

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Hold Fast



Hold Fast to Our Confidence

Hebrews 10:19-39

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love

and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. 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? For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." 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, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 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. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. For,

“Yet a little while,
and the coming one will come and

will not delay;
but my righteous one shall live by
faith,
and if he shrinks back,
my soul has no pleasure in him.”

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. — Hebrews 10:19-39

We can persevere with full confidence through faith in Jesus who holds us fast until the very end

A Call to Action

A Word of Caution

A Word of Encouragement

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These exhortations flow out of the indicatives of truth

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“Let us draw near”

“Let us hold fast”

“Let us consider how to stir up one another”

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3 exhortations, summarized in a word:

“Persevere” or “endure”

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Verse 26-31 is NOT talking about believers struggling, losing against, or entangled in sin

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“True believers may have the assurance of their salvation [in various] ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by negligence in preserving of it, by falling into some special sin which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation, by God’s withdrawing the light of his countenance, and suffering even such as fear him to walk in darkness and to have no light: yet are they never

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so destitute of that seed of God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren, that sincerity of heart, and conscience of duty, out of which, by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived; and by which, in the meantime, they are supported from utter despair” — WCF 18.4

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For if we **go on sinning deliberately**

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The author is warning those who intentionally make it a practice to sin continually



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This warning is for those 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”

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Verse 29-31: If Jesus is the better everything, the inverse regarding his righteous judgement is just as true

A Word of Encouragement

“But **recall** the former days, when you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 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” — v.32-34

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Confidence increases the more we master our craft

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Be wary of the difference between mastering your craft and making your craft your master

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If our confidence is rooted in our own craft, then we have made it about us

= Works Based

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“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places **by the blood of Jesus**”

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Trusting and resting in Jesus and his once for all sacrifice is what gives us the confidence to persevere

Concluding Thoughts