



Lesson 31

Theme: Separating the Privileged in to Two Groups

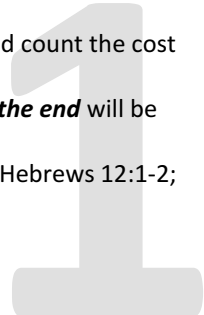
Scripture: Hebrews 6:7-8

Two Groups of Persons in Hebrews 6:1-6

- The different groups:
 - ① (Hebrews 6:1-3) Those who are going unto *the* perfection.
 - ② (Hebrews 6:4-6) Those who refuse to go unto *the* perfection.
- Both groups of Hebrews were **privileged**. See Romans 3:1-2; 9:1-5
- Both groups were enlightened under the same Gospel ministry, both had be partakers of the work of the Holy Spirit, both had made a profession. (See Matthew 7:21-23; Romans 10:9-10)
- YET, some were *determined, disciplined, and diligent* to go unto perfection while others refused and remained in *their* traditions. (Matthew 15:1-9)
- **BIG LESSON:** Those who are given much much is required. (Luke 12:48)
- (Matthew 25:14-30) God expects (demands) we use what He has given us for His own glory. See 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.
- (Hebrews 4:13) All men are accountable to God, their Creator.

Finishing Is More Important than Starting

- (Matthew 7:13-14) There is a **GATE** and a **WAY** that leads to life.
- (Matthew 13:18-23) Parable of the Sower, Soil, and Seed. **MANY** start out but **FEW** finish.
- (Luke 11:25-33) Christ warn the crowd, "Sit down and count the cost whether you are *have enough* to finish it."
- (Matthew 24:13; Mark 13:13) Those who endure to **the end** will be saved.
- (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) Those who enter a race (see Hebrews 12:1-2; Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7-8) **RUN**.
 - ★ Christians **RUN** in such a way to **WIN**.



- (Hebrews 6:11-12) Those who are diligent until the end inherit the promises.

FOR . . . (Hebrews 6:7)

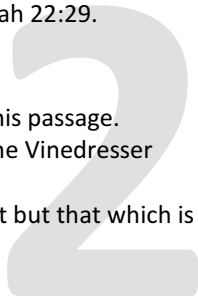
- This conjunction connects what has been spoken about in verses 1-6 to what follows in verses 6-7.

The Earth that Drinks in Rain (Hebrews 6:7)

- These Hebrews (who grew up with Old Testament Scripture) grew up learning that Israel was “God’s vineyard. Read carefully Isaiah 5:1-7. Then study the five WOE’s and the three THEREFORE’s.
 - Exodus 15:17; See Jeremiah 2:21; Psalm 80:8-16; Isaiah 60:21; 61:3
- Christ used horticulture illustrations throughout His teachings:
 - John 15:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; 20:1-8; 21:33-46; Mark 13:28-31; Luke 20:9-18; 21:29; Mark 12:1-12; etc.
- “rain” is liken to the doctrine, teaching, and the Word - see Deuteronomy 32:2; Ezekiel 21:2; Amos 7:16 (KJV); Isaiah 55:10-11.
- The illustration of rain:
 - Rain is something that man cannot manufacture; nor is the Word of human origin.
 - Rain comes down “heaven”; as the Word is a gift of God.
 - Rain causes vegetation to grow, and doctrine nourishes saints and causes them to be fruitful.
 - Rain causes seeds to come to life.
 - All rain comes from God (see Genesis 2:5 with 7:4) and He gives and withholds it as He pleases. (Jeremiah 5:24; 10:13; 14:22; Amos 4:7; Exodus 9:18; Leviticus 26:4; Deuteronomy 11:11-17; 28:12; 1 Samuel 12:17-18; 1 Kings 17:14; **Job 5:10**; 28:26; Psalm 65:9-11; 68:8-9; 147:8)
 - God is sovereign over the rain as He is sovereign over the sending out of His Word - see Acts 16:6-7.
 - The natural is a picture of the spiritual - Jeremiah 22:29.

Herbs, Thorns, Briers (Hebrews 6:7-8)

- These are pictures of the two groups of persons in this passage.
 - The first group (Hebrews 6:1-3) bear fruit for the Vinedresser and others.
 - The second group (Hebrews 6:4-6) bear no fruit but that which is profitless for the Vinedresser and others.
 - See Luke 8:4-8



- Both Old and New Testaments reveal a God who comes looking for fruit:
 - ☆ Isaiah 5:1-2
 - ☆ Matthew 25:19; **21:33-46**; Luke 20:9-18.
- “for those by whom it is cultivated receive blessings for God” - the elect of God sit under the preaching of God’s Word and apply it and receive blessings from God.
 - See 2 Peter 1:5-10; Luke 8:15. Also the wisdom of Proverbs 13:4; 15:19; 20:4; 24:30-32; Proverbs 2:1-5; 3:13-15
- “but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned”
 - Consider John 15:1-6;

Who Are We?

- Are we fruit bearers? Or bearers of thorns and briers?
- Are we profitable to our Vinedresser or we profitable for the fire?



