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Lenten Meditations

REPENTANCE – GO ON TO MATURITY

Hebrews 6: 1-8

The general theme of the Hebrews is the high priesthood of Christ. The author here continues the exhortation to perfection that began in chapter 5 and invites the readers to go on to maturity in faith. During this lent season our spiritual exercise should lead us to a higher level of understanding about Jesus Christ and spiritual existence.

**“Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity”
Hebrews 6:1**

Go beyond the elementary teachings.

For the maturity in faith we need to go beyond the elementary teachings about Christ. Our spiritual exercise should move us beyond the basics of Christian faith to more profound reflection, which should lead to maturity. The basics are fundamental but it was to move on, so not to lay again the foundation but proceeds to super-structure. The four items of instructions listed in verse 2 constitutes the fundamental instructions or catechetical curriculum of the early church. They are significant but require a more perfect engagement in the teachings about the person and work of Jesus Christ who is the high priest. Let us move on to deeper understanding of Christ. This is repentance from dead works and turn away from external regulations about ritualism and legalism and a change in the way of living.

Go on to spiritual enlightenment

The mark of Christian maturity is the capacity to distinguish “good from evil” (5:14). Maturity for the writer of Hebrews is something much more practical and discerning spirit able to make its way among the paths that sees right. Christ is the goal of this perfection. This is a stage of enlightenment, which means moving act of darkness into light and is a heavenly gift. Heavenly is ultimate, true and from God. The presence and activity of the Holy Spirit is the hallmark of this level of existence.

A full, abundant, purposeful and spiritual warfare in Christ is needed today to reach greater levels of spiritual maturity. The call to go on to perfection and spiritual growth is not a trivial or optional matter but a mandatory in our spiritual life. During this great lent season let us join together in the spiritual journey of perfection.

Prayer: - Lord, help us to leave behind the dead works and give us the spiritual strength to go on to spiritual enlightenment and maturity in faith because you are our ultimate aim.

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