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Hebrews 4:11-13

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we consider the closing points the inspired writer makes in Chp.4, which were intended to encourage the early Christians to persevere in the faith...unto the end!

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?

v.11 – An exhortation stated

vv.12-13 First Encouragement to Perseverance - (Nature of God and His word)

vv.14-16 Second Encouragement - (The ministry of our great high priest, Jesus)

I. v.11 An Exhortation stated

A. Passive Christianity has no place in the life of the Pilgrim.

1. ‘unbelief’ ἀπειθεία - ap-i'-thi-ah = ‘to remain in ‘obstinate opposition to the divine will’.

Eph.5:6 “Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things (sensuality, idolatry, greed, crude joking) cometh the wrath of God upon the children of **disobedience** (ἀπειθεία - ap-i'-thi-ah).”

What makes the difference between ‘passive Christianity’ and ‘engaged Christianity’ (a) By Sovereign Grace, the E.C. has been persuaded (given faith) to believe the gospel promises made by God, ‘who hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son’ (1:2)...and
(b) By Preserving Grace, the E.C. is convinced that while they stand completely justified before God only because of the sufferings and death of Jesus, they as liberated sinners ‘use not their new liberty for an occasion to the flesh...but rather by love to serve one another.’ and from what we learned in 3:13 this can only be properly demonstrated in a local church context.

II. vv.12-13 First Encouragement to Perseverance (Nature of God and His word)

(A) The discerning nature of God's Word. (B) The Omniscient Nature of God.

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Rom.5:14 "...for where no law is, there is no transgression (sin)."

Again, in **Rom.7:7** "...I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

1. Descriptive- Quick, Alive, Living

1 Pet.1:23 "...the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

2. Descriptive – Powerful, Energetic, Active, Effectual

Isa.55:11 "...my word...that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

3. Descriptive and also functionality of God's Word – Sharpness & Piercing & Dividing & Discerner

(B) The Omniscient Nature of God.

III. Second Encouragement - (The ministry of our great high priest, Jesus)

> v.14 – answers for us who the subject is in v.10

(a) **v.14** He is awaiting our arrival.

(b) **v.15** He is sympathetic to our weariness and obstacles

(c) **v.16** He invites us to His throne of sustaining and continual mercy and grace.

CLOSING THOUGHTS AND APPLICATION: