

STUDY PAK 3

THE MESSAGE OF HEBREWS

“If the ambassadors of Christ proved their doctrine by the Scriptures of the Old Testament, much more should uninspired men prove what they teach _____.”

~ James Haldane, *An Exposition of the Epistle of the Hebrews*, p. 56. ~

I. THE SUBJECT OF THE BOOK IS _____ AND HIS ROLE

II. FALSE THEORIES OF THE MESSAGE OF HEBREWS

- A. Some teach that Hebrews was written _____. This is generally the view of _____.
- B. Some teach that the message of Hebrews is to warn professing believers that _____. This is generally the view of the _____.
- C. The proper view of the message of Hebrews is that it is a warning to believers of judgment in this life. It is a challenge _____.
1. The writer constantly identifies himself with the recipients of the book. Over two dozen times the author uses the term “_____”. He refers to “_____”, Hebrews 3:1, 4:14. See how many times the word “us” is in just Hebrews 10:19-25. See the use of the word “_____” in Hebrews 10:26.
 2. There is constant warning that Christians can lose _____. It is not grow _____. This has become a key issue in Bible translations.
 - a. See 1 Peter 2:2.
KJB - “_____”
NWT - “may grow unto salvation”
NASB - “grow in respect to salvation”
NIV - “you may grow up in your salvation”
AMP - “grow into completed salvation”
LB - “grow up into the fullness of your salvation”
ESV - “you may grow up into salvation”

The words “unto salvation” are based totally on the critical text.

b. See also 2 Corinthians 2:15.

KJB - “_____.”

NASB - “who are being saved”

NIV - “are being saved”

RSV - “are being saved”

ESV - “are being saved”

Goodspeed - “are being saved”

NWT - “are being saved”

c. See also 2 Corinthians 5:21.

KJB - “_____”

NASB - “might become”

NIV - “might become”

ESV - “might become”

NWT - “might become”

III. THE REAL ISSUE IN HEBREWS IS _____

A. Salvation by grace should be followed by growth and if not it will be followed by judgment. Works are not a part of the plan of salvation. Every passage in Hebrews should be seen through this prism or the book _____

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B. Systematic theology requires that a doctrine be in harmony with _____

_____.

IV. EXPLANATION BY M. R. DEHAAN

“The last word reward is the key which unlocks _____. It is not written to half-saved professors who are threatened with being lost after all. Instead it is written to believers who are saved and cannot be lost again, _____. The warning is to believers coming short of God’s best, _____

_____ at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

The Hebrews knew they had in heaven a better and more enduring substance.” (*Hebrews*, p. 19-20.)