

Deaf Senior Adults Bible Class at Chestnut Assist Living—FALL 2019

December 4, 2019—Wednesday morning—10:00am—LESSON 11

“We really expect that you will do better”

Hebrew 6:9-10

Hebrews 6:9 KJV: “But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, thought we thus speak.”

Hebrews 6:9 The Living Bible: “Dear Friends, even though I am talking like this I really don’t believe that what I am saying applies to you. I am confident you are producing the good fruit that comes along with your salvation.”

The discussion of those verses: the _____ against ‘falling away’.

1. **PRECAUTION 1:** The _____ and _____ of people. (v. 9)

☞ The writer or your pastor called you ‘_____’.

- You were dear and ever so close to your pastor’s heart.
- Although it is not mentioned, your pastor was bound [take responsibility] to be praying for you not just daily, but all through the day. Your pastor loves you so much that you never left your pastor’s _____ or _____.

☞ The writer or your pastor expressed great _____ in you.

- “*we are persuaded better things of you*” means?
 - ‘we really _____ that you will do better’ or ‘we are fully _____ that there are more beautiful and excellent things’.
 - The word ‘*better things*’ means ‘more useful, more serviceable, more advantageous, more excellent’.
 - The word ‘*accompany*’ means ‘to be closely joined to a person’.
 - Your pastor has confidence in you or expect you to stand strongly in Christ and to hold one your _____ in Jesus.
 - Your pastor does not expect you to fall back in sin or to forsake Jesus Christ and back to the world.
 - Your pastor expect you to _____ the works of salvation.

📖 **1 Timothy 4:7-8 MSG** quote: “...Exercise daily in God no spiritual flabbiness, please! Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever.”

- **What a great confidence your pastor has in you.**

☞ **THOUGHT:** We must always remember two important things: when we fall away, we not only hurt ourselves, but we hurt and cut the heart of both _____ and all those who _____ us—we hurt and cut them to the core. Those who loves us could be ‘parents, brother or sister, spouse, children, or grandchildren, workers, friends, neighbors, church people, even pastor.’

- How can we keep from falling and hurting Christ and those who love and have confidence in us? By taking certain precautions, and the first precaution is this: look at the people who do love and have confidence in us. Look at them and...
 - **think** about how _____ and _____ will hurt them and cut their hearts.
 - **think** about how it will _____ their trust in us.
 - **think** about the _____ and _____.
 - **think** about how much better it is to _____ their love and fulfil their confidence in us.
 - **think** about how much better you pick one:
 - a) it is to do the works of salvation or b) to do the works of sin.
- ☞ Paul said, “What I have just written does not apply to YOU of whom I am persuaded or expect better things—**things** that automatically accompany salvation—”
 - a) **things** that we do to **BE** saved or b) **things** that we do because we **ARE** saved
 - ✓ Verse 9 gives proof positive and final that those referred to as falling away were:
 - a) truly born again or b) not truly born again
 - ✓ Those who were not born again called ‘bearers of thorns and briers’ are _____. (v. 8)
 - ‘*accompany salvation*’
 - Y N NS: Can sun and light be divorced one from another?
 - Y N NS: Can heat be divorced from fire?
 - Y N NS: Can faith be divorced from work?
- 🕯 **NOTICE THE KEY TO THIS VERSE 9:** The writer to you—believer is saying, “I am persuaded that you are to _____ for God, that you are not going to remain _____ in Christ but will _____.”
- ❖ The crop of God’s blessing pictured in Hebrews 6:7 is called ‘things that accompany salvation’ in verse 9.
 - Not every believer bears (to press on, to strive toward, to hold on) the same amount of fruit—some an 100%, some 60%, and some 30% (Matthew 13:23).
 - But every believer bears the _____ kind of fruit as proof that he is a _____ of God (Matthew 7:15-20).
 - This the fruit of Christian character and conduct (behavior/attitude) (Galatians 5:22-23) produced by the Holy Spirit as we _____ in Christ.
- ➔ **THE KEY TO REMIND YOU:** We need to learn to _____ them that love and care us. They watch us to mature in Christ. They keep us in their prayers daily.

Remember the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32