

Heb. 11

1. Faith - don't put down "Mr. Jones, who doesn't
cuss & is a man of the cloth" - he probably
is a man of faith!

2. Cain & Abel v. 16

3. World system run by Satan
We are called to be different
to contrast = world system
What kind of difference?

Jr. 13:35 - Better system
more converts, more 'lip!

No! - more LOVE for one
another

How do you know that God
doesn't exist? Not explained
lucidly. amoeba → frog → you
Explain: order, repeatable
patterns

Remember of those who seek Him
He wants a love relationship
= you. He will get to know you.

1. Read more slowly from Scripture

2. Heb. 5:14 - Discernment
Mk 10:17-21 -

3. Opposite = immaturity - insensitivity
" is not naive, or ignorance
It is spiritual

4. Way to discernment

(a) Bible is Tool - critical thinking mind
- not feeling

(b) Practice of applying knowledge
to life Rom. 10:2 Zeal out
knowledge

Examples - poor in the telling
ego judging by my own experience
too having → fitting mind who
doesn't care

Need to explain that love is
the basis for getting into that
hurting person's life

Case history - poor example of
discernment

Gentleness II Cor 5:14-17

God's def. of Love - Rom. 5

"I'll meet your needs at any personal expense"
it may not feel good -
discipline is also love.

God does promise that He'll give us the ability to love others in the same way He loves us - to meet others' needs at whatever expense to me Gal. 5:22

Heb. 12:15 - "root of bitterness" opp. of love

Eph. 4:30-32, 5:1-2

Way to remove bitterness:

1. Go to the Lord - ask Him to remove it
2. Action - of love towards the person to meet their needs at whatever expense
3. Confront & admit your own faults to ask for forgiveness with humility

Things absolutely determined	Things unknown	Things never determined
destination of History death of humans destiny of Satan prophesied events	sometimes are, sometimes not	individual's choice for or against salvation

Eph. 1:1

Isa 45:7

Jo. 15:16

Acts 13:48

Jo. 6:44

~~Jo. 6:44~~ Prov. 16:4

I Pet. 2:8

Rom. 9

Mt. 23:37

Lu. 7:30

Jo. 6:70

I Cor. 16:15

Jo. 40; 12:31

Rom. 8:29

I Pet. 1:12

Eph. 1:4

II Pet. 3:9

Limited Intervention

Fatalism

Random Choice

Animism

Atheistic
humanism

Eastern mysticism

Deterministic
Atheism

Existentialism

Islam

Deism
(liberal theology)

Judaism

Popular superstition

Calvinism

Arminian
Christian

Catholics

Verses against calvinism:

Gen. 21:12, 13, 17, 20 - Ishmael

Gen. 25:23 - Jacob & Esau

Mal. 1:2-4 Esau have I hated

Gen. 29:30, 31

Prov. 13:24

Luke 14:26

Imperatives for the Last Days

1. Your life may not last as long as you think

2. Polarization of mankind to one extreme or the other - either God or godlessness
Prophecy - a powerful tool to convince people for Christ

3. Traditional forms of Christianity not good enough for the days ahead - only the spiritually strong believers will survive. More depth, more understanding. Closer community among believers, need support one another

I Thess 5:1-3

3. "I've got things for you to do"
God hasn't given up on E. -
He's still God's man

4. There are 7000 more in
Israel just like you, E.
But I chose to ~~you~~ just
you alone.

5. God provided Elisha as
a close friend

We tend to love God's
Provisions for us ~~with~~ instead
of God - The Provider

"Nagging woman" - is Queen of Israel

1. Elijah lost his perspective
- that led him right out of God's Will
2. ^{Vulnerability} Elijah had just had a mt. top
experience - vulnerable to a big
fall - "Dream-like" state is enemy
to reality. There will be failures
Hard to find the balance between
cynic & dreamer
3. Self-pity - is a monster that
will claw you to death - to
suicide. Let God evaluate you
4. Left his servant - right
when he needed someone
5. Physically & emotionally wiped
out - your mind will have you
believing lies.

God ministers to Elijah:

1. Physical ^{form} 2. Then sleep
2. Come out of cave - watch
God's Power - then listen

④. Does Grace & eternal security produce
license? No! Why not?
make a clearer presentation of
the reason why people change
God promises to change us
from within. God's discipline
is one way He uses

Heb. 4

1. Too complicated to out a chart

(a) Christian → non-Christian

Jo. 10 contradicts, Rom. 8:38

(b) Christian → out of God's will

(c) non-Christian → non-Christian

Jo. 16, Rom. 1 use Jo. 1:9 - key verse

'taste' contrast c Jo. 7:37-38

'partaker' - weak word - associated c

Eph. 1:13 - 'sealed' - strong word

of eternal union - stamped

2. Lu. 8 - 4 soils - rocky soil = Heb. 6

3. Heb. 6:6 - blaspheming the H.S.

Freedom of choice - Why does God

give it? you do not have

the freedom to not choose -

a passive ignoring of God is a

decision against God (Heb. 10:26)

Enough rejections harden
the heart

God's Redemptive ability
Prodigal son - God heals, restores
but does not give another
inheritance

One freedom we don't have - the
freedom to not choose

C.S. Lewis - The choices

you make ~~every~~ to day
~~constant~~ build your
character tomorrow -

you cannot escape that
Biblical principle

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Gen. 25 Esau chose
Jacob

Esau
stew immediate
- physical
- temporary

Promise
- future
- spiritual
- eternal

Esau got what he wanted - stew
decisions made under stress, hardships
but we are responsible for our decisions
We want to make the decisions
but blame God for results & that
He will put it right
Will God hold me responsible for
my choices made in ignorance?

yes no need so urgent
1. There is no hunger so great
to throw out spiritual values
2. The decisions we make today
may very well affect us per-
manently - indiscriminately
destructive