The Letter To The Hebrews Your Promised Eternal Inheritance Hebrews 9:15-28

Introduction

Hebrews 11 shows that an essential part of living by faith is looking to God's reward (vv.6,26).

Hebrews 9 shows us what that reward is — and how we can be sure we will receive it.

What is the promised eternal inheritance? (15)

It's promised (by God), is eternal (lasts forever and ever and ever), and is an inheritance (something very valuable which we will receive in the future).

But still, what is it? Throughout the Bible we are told that our reward is God Himself — seeing Him, knowing Him, worshiping Him. And that's what Hebrews shows us in 12:14.

But we have sinned and do not deserve this inheritance. So this raises a crucial question —

How can we be certain we will receive this inheritance?

The author of Hebrews gives us five reasons —

First, because Jesus' death redeems you from your transgressions (15).

Second, because Jesus' death enacted the New Covenant (16-17).

Third, because Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant picture of how sin must be purified through shed blood (18-23).

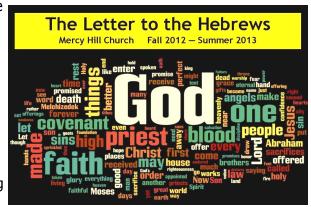
Fourth, because Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant picture of how we can only come to God through a perfect priest (24-26).

Fifth, because Christ frees us from judgment so we can eagerly await his return (27-28).

What does this mean for us?

The truth of our inheritance will transform us.

When you face problems, temptations, and challenges, remind yourself that you are going to receive the promised eternal inheritance of beholding God forever — and see how that changes you.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

Are you comfortable with the idea of doing what Moses did — looking to the reward? Why or why not?

Do you agree that the reward — the inheritance — is God Himself? That it's seeing Him, knowing Him, worshiping Him? Why or why not?

How often do you think about the promised eternal inheritance? What keeps us from thinking about it more often?

How certain are you that you will receive the promised eternal inheritance? Did Hebrews 9 make you more certain? Why or why not?

What happened this week when you reminded yourself that you were going to receive the promised eternal inheritance? How did that change you?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

