

Hebrews 10:32-39

3 Considerations Of Continuing To Follow Jesus Faithfully



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Context/Background

- Author: Cannot be certain
- Audience: Believers in Rome with Jewish background
- Genre: Much like a sermon (exhortation- appeal)
- Overall Theme: Jesus is better!
- Text Focus: Believers suffering persecution, tempted to walk away from faith; Also, many questions about Law, Moses, Temple, etc.

Being Mindful Of Former Sacrificial Service

- (vv. 32-34a) Author seeking to encourage readers to not give up, directs them to think about testimony
- “recall” – “to rehearse in the mind”
- Wants readers to remember how they came to know Jesus and how it wasn’t easy before
- Encourages readers to think about how much they overcome and how much accomplished
- You have planted many spiritual “seeds”, don’t quit before they “bloom”

- Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”
- I Cors. 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”



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Being Assured Of The Value Of Eternal Reward

- vv. 34b-37) Author points readers to Biblical truth
- Remember, you experienced loss, but you embraced joyfully because you remembered heavenly rewards
- “endurance” – “perseverance, blooming wherever God plants us”
- Jesus is coming back soon, and following Him faithfully will be worth it

- 2 Cors. 4:17-18, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”



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Being Alert To God's Perspective

- vv. 38-39) Author quotes Habakkuk 2:3-4; urges application of biblical faith
- Faith: believing God and His word and applying it, despite what our circumstances, senses, or society tells us
- “drawing back” – “to conceal or suppress something”
- Not loss of salvation, but loss of fruitfulness and reward
- (v.39) “perdition” and “saving”: not eternal damnation, but possibility of ruining Christian life, reward, and witness

- 2 Cors. 5:7, “For we live by faith, not by sight.”
- James 2:17, “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

