

Mid-Week Devotion

Read: Hebrews 12

Reflect:

The verses 12:15-17 serve as a warning. Similar warnings take place in 6:4-8 and 10:26-31: a warning to turn back to the ways of the world after tasting at least the fringe benefits of the new life may result in a fixed and unalterable condition of the heart and mind. We should be cautious about suggesting that someone who genuinely was to repent will ever be refused, but equally cautious about imagining someone who enjoys Christian fellowship playing fast and loose with the moral responsibilities will be able to come back whenever they feel like it. Forgiveness doesn't mean we don't have to deal with the consequences of our choices.

Respond:

- Verse 12-17 warn against coasting as a Christian and allowing bitterness to take root. What are ways we can avoid this happening?
- While there is still much to look forward to, how do verses 18-24 suggest the heavenly city has already arrived?
- The writer is seeking to present a "true picture" of God. What is that picture?

Run the Race

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

Based on Hebrews 12:1-2



G Y B R H X E A E N G E T Z Q
B H W T N U E L J W E Q H U S
S F I P A T E G H F V V A E B
D A I P Z H O T S I A I S X H
F M U X H R A S D L N S H C L
D K I C K O D T I D E D S O K
C R U N F W M I U N M E E S F
M T H R O N E O T P Y O F R V
U A A Y M I L I F E E S G K S
F A R A E C W X B U L J R N X
R F J K J C V H Q G U E E I T
A K B Q E U S E H C I S A U F
C J O C O D U F U D M U T E A
E F F N V M H S I N K S R M Z
R G W R I P K J O Y T L K U N

GREAT
WITNESSES
MARKED

RACE
THROW
FIX

JESUS
THRONE
HINDERS

JOY
EYES
CLOUD

FAITH
RUN
SIN