

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: THE DANGER OF DULLNESS

Main Text: Heb 6:3-6:9

Sermon Description: What is the danger of refusing to heed the Kingdom call to violence found in Mat 11:12? Hebrews 6 answers the question with frightening clarity. Last week's message reminded us of a reality of the Christian life... It involves an obedient application of force necessary to overcome obstacles between us and our calling in Christ (mortify sin, sell all we have, take up our cross, endure the disowning of family, dragged before courts, martyrdom, mockery, crucifying the flesh, disciplines of sanctification). This section opens and closes identifying a red flag with the same Greek word translated as: 'dull of hearing' in 5:11, and as: 'sluggish' in 6:12. 'Nothos' connotes the following adjectives: blunt, dull, sluggish, remiss, slack, lazy, listless, inert, lackadaisical. The danger of this kind of dullness is emphasized again by way of warning in Hebrews 6 in three ways signaled by three conjunctions... ('for' 6:4, 'since' 6:6, 'for' 6:7). May we pay heed today!

Heading: THE SEVERITY OF APOSTACY AMPLIFIED BY...

1. THE OBLIGATION OF REVELATION (Heb 6:4-5)

- a. Context and parallels
- b. Effect: jolted or jaded (2:1-3, 3:13,4:1)
- c. Faith or fancy (4:2,6:12)

2. THE GREAT DIVIDE OF CALVARY (6)

- a. Witness of Christ's blood (Ps 9:11-12, Is 26:21)
- b. Who 'they' aren't (7:25,10:14)
- c. Who they are (3:7-11)

3. THE PLANTING PARABLES (7-8)

- a. Corresponding application
- b. Gospel parallels (Mt 13,21)
- c. Association and regeneration

Close: As Heb 6 employs the term: 'taste'... let us realize the great privilege of symbolically tasting the heavenly gift again together in communion today. Does the Lord's table leave us jolted or jaded this morning?

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Violence & Kingdom	Revelation obligation	True repentance	The cross to us	Plantings	Parallels
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Mt 11:7-12	Heb 6:1-5	II Cor 7:9-11	Heb 6:6, 7:25-27	Heb 6:7-10	Mt 21:33-45

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Further Study' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 53 & baptism service...