then future. A separating
 1. God will use this form of testing and judgment
 2. It is this greater shaking from which there is no escape. (Isa 13:13)
 1. That shaking began with the preaching of Jesus.
 2. It will culminate in the great judgments described in Daniel and Revelation.
 1. The old earth and heaven will be replaced by the new heavens and the new earth.

3. The twentieth century has seen the crumbling of much which we once thought to be stable.
 1. Faith in human government has been widely shaken
 2. Our confidence in science as the savior of the race has waned
 3. Problems of environment, urban decay, increased warfare and personal despair.
 4. Long-accepted moral standards have disappeared under the onslaught of divorce, sexual immorality, homosexuality and abortion.
4. That which is shaken and removed is done in order that what cannot be shaken may stand revealed.
 1. Such an unshakable thing is the kingdom of God into which those who trust in Jesus have entered.
5. It is where your faith will be tested.
 1. Where do I put my trust?

5. Conclusion

1. Endure to the end.
2. We are the firstborn, along with Jesus
3. God will shake earth and heaven; put our trust in Him and not on the things around us.