

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 18, 2015

An Encouraging Word
Hebrews 6:9-12

Christ's priesthood is superior to all other priesthoods (Hebrews 4:14-10:18).

The author, after having introduced the Son's divine appointment according to the order of Melchizedek, then took a strategic detour in order to warn his readers in Hebrews 5:11-6:20.

The author began this warning section with an exhortation (Hebrews 5:11-6:3).

After the author exhorted his readers, he then presented a harsh warning (Hebrews 6:4-8).

After the author's harsh warning, he then softened it in Hebrews 6:9-12.

The author initially softened the harshness of his warning by using a term of endearment (Hebrews 6:9).

The author also softened the harshness of his warning by telling his readers that he was convinced of better things concerning them (Hebrews 6:9).

The "better things" would have been those things that were in some manner related to salvation.

After expressing his confidence in his readers, the author then went on to explain to his readers why he was so confident (Hebrews 6:10).

The author, in light of what he had just explained, then expressed his personal desire for each of his readers, which was to realize the full assurance of hope until the end (Hebrews 6:11).

The author's personal desire for each of his readers then led him to challenge his readers to be imitators of a certain group of people (Hebrews 6:12).

May God give us the grace to continue our ministry to our brothers and sisters in Christ to the end so that we might enjoy full assurance of our hope to the end.