

2020 VISION REFOCUSED

Text: Heb. 12; esp. vs. 12-13

- A “halftime reset” to refocus our 2020 vision:

I. WE SHOULD REVIEW THE _____ (vs. 1-11).

A. The clutter of _____ and sins (vs. 1)

B. The contradiction of _____ (vs. 3-4)

C. The _____ of the Father (vs. 5-11)

II. WE SHOULD _____ GOD’S COMMANDS (vs. 12-13).

A. The connection

- Vs. 12, “_____” = based on the challenges just described, do 3 things:

B. The three commands

1. Lift up your _____ hands and feeble knees.

- In the race of faith, strong arms and legs start with a strong _____ and _____ (vs. 3, Isa. 35:3-4).
 - Hanging hands = fatigue in _____
 - Feeble knees = fatigue in faithful _____

2. Make straight _____ for your feet.

- “Straight” = “plain, smooth, level, straight”; also “morally straight, right”
 - We can make our paths straight by doing _____.
- “Paths” = “tracks”; of wagon wheels or made by the feet of runners.
 - We can make our paths straight by following the _____ of other godly runners who have gone before us, and Christ.

3. Let that which is lame be _____.

- “Let it be healed” = passive; God heals but you have to _____ Him.
 - You can let God heal you by _____ His promises, obeying Word, and getting back in race!
 - The longer you wait, the bigger the _____ of lameness will be in your life.

C. The critical _____

- “Lest that which is lame be turned out of the way.”
- The danger for believers is not losing our salvation but never _____ our former race or pace.

III. WE SHOULD RECONNECT WITH OUR _____ (vs. 28)

- Vs. 15, “failing” of the grace of God = failing to appropriate all the grace God wants to give us.
- Vs. 28 tells us to “_____” grace—that’s how we get healed and get back into the race like before.
- We appropriate God’s grace:

A. By _____ (Isa. 35:3-4, Ps. 27:13-14)

B. By _____ (Ps. 84:11)

C. By _____ (Jam. 4:6)

D. By going to the _____ of grace (Heb. 4:16)

E. By Spirit-filled _____ (Eph. 4:29)

F. By growing in God’s _____ (2 Pet. 3:18, 1 Pet. 2:2)

G. By exercising spiritual _____ (1 Pet. 4:10)

- Note: The importance of local church _____ to appropriating the grace of God:
 - It’s where we _____ words of grace.
 - It’s where we _____ the Word of grace.
 - It’s where we _____ the gifts of grace.
 - It’s where we serve up grace.

CONCLUSION

- We may have taken some hits so far in 2020, but let’s keep running our race with _____!