

“Something Better for Us”

Heb. 11:39, 40

Introduction:

- A. We, as Christians, have something better than those listed in vs. 1-38.
- B. We, as Christians, need to appreciate the *ramifications* of having something better.

Discussion:

I. It Means Greater Opportunities.

- A. Hear what many have desired to see. (Luke 10:23,24).
- B. Hear the greatest of God's spokesmen -- God's son. (Heb. 1:1-2).
 - 1. Called “The Word” (John 1:1-14)
 - 2. Better than angels (Heb. 1:4; 2:2,3), Moses (Heb 3:1-3), or prophets (Acts 3:22-26).
- C. Enjoy so great a salvation. (Heb. 2:3).
 - 1. Greater salvation from sickness or poverty.
 - 2. Saved from the condemnation of sin. (Rom. 8:1-4).
 - 3. Saved conditionally.
 - a. Initially (Mark 16:16; Luke 24:47).
 - b. Ultimately. (Heb. 5:8,9).
- D. We are able to serve under better covenant. (Heb. 7:22; 8:6).
 - 1. Things angels desire to look into. (1 Pet. 1:12).
 - 2. Things not seen or heard in former dispensation. (1 Cor. 2:9,10)
 - 3. Provides many better things (Heb. 7-10)
 - a. Priesthood. (7:11-16).
 - b. Promises. (7:19; 8:6)
 - c. Tabernacle. (Heb. 9:1-11).
 - d. Sacrifices. (Heb. 10:1-11; 13:10-16).

II. It Means Greater Responsibilities

- A. Much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48).
- B. Greater responsibility not to neglect salvation. (Heb. 2:1-4).
 - 1. Not any part of salvation: first principles, worship, daily duties.
 - 2. **Every** O.T. transgression received just recompense - what about now?
- C. Greater responsibility to try to avoid sin. (Heb. 10:25-29).
 - 1. Salvation in Christ is not license for sin. (Rom. 6:1).
 - 2. Rejecting Moses' law brought death without mercy - rejection New Covenant worse.

Conclusion:

- A. Something better does not give us less responsibility - but more.
- B. Something better does give us more reason for rejoicing in obedience.