

Partakers vs. Provokers

Hebrews 3 Overview

Lesson #10

Aim: Cause audience to resolve to live in a manner worthy of their heavenly calling. Heb. 3:1
(Eph. 4:1; Phil. 1:27; Col. 1:10; 2 Thess. 1:11; 2 Pt. 1:10)

Step #1: Relationship evaluation

- a. To Jesus
- b. With Self
- c. Towards others

Step #2: Repent of exposed sin

Step #3: Resolve to live as a partaker and not a provoker

STEP #1—RELATIONSHIP EVALUATION (To Jesus, with self, to others)

Define “consider”: A. W. Pink—*thoroughly ponder who and what He is; to attentively weigh His dignity, His excellency, His authority; to think of what is due Him. To behold Him, not simply by a passing glance or giving to Him an occasional thought, but by the heart being fully occupied with Him.*

How do we truly “consider” Jesus?

1. **Right knowledge**—Hosea 4:6; 1 John 5:13
2. **Right mind**—Col. 3:2; 2 Cor. 10:5
3. **Right heart**—Ps. 86:11; Gal. 2:20
4. **Right will/discipline**—1 Cor. 9:24-27
5. **Right priorities**—Eph. 5:15-17; Mt. 6:19-20, 33

I. Consider the excellencies of Christ. Hebrews 3:1-6

A. Review (Hebrews 1 & 2)

1. Superior to the Prophets
2. Superior to Angels
3. Sharer in Humanity (God-man)

B. Hebrews 3:1-6

1. The Apostle
2. The High Priest of our confession
3. Superior to Moses as Son

II. Consider the estate of your heart. Hebrews 3:7-12

III. Consider the encouragement of others. Hebrews 3:13-19

The Practice of Encouragement per Pastor Kyle Sanderson; Faith Bible Church, Salina, KS.

- a. Ask good questions and listen. **Prov. 20:5**
Draw people out; show interest in each other; gain a better understanding.
- b. Communicate God’s character; have a robust understanding of God
- c. Refresh people in the Gospel. Security is found in perfection of Jesus, not their performance
- d. Remind people of their eternal home (right focus)
- e. Pray right then and there, with and for them
- f. Dispense words of grace freely; recognize God at work in people
- g. Use Scripture frequently.

STEP #2—REPENTANCE

a. Evaluate if you are a partaker or a provoker (The proof is in the practice!!!)

Partaker

Provoker

b. Repent (turn from) any sin revealed. Psalm 51; 2 Cor. 7:10

STEP #3—RESOLUTION

What will I do to remain faithful to the end?

Jonathan Edwards (Puritan revivalist preacher from the 1700's)

#7—Resolved, never to do anything, which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life

#17—Resolved that I will live so as I shall wish I had done when I come to die

Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat Him, by His grace, to enable me to keep these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake.

Dr. Jack Hughes—Whatever your new year's resolutions might be, remember that we grow in godliness by grace, by trusting God, through the Holy Spirit and the Word, not by the flesh or personal resolve.

Zech. 4:6—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

My Goal is God Himself

By: Frances Brook

My goal is God Himself, not joy, nor peace,
Nor even blessing, but Himself, my God;
Tis His to lead me there—not mine, but His
At any cost, dear Lord, by any road.

So faith bounds forward to its goal in God,
And love can trust her Lord to lead her there;
Upheld by Him, my soul is following hard
Till God hath full fulfilled my deepest prayer.

No matter if the way be sometimes dark,
No matter though the cost be oft-times great,
He knoweth how I best shall reach the mark,
The way that leads to Him must needs be strait.

One thing I know, I cannot say Him nay;
One thing I do, I press towards my Lord;
My God my glory here, from day to day,
And in the glory there my great Reward.