

### **Background Information**

The believers were in danger of becoming prey to false teachers and their doctrines. A stern warning precedes encouragement. The church had to get past the basics, to spiritual maturity, or they would fall away. The author warns the readers that they are immature in their faith craving to be hand fed milk like a baby. Instead of acquiescing, to their infantile appetites; he challenges them to grow-up in their faith by digging diligently into the Word and growing in righteousness.

Basics are foundational but you do not keep learning the basics, you build on them. True believers must go on to maturity and God has made it possible for us to do so. If we start to drift from the Word then we will begin to doubt the Word. Before long, we will become dull toward the Word and become lazy. Jesus, our High Priest is ever-waiting for us to come to Him to access His Power. The best way to keep from drifting is - to lay hold of the anchor, Jesus Christ!

The lesson is clear: You have laid the foundation. You know your ABCs. Now move forward! Let's grow-up!

## LOOKING FOR GOLD - WHAT DOES IT SAY?



The first step in mining for gold is getting the lay of the land. **Carefully observe the text** looking to see where you might dig to find hidden treasure. **Mark your text** looking for repeated words, contrasts or similarities. Look for answers to, Who? What? When? Where? Why or How?

*Setting the scene:* You may want to begin your reading with *Is. 5:1-7, Pr. 12:24, Pr. 15:19, Prov 25:28, Rom. 11:16-25*

### Hebrews 6:1-8

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

### Digging Deeper



Dig deeper using other resources such as a dictionary, concordance, maps & cross-references. Notate where you found it to share with the group. Look for commands to obey or questions to be answered. What does God want you to know about Himself?

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**Hebrews 6:9-12**

9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. 10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.




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**Hebrews 6:13-20**

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute. 17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



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## BOILING IT DOWN – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



What **lesson** can I draw from my observations?

State each lesson in a simple sentence (aim for 10 words or less).

Hebrews 6:1–8

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Hebrews 6:9-12

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Hebrews 6:13-20

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## REFINED AS GOLD – HOW CAN I APPLY IT?

How should it change me? Ask yourself, “What **course of action** do I need to take to apply each lesson?” (aim for 10 words or less)

Hebrews 6:1–8

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Hebrews 6:9-12

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Hebrews 6:13–20

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**CHALLENGE:** Use cross-references to find correlating scripture that backs up a main point of the chapter. Summarize your findings in your own words.

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### STORING UP YOUR TREASURE . . .

**FOR DISCUSSION:**

What is our hope?

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What is our hope built on? v.13-18

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What words or phrases are repeated? Repeated words help us discover the main point.

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**CHECKING FOR CLARITY:** See if you can boil down the meaning of **each section** into one or two words. This helps you fully understand what the author is trying to convey. (It's fun to alliterate if you want to try) Did you catch the vision?

Hebrews 6:1-8 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 6:9-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 6:13-20 \_\_\_\_\_

**BARS OF GOLD:** State the main **point** of the passage in the form of a title.

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**FLEX YOUR MUSCLES:** Can you discover an O.T. example of this N.T. truth?

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## HIDE YOUR TREASURE IN YOUR HEART

We desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:11-12

Radiating His Truth . . .

It is normal for Christians to grow; it is abnormal for them to have arrested growth.

Warren Wiersbe

