

DISCUSSION IDEAS  
**YOU WON'T MAKE IT ON MILK**

Hebrews 5:11–6:12

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Today involves concepts of:

- ❖ **CONTEXT:** What does context have to do with understanding the specific words of Scripture?
- ❖ **WORD MEANINGS:** Is a specific word in the Bible always intended to have the same meaning?

Be aware of these as we discuss the passage today.

◆ **DISCUSSION POINT ONE: THE SETTING.**

Today's passage involves a serious warning.

What situation led to the Preacher writing this passage? (Refer the message text from Sunday if you need to.)

Who was he writing to?

What was their situation?

What were some of these Believers being tempted to do?

◆ **DISCUSSION POINT TWO: WHAT IS "WRONG" WITH MILK?.**

Read Heb. 11:5-14.

What would be the issue of **ONLY** teaching the basics of the Gospel?

Compare that to **ONLY** studying the "A-B-Cs" throughout your entire school experience.

What does verse 11 say about their ability to understand what was being taught by the Preacher?

Why would it have been important to go beyond the "basics".

How important to you is the High Priesthood of Jesus? Consider Heb. 4:14 and Chapters 5 through 10.

What does Jesus' High Priesthood make possible for you?

So what does 6:1-3 recommend to us?

◆ **DISCUSSION POINT THREE: "IF GOD PERMITS"**

Heb. 6:3 uses the phrase "If God permits."

Look at verses 4-8 to see what that is all about.

Here we go about **CONTEXT** and word meanings:

Who are the recipients of this message? Believers or non-believers?

Who is being addressed in 3:1? How about 3:12? Look at 4:14-16.

So, continuing the context, who are the readers spoken to in 5:11?

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Remember that in 3:14, we believers are partners with Christ, IF ...something. What is that something?

Are there consequences for obeying or for willfully disobeying God? Look at Matt. 25:14-30.

What about 1 Corinthians 3:10-15? Compare v 15 to Matt. 25:30.

Look at 2 Cor. 5:10. Is the purification Judgment Seat of Christ only about positive rewards? (Remember, this judgment takes place in Heaven. We who appear before this Judgment Seat are already eternally saved.)

Compare all this to Heb. 6:7-8. Here we apply the understanding that a reference to being burned up does NOT automatically refer to Hell.

So, "IF GOD PERMITS"! This is a scary thought.

Re-read Heb. 6:4-8. This is about a serious consequence.

What condition is described here? Remember what "fallen away", in this context, means.

To fall away does not refer to "sin" in general nor does it refer to "backsliding". Falling away refers to recanting one's confession of faith in Jesus as Messiah and (in this context) returning to Judaism.

So what are the stated consequences in this life of a Believer turning around and rejecting Jesus as Savior?

Is it any of our business to judge another about this?

What is the warning intended to accomplish?

♦ **INHERITED PROMISES:**

In Heb. 6:9-12, what is God's loving encouragement?

What do we have "full assurance of" in vv. 11 and 12?

Regarding our certainty of eternal salvation, compare Colossians 2:13-15 and Heb. 10:11-14.

FINALLY: Is our relationship with God Dynamic or Static?

Can we just be spiritual "couch potatoes" without losing something?

Think about whether or not Spiritual Maturity something to achieve, and just put on the shelf as a trophy.

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