

Sober Warnings

Sermon 49 in the Hebrews Series

Hebrews 12:15-17, 25

Pursue Peace v. 14a

Pursue Holiness v. 14b

I. Falling Short of the Grace of God v. 15a

This falling short is not losing your salvation.

This is proving that you were never saved to begin with.

This is a familiar theme in Hebrews.

6:4-6 but often we forget there is a **verse 9**.

10:26-27 and forget there is a **verse 39**.

In this day of NC privilege how much more should we be obedient unto the Lord? **12:25**

See **12:18-24**.

II. The Root of Bitterness v. 15b

See **Deut. 29:18**

In context the root bearing bitterness is a person who spreads doubt or disloyalty toward the Lord.

They existed in the OT community of Israel – and they still exist in the NT church.

III. Consider the Example of the Lost Man, Esau v. 16

Tasker says, “The fornication that he has in mind is illustrated by the profane choice of Esau, who forfeited the blessing of God in favor of a paltry secular benefit. Thus the word “fornicator” is used here in the Biblical sense of idolater”.

Fornicator and a profane should be taken together. Gen. 25:33-34

Irreverence
Contempt for God
Contempt for holy things
Irreligious

IV. There was no Place for Repentance for Esau’s Sin v. 17

Gen. 27:34-36, 38, 41

We are not talking about Biblical repentance.
We are not talking about sorrow before God.
We are not talking about coming humbly and seeking the Lord.

Esau wanted to avoid the consequences of his sin.

The question for each of us should be: Am I an Esau?

- What are the things that I truly care about?
- What really matters to me?
- Am I looking to Jesus?

Are you one being trained by God as we read at the beginning of this chapter
– or are you one who is exercising his own passions and doing his own thing
– Like Esau?