

The Letter To The Hebrews Earnestly Love God and Serve Others Hebrews 6:9-12

Introduction

The author has just warned that it's possible to be a church-goer who falls so far from God that they never repent (vv.1-8).

But in v.9 the author says he's sure of better things concerning his readers.

What are the better things the author is sure of? (6:9)

He's just described people who fall away so far that God no longer enables them to repent.

So he must mean he's sure this won't happen to his readers; he's sure God will enable them to repent.

How can he know God will enable his readers to repent? (6:10)

Because in the past they lived in a way that showed God has truly saved them.

And because when God saves someone he promises to keep that saved person repenting to the end.

This would have brought them great relief.

What does he call them to do? (6:11)

He calls them to be earnest and not sluggish — regarding love for God's name and serving their brothers and sisters.

As we do this we will gain full of assurance of hope until the end.

How can we become earnest and overcome sluggishness?

By imitating those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Faith means turning to Jesus as we are, confessing our sluggishness, asking for the work of the Spirit to change our hearts, and setting our hearts on the truth of God's word until earnest love for God and passion to serve others returns.

Patience means not giving up — so we keep turning by faith to Jesus again and again and again.

When we do that we will earnestly love God and passionately serve others.



