

The Book of Hebrews

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we study the fifth section of **Hebrews** – **5:11-6:20** – in which the writer warns against falling away and encourages his readers to go on to maturity. This section can be divided into three subsections.

Read Hebrews 5:11-6:3

- What is it that the writer has much to say about? (**5:10-11**).
- In what way are his readers slow to learn? (**5:11-12**).
- How does the writer describe someone still on spiritual milk? (**5:13**).
- What is solid food for? (**5:14**).
- What did the writer encourage his readers to leave and what did he encourage them to move on to? (**6:1-3**).

Read Hebrews 6:4-12

- What are the conditions required before it can be said that a person is beyond repentance? (**6:4-6**).
- What illustration does the writer use to describe those who in full knowledge of God's glory fall away? (**6:7-8**).
- What was the writer confident of for his readers? (**6:9**).
- How is God not unjust? (**6:10**).
- How did the writer encourage his readers to make their hope sure? (**6:11**).
- Who did the writer want his readers to imitate? (**6:12**).

Read Hebrews 6:13-20

- When God made his promise to Abraham, how did he swear? (**6:13**).
- When did Abraham receive what was promised? (**6:15**).
- Why did God confirm his promise with an oath? (**6:16-17**).
- How does the writer describe the hope that we have? (**6:19**).
- Where does this "anchor for the soul" link us to? (**6:19**).
- What is the priestly order to which Jesus now belongs? (**6:20**).

Memory Verse

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf...”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!