Hebrews - Commentaries by Paul J. Pascoe

CareLines: Volume 2, Service

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HEB 10:24

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.

Heb. 10:24

Here's a way you can serve the Lord - encourage others to show love and do good works. Of course, if you practice love and good works yourself, others will probably copy you. We spend so much time these days doing our own thing and loving ourselves that we forget that true service is in loving and doing good to others. Service is a great privilege. Don't pass up the opportunity of a lifetime.

CareLines: Volume 2, Service: HEB 10:36

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Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Heb. 10:36

The promise is coming, young believer. Never doubt it! It is coming - and soon! Sure we get impatient waiting for the Lord to come, but He will come. And when He does then we will be rewarded for service done for Him. Doing the will of God is a choice in this life. Sometimes we may never see any result from our labor. Don't quit working though. You will get a reward when Jesus comes. Keep looking up! Keep serving - doing the will of God.

CareLines: Volume 3, Meeting Together

HEB 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Heb. 10:25

There are some who neglect the meetings of their local assembly because they feel that they can learn more by studying at home. There may be much in the ministers or the ministry that may be discouraging - and we can expect it to get weaker as we draw nearer to the end. You may be able to learn more at home. But you won't be able to minister it to others. While you are feeding yourself, your empty chair at meeting will probably add to the discouragement of others who are struggling too. You DO make a difference. Be an encourager. Be there!

CareLines: Volume 3, Never Remembered

HEB 10:17

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Heb. 10:17

What a great thing it is to know that God has completely erased His memory of our sins forever. As soon as we accept Jesus as our Saviour our sins are gone. God cannot accuse us of any of them. Why? Because Jesus paid the price for them at Calvary. They were all laid on Him. And now they are not only forgiven but they will never be remembered again. The cost of our salvation will always be remembered, but not our sins. What peace!

CareLines: Volume 3, Law, The

HEB 10:1

For the law . . . can never . . . make the comers thereunto perfect.

Heb. 10:1

The law, as given to the Jews, was not able to satisfy God's requirements for sin. Only the death of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary and His shed blood could erase the incredible debt that we owed God. The law was good - if used properly - but it couldn't save a soul for eternity. Only faith in Christ can do that. Do you believe in Him?

CareLines: Volume 7, Nearness

Let us draw near . . . in full assurance of faith.

Hebrews 10:22

A cleansed heart brings inner peace that cannot be gained from anything else. Here is a call to come near to God, knowing that we are clean from every stain of sin. Therefore we have the complete assurance that God will not strike us dead or turn us away, but rather He will welcome our presence and enjoy our time with Him.

CareLines: Volume 7, Endurance

[Moses] endured, as seeing Him who is invisible.

Hebrews 11:27

It's impossible to see something that's invisible- we all know that. But the Lord was so real to Moses that it seemed to Moses that he could see Him. And that's what gave Moses the courage, stamina and endurance that he needed to do God's work. How real is the Lord to us? He is with us each day, encouraging us along the way to carry on even though the way is rough. May we be able to say, as the Apostle Paul did, "We see Jesus."

CareLines: Volume 7, Fear?

By faith [Moses] forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king.

Hebrews 11:27

But you say that in this story in Exodus, Moses ran away because Pharaoh was angry. That's true - on the outward appearance. But God looks at the heart. And what appears to us to be fear was to God a determination by Moses to set the people of Israel free from bondage. It's just that Moses wasn't ready yet; he still had 40 years of schooling to go through. Moses rejected his 40-year degree in Egyptian politics and science to spend another 40 years in God's school preparing for God's work, at God's time. Faith overcomes great obstacles.

CareLines: Volume 2, Service

HEB 12:28

Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Heb. 12:28

Acceptable service is doing God's work God's way. To dream up your own work and then say that you're working for the Lord is not the Lord's work at all. Spend time in prayer asking the Lord what He wants you to do for Him. It may not be what you expected - but you'll get a reward for it if it's done in reverence and godly fear.

EXAMPLE

Be thou an example of the believers . . . in purity.

1 Tim. 4:12

BEWARE young Christian! God EXPECTS you to be pure! Turn away from everything that is immoral, impure, indecent. Keep yourself pure.

CareLines: Volume 3, Peace

OCTOBER 29

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Hebrews 12:14

Peace is something little realized in this world. There are wars somewhere all the time. People are very discontented. There are always demonstrations and protest marches of one kind or another. But God wants us to follow peace. The only possible way to accomplish that is by following Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace. His way is the way of peace. Let us try, if at all possible, to be at peace with all men.

CareLines: Volume 2, Service

HEB 13:20-21

Now the God of peace . . . make you perfect in every good work to do His will.

Heb. 13:20, 21

Service for the Lord has to be in accordance with His will. There are many good works that we can do that will bring praise of men to ourselves. There are many good works that we can do according to what we think best and according to our likes. Those are more for ourselves than for the Lord. His work may go unnoticed by others. But whether noticed or not, we should always want to do His will. Nothing will bring a reward unless we have done His will. Is His will our will too?

