

The Promise: The Need for Endurance
Hebrews 10:32-39

INTRODUCTION:

I. Endurance through Past Recollection (vv.32-34)

A. **John Owen**, *“A wise management of former experiences is a great direction and encouragement unto future obedience.”*

- B.** This is an imperative - “recall”
1. Importance of command
 2. Surrounded by indicatives (statements of fact)

C. Beginning with Enlightenment

1. “Giving light to”
 - a) **John 1:9-13**
 - b) **Ephesians 1:16-21**
 - c) **Hebrews 6:4-8**
2. Where to from here?
 - a) Hope in Christ alone
 - b) Persevere

D. Through the path of suffering

1. The Struggle (contest)

- a) Appears to be a particular point of struggle
- b) Public ridicule & insult
- c) Partnering with the persecuted (those in prison)
- d) Plundered property
- e) But not bloodshed (**Hebrews 12:4**)

2. Insures that our recollection is on evidence of Christ’s work, not sentimentality of our experiences

E. With an eternal perspective

1. In view of loss
2. With joy
3. Abiding

II. Endurance through Future Grace (vv.35-36)

A. Desirable result: Hold fast

1. “Do not throw away” - This sounds imperative, but it's not. It's subjunctive, which means the expression of what's desired or possible.
2. To Confidence
3. Trusting Promises Made

B. Needed result: Endurance

1. Having done the will of God (practice)
2. For the prize

C. Promised result: Salvation

1. Hebrews 4:1-13
2. Hebrews 6:11-12

CONCLUSION:

III. Endurance with Faith (vv.37-39)

A. Biblically rooted

1. Habakuk 2:3-4
2. Connects faith, endurance, righteousness, and judgment

B. Community work

1. v.26
2. Personally associates "But we..."

C. Heeded warning

1. They did not shrink back when they had the chance
2. Their encouragement comes from the evidence thus far

D. Persevering faith

1. This, really, is the definitive encouragement of what the author sees in this church.
2. Sets up Chp.11
 - a) Perseverance of the saints illustrated
 - b) Promised salvation achieved by faith alone
 - c) Designed to spur on faithful living