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¹⁰ For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. ¹¹ And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, ¹² so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Outline

1. A warning
2. An assurance
3. An exhortation

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What is the use of putting this "if" in, like a bugbear to frighten children, or like a ghost that can have no existence? . . . First, O Christian, it is put in to keep thee from falling away. God preserves his children from falling away; but he keeps them by the use of means . . . There is a deep precipice: what is the best way to keep any one from going down there? Why, to tell him that if he did he would inevitably be dashed to pieces . . . Our friend puts away from us a cup of arsenic; he does not want us to drink it, but he says, "If you drink it, it will kill you." Does he suppose for a moment that we should drink it. No; he tells us the consequences, and he is sure we will not do it.



So God says, "My child, if you fall over this precipice you will be dashed to pieces." What does the child do? He says, "Father, keep me; hold thou me up, and I shall be safe." It leads the believer to greater dependence on God, to a holy fear and caution, because he knows that if he were to fall away he could not be renewed, and he stands far away from that great gulf, because he know that if he were to fall into it there would be no salvation for him."

—Charles Spurgeon

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Application

→ The Lord's warnings call us to watchfulness, not paralyzing fear.

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The assurance from Hebrews 6

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- God's justice

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- The faithfulness of God (Philip. 1:6)

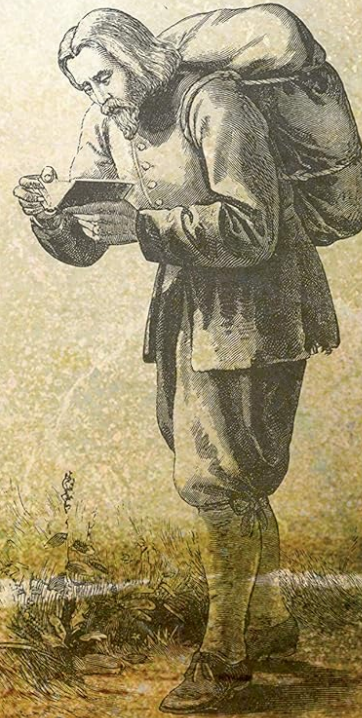
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→ The Lord's assurances are meant to give comfort, not carnal security.

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→ The Lord's exhortations call us to diligence, not spiritual sloth.

Summary

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