CareLines: Volume 7, Content

Be content with such things as ye have.

Hebrews 13:5

Contentment is hard to achieve when all around us there is the spirit of discontent. You can always find those who are discontented - with the government, their wages, their house, their car. Even Christians get caught up in it and we get discontented with things too. But God would have us be content with what He has given us. His continual promise to us is, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” In good times and bad, God is with us. Let’s try to learn, as the Apostle did, to be content.

CareLines: Volume 2, Temptation

HEB 2:18

For, in that Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to help those that are being tempted.

Heb. 2:18 J.N.D.

Jesus was tempted - on and off - for 40 days and 40 nights. At the end, when He was naturally very weak and hungry, Satan laid three heavy temptations on Him. So Jesus knows just how to help us when we’re tempted. Jesus knows that Satan attacks when we’re down, alone, and “hungry”. That way we can’t resist very well. Let’s fight him off by enjoying the Lord in our heart every day, walking with Him every step, and feeding on Him in daily Bible reading and prayer. Don’t forget - only Jesus can give you the strength to overcome in the temptation.

CareLines: Volume 3, Unbelief

HEB 3:19

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Heb. 3:19

Today’s verse is in complete contrast to yesterday’s. “They” in our verse were some of Caleb’s friends, some of his relatives. He got into Canaan - they didn’t. The difference? Caleb believed that God was able to help them in their land. These people in our verse did not believe. So they didn’t get in. And so today those who simply believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour will get into heaven. Those who do not believe will not get in. Are you a believer?

CareLines: Volume 3, God’s Ways

HEB 3:10

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known My ways.

Heb. 3:10

God was greatly grieved with His people because they did not know His ways. He had delivered them from Pharaoh and the slavery of Egypt; He had provided food and water for them in the desert; and He had given them the evidence of His presence in the pillar of cloud and the

pillar of fire. God expected His people to look back and thank Him for the past and trust Him for the future, yet at every new event they seemed to think that God had forsaken them. Let us remember that the ways of God toward His people are always for their good. He delights to bless and is delighted when we have confidence in Him.

CareLines: Volume 3, Unbelief

JULY 31

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief.

Hebrews 3:12

The Israelites didn't believe that God had their good at heart. And so everyone who left Egypt (except for two) never made it to Canaan. God made them wander in the desert for 40 years until the original generation had died. This is the message to the New Testament Hebrews, and to each one of us who have been influenced by the gospel. Do we really believe the gospel? If not, we'll die in the wilderness and never make it to the promised land.

CareLines: Volume 2, Help Hotline, The

HEB 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb. 4:16

D'you need help? Have things got so bad that you don't know where to go or what to do? Come to JESUS. He's waiting to help. You say, "But I've done so many wrong things." That's alright. Tell the Lord you're sorry and ask Him to help you out of your trouble. In our verse today we see MERCY and GRACE. Because of these we can come to the Lord BOLDLY. Don't be afraid. Bring your troubles to Jesus. He's the only real HELP HOTLINE that there is.

CareLines: Volume 2, God Sees

HEB 4:13

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Heb. 4:13

A missionary in China read Romans 1 to a large audience. When he had finished his reading, giving emphasis to the last twelve verses, a Chinaman came to him quite upset, and stated that it was quite unfair for this foreign devil (as they refer to missionaries) to come to their land and find out all their secret sins, and then write them down in a book, and read them out in public that way!

CareLines: Volume 3, Dependence

MAY 14

When He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears . . . was heard.

Hebrews 5:7

This verse is about the Lord. He prayed with great emotion and intensity . . . and He was heard. As a man He utterly cast Himself on God to help Him in His great time of need. What a lesson for us! How often we try to work our own way out of a situation without asking the Lord for help. Let's be totally dependent on Him for everything.

CareLines: Volume 3, Obedience

SEPTEMBER 30

Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.

Hebrews 5:8

When the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, became a man, He learned what obedience was and what it cost. It cost Him rejection by His own people; an unjust trial in which He was condemned to death; the forsaking of God while He was punished for our sins on the cross. And knowing ahead of time what it would cost Him, He was still willing to be the sin-bearer. He really did learn the cost of obedience.

CareLines: Volume 2, Service

HEB 6:10

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His name.

Heb. 6:10

What was this service that God would not forget? Ministering to (or caring for) the saints. Yes, God places high marks on service to other Christians. We sometimes think that service involves working for those in the world who need our help. But saints need help and encouragement too. There are many young people who are hurting and lonely and don’t know what to do or where to turn. You can help them. You can be a friend to them. You can listen to their hurts and pray with them. A true child of God will appreciate someone praying with and for them. Serve God today by serving the saints.

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