

“Born to Imitate”

Portrait of Our Perfect High Priest

*Hebrews 6:9-12
part 21*

INTRODUCTION

- one church...two kinds of people

Mt. 13:24-26, 37-39

- one letter...two different audience members

1. The reassurance (6:9-10)

- a different tone

+ the manner of address: “beloved”

+ the content of address: “better things”

- part of which audience?

2 Cor. 13:5

examination #1...do you have faith?

examination #2...do you have the fruit of faith?

“Pursuing the standard of perfection does not mean we can never fail. It means that when we fail we deal with it. Those with true faith will fail—and in some cases, fail pathetically and frequently—but a genuine believer will, as a pattern of life, be confessing sin and coming to the Father for forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9). Perfection is the standard; direction is the test.”
— John MacArthur

+ fruit God looks for:

2. The recommitment (6:11-12)

- not “sluggish” but “diligent”

- diligence to pursue “the full assurance of [the] hope”

- diligence to “imitate” the faith of others more mature

Heb. 13:7

CONCLUSION