

**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