

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

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Title: MEDICINES FOR THE CHURCH

Main Text: Hebrews 10:26-39

Sermon Description: How often do any of us sit down with physical pen and paper to compose a letter and actually send it to someone? In spite of our modern conveniences, this activity is relatively uncommon these days. Imagine a different era of history where paper was extremely expensive, there was no postal service other than your two legs or those of a trusted comrade willing to risk life and limb to deliver your message, the content of your letter could incriminate you, the message you had to deliver contained stern rebukes for the readers, and travel time and dangers increased exponentially over any significant distance. Given all of these hardships, the content of a first century letter could be significant indeed. In the case of the early church, this was God's providential method of preserving the gospel. Assuming the context of all these difficulties and setbacks for correspondence in the ancient world... what might motivate an apostle to send a letter to a church? In the case of Hebrews, the answer appears in our text today. This early church outpost was in danger of spiritual implosion. In the face of this great emergency of soul, 'Hebrews' arrived at its destination like overdue medicines to counteract the infection of looming apostasy (falling away from ones professed faith). Let us take advantage of this antidote ourselves if we show any similar symptoms in our spiritual lives today.

Heading: 3 MEDICINES FOR THE WEARY & WAYWARDLY INCLINED CHURCH:

1. ADMONITION AGAINST APOSTACY (26-31)

- a. Covenantal sobriety (Deut 17:1-6)
- b. Core of unbelief
- c. Divine jealousy (Deut 32:6-7)

2. AFFIRMATION OF FORMER FRUIT (32-34)

- a. Enlightened endurance (Acts 5:40-42)
- b. Persecution by association
- c. Treasured possessions (11:25-26)

3. ADJURATION UNTO FAITHFULNESS (35-39)

- a. Indispensable confidence (19-25)
- b. Prophetic perspective (Hab 2:3-4)
- c. Persevering faith

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Warning	Judgements	Moses' warning	Fruit	Perspective	Faithfulness
Heb 11:26-31	Deut 17:1-6	Deut 32:6-7	Heb 11:32-34	Hab 2:3-4	Heb 11:35-39

FURTHER STUDY: see 'Excerpts' posted weekly at providencecrosslake.com

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 65 ...Praise is due to You...