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IN CHRIST

# THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Hebrews 10:26-39  
“Hope In Suffering”

1. Our Sufferings
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## Hebrews 10:26-39

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, <sup>27</sup> but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. <sup>28</sup> Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>29</sup> How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.” 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup> sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. <sup>34</sup> For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

<sup>37</sup> For,

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and the coming one will come and will not delay;  
<sup>38</sup> but my righteous one shall live by faith,  
and if he shrinks back,  
my soul has no pleasure in him.”*

<sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,  
but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.



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Public Spectacle  
and Reproaches

Plundering of  
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Already Believers

“Many Athletics”

External & Internal

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“Theater”

Criticism / Insults



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# Natural Responses to Suffering

Abandon

Shrink Back

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To the non-believer (but church-goer)

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# Hope Within Sufferings and Spectacles

Hebrews 13:12

So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

Romans 15:3

For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “***The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.***”

# Hope Within Sufferings and Spectacles

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

John 10:28

I give them eternal life,  
and they will never perish,  
***and no one will snatch  
them out of my hand.***

Philippians 1:6

And I am sure of this, that he  
who began a good work in you  
***will bring it to completion at  
the day of Jesus Christ.***



# Hope Within Sufferings and Spectacles

2 Timothy 1:12b

But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that ***he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.***

Romans 8:38

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, ***will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

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Community

Endurance

Joy

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2 Cor 4:16-17

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison...

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## Revelation 21:3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

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Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the  
conviction of things not seen.

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<sup>34b</sup> joyfully accepted the plundering of your property

Hebrews 12:2

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



# Benediction

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And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you