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"BETTER THINGS CONCERNING YOU"

(Hebrews 5:11 - 6:12)

I can still hear my dad say to me, "Son, you know better than that."

These brethren have (5:11) "become dull of hearing" and (6:12) "become sluggish," and this text exhorts (6:9) "beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation."

1. (5:12) "BY THIS TIME ... " - these brethren were not increasing in knowledge.

"you ought to be teachers" - not 'stand and deliver,' but, speakers. (1 Peter 3:15)

"you have come to need milk and not solid food"

"unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe."

"solid food belongs to those ... who by reason of use ... discern both good and evil."

2. (6:1) "LET US GO ON TO PERFECTION" ("MATURITY")

"leaving the discussion of the elementary ... not laying again the foundation ... "

Not keep laying the foundation: rather, the foundation supports the structure.

"Leaving" does not mean abandon; but, "move beyond" or "go on" "build on."

3. (v6) "IF THEY FALL AWAY" ("HAVE FALLEN AWAY")

"They" - the Christians who have received abundant blessings: (v4-5) "those"

"who were once enlightened" - (Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 10:32)

"tasted the heavenly gift" - (Ephesians 1:3)

"have become partakers of the Holy Spirit" - (Ephesians 1:13-14; Acts 5:32)

"have tasted the good word of God" - (1 Peter 1:22-23)

"If they fall away" - you know "better" than that!

(v4) "It is impossible for those ... (6) "to renew them ... "

Reference to "those" who have tasted, and now have rejected, the sole means of their salvation. There is not a "Plan B" or new gospel or alternate route. The message "they" rejected is the only one I have to present to them.

(v6) "Since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put to an open shame." Note (Hebrews 10:28-29)

4. (v9 - 12) "WE ARE CONFIDENT OF BETTER THINGS CONCERNING YOU, YES, THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY SALVATION"

"your work and labor of love" - (2 Thessalonians 3:13)

"you have ministered to the saints, and do minister"

"we desire that each one of you show the same diligence ... until the end"

"do not become sluggish"

"imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promise"