

LESSONS FROM HEBREWS ON BELIEF AND UNBELIEF

1. Lessons from unbelief (as per the wilderness generation).
 - A. Unbelief causes one to come up short, to be behind. Hebrews 4:1. Note the present active infinitive of HUSTEREO.
 - B. Unbelief causes the Word of God to do the believer no good. Hebrews 4:2. The believer must mix positive volition with the Word of God to have it dwell in one richly. Note that the word OPHELEO is used with the negative OUK.
 - C. Unbelief makes for unrest: Constant pursuit of happiness, reality, even though insecure. The idea is you are never fulfilled, never finished, never able to call it day, you are a day late and a dollar short. Hebrews 4:3-4.

God, in positive volition, had activity—when it was completed it was completed. Christ had activity—when it was completed it was completed. Nothing was left undone. Positive volition gives satisfaction and is pleasing, and you fulfill your niche.
 - D. Unbelief is unteachable. One becomes disobedient because they do not listen to the Word of God, or heed its statements. Not only that, UNBELIEF CAUSES FAILURE! Hebrews 4:5-6.
 - E. Unbelief causes a dried out soul. Note the Greek word SKERUNO. It is the word for dying of thirst, or starvation. Unbelief causes starvation of the immaterial part of man, the soul. Hebrews 4:7. The conclusion of the passage is found in 4:8-9.
2. Lessons from belief (belief always has an object—the Word), Hebrews 4:10 ff.
 - A. Belief (key word REST) causes one to cease from his own brand of human good works, Hebrews 4:10.
 - B. Belief (key word DILIGENCE) is characterized by diligence (aorist active subjunctive of SPOUDAZO). It means to hasten to do a thing, to exert one's self, to endeavor, to study, to be zealous, to be motivated, Hebrews 4:11.
 - C. Belief/positive volition, (key word DISCERNMENT) is characterized by knowing doctrine. The Word is living, active, sharper, piercing, and

discerning. Hebrews 4:12.

- D. Belief/positive volition (key word INSPECTION) is characterized by allowing the Lord to inspect our speech, by throwing us back (the head) and letting the throat be exposed (perfect passive participle of TRACHELIZE). Hebrews 4:13. His Word inspects our speech.
- E. Belief/positive volition (key word TESTIMONY, HOMOLOGIA) holds, grips, grasps the testimony. It gives that needed CONSISTENT testimony, Hebrews 4:14.
- F. Belief/positive volition (key words PASSING TESTS) is characterized by passing tests, resisting temptations—even as Christ did. Hebrews 4:15 (see also Matthew 4).
- G. Belief/positive volition (key words BOLDNESS and ACCESS) is characterized by the exercise of your high priest in prayer. Hebrews 4:16.
- H. Belief/positive volition (key words LEARNING OBEDIENCE) is characterized by learning obedience through suffering (undeserved suffering in the case of the Lord Jesus Christ). Hebrews 5:8-9.
- I. Belief/positive volition (key word DESIGNATION) is characterized by being designated a believer priest after the order of Christ's designation (Melchizedek). Hebrews 5:10.
- J. Belief/positive volition (key word MATURITY) is characterized by going on to maturity. Hebrews 5:11-14.
- K. Belief/positive volition (key word ENDURANCE) has the endurance to take you all the way to dying grace. Hebrews 6:10-11, 15, 19, 20. Obedience deals with anything in life on earth.
- L. Belief/positive volition (key words TO THE ENTIRETY) will also take you to “the entirety”, that is, SOZEIN EIS TO PANTELES. It will take you through to the eternal state, past the judgment seat of Christ, with flying colors, Hebrews 7:25.
- M. Belief/positive volition (key word INCREASES) to the last dispensation. Hebrews 8:11 gives the tremendous increase of positive volition in the Millennium. Compare the belief in the dispensation of the Gentiles, Law and Church Age.

- N. Belief/positive volition (key word WILL) is inseparably tied to the FULLY REVEALED WILL of God. Hebrews 10:7, 9. Jesus Christ came to do the will of God and HE DID IT! Check also Isaiah 6.
- O. Belief/positive volition (key word is CONFIDENCE or HOPE) is a confidence builder, giving full assurance of faith (belief) until both the immaterial and material part of the believer glorifies and pleases the Godhead. Hebrews 10:19-24, 35. Your positive volition is your confidence.
- P. Belief/positive volition (key words GATHER TOGETHER) desires to assemble and does so with increasing frequency as full apostasy (or 5th cycle of discipline) approaches.
- Q. Belief/positive volition (key word VENGEANCE) leaves vengeance (striking back) into the hands of the Lord. You may be hurt, or suffering loss, but the Lord makes it up. Hebrews 10:30, 34.
- R. Belief/positive volition (key word PATIENCE) supplies the patience that the believer needs to hang around long enough to benefit from the Lord's promises. God always does what He has said He will do. ALWAYS! Hebrews 10:36.