

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

# Hold Fast

REDEEMER

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Hold Fast to the One who Holds You Fast.

Hebrews 3:6: "...but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we **hold fast** our confidence and our boasting in our hope."

Hebrews 4:14: "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us **hold fast** our confession."

Hebrews 6:18: "...we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to **hold fast** to the hope set before us."

Our focus for today:

Hebrews 10:23:

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Hold Fast: “to be diligent, cling to, to take firm hold of.”

In English, hold fast is a nautical term that is connected to the Dutch words “houd vast”, which means “hold tight” in regards to holding securely to the ship’s ropes and rigging.



1. Hold Fast, storms and sufferings are here.

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

- Hebrews 6:19

## 1. Hold Fast, not Hold Loosely

Screwtape to Wormwood:

“A moderated religion is as good for us as no religion at all – and more amusing.”

CS Lewis, The Screwtape Letters

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- 1 Peter 5:8

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the **CONFESSION** of our hope

Don't let your experience interpret who God is; rather, who God is must interpret your experience.

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Charles Spurgeon: “[A Christian] trusts Him where he cannot trace Him.”

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Hebrews 2:1: “Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we **drift away** from it.”

Drifting can occur through **togetherness pressures**, and it leads to **wavering**.

We live in a world where **togetherness pressures** push, tempt, ridicule, and attack faith.

Those very same **togetