***Divine Encouragements …***

***for Saints Imperiled***

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**The Epistle to the *Hebrews***

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In the Epistle to the Hebrews, we find a very unique feature. With remarkable frequency, we find verbs in *'the subjunctive mood'*. *Mood,* in grammar, refers to the relationship to reality about what is spoken. The 'subjunctive' mood is the mood of future potential – *will or might something exist in the future*. In this Epistle, this special feature is employed as a powerful encouragement – not a quite a command, but rather an enthusiastic encouragement. These fifteen *enduring admonitions* have the *feel* of a coach's urgency, a spiritual "Let's go!"

***‘Enduring Admonitions’***

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**If we desire to glorify Christ in great trial, we must …**

1. **listen to the One who is Greater than Angels 1:1-2:18**

2:1 **For this reason we must [let us] pay much closer attention …**

**2. come to the One whose Salvation is Greater than Moses’ 3:1-4:13**

3:1 … consider Jesus …

3:6 **… [let us] hold fast our confidence …**

3:12 Take care … an evil, unbelieving heart …

3:14 **… [let us] hold fast the beginning of our assurance …**

4:1 **… let us fear … come short …**

4:11 **… let us be diligent to enter that rest …**

1. **draw upon the fullness of God’s resources 4:14-5:10**

Christ’s priesthood is better than the Levitical priesthood

4:14 **… let us hold fast our confession …**

4:16 **… let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace**

**4. become spiritual adults –** checking debilitating immaturity **5:11-6:20**

6:1 **… let us press on to maturity …**

6:11 **… [let us] show the same diligence so as to realize the full**

**assurance of hope …**

**5. nurture an intimate relationship with a Holy God 10:19-22**

10:22 let us draw near **[to enter the holy place] …**

**6. fulfill our obligation to the Body of Christ 10:23-34**

10:23 **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without**

**wavering**, for He who promised is faithful;

:24 and **let us consider how to stimulate one another to love**

**and good deeds**,

:25 **not forsaking our own assembling together**, as is the habit

of some,

 **but encouraging one another**; and all the more as you see

the day drawing near.

**7. persevere to “The Salvation of our Souls” 10:35-39**

10:35 … **do not throw away your confidence** …

**8. strenuously live out our Christianity 12:1-3**

12:1 **… let us lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so**

**easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us …**

**9. embrace God’s discipline as a blessing 12:4-13**

12:7 It is for discipline that you endure … God deals with you as

 with sons;

 for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

:12 Therefore, **strengthen** the hands that are weak and the knees

 that are feeble,

:13 and **make straight** paths for your feet …

**10. vigorously pursue *relational* godliness 12:14-17**

12:14 **Pursue** **peace** with all men, **and the sanctification** …

**11. demonstrate fearful thankfulness 12:18-29**

12:28 … **let us show gratitude**, by which we may offer to God an

 acceptable service …

**12. care for people’s needs** (social responsibilities)  **13:1-6**

13:2 **Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers** **…**

**13. avoid false doctrine** (spiritual responsibilities) **13:8-16**

13:9 **Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings …**

**14. follow our God-given leaders** (ecclesiastical responsibilities) **13:7, 17**

13:17 **Obey your leaders and submit to them …**

**15. devote ourselves to prayer 13:18-21**

 13:18 **Pray …**

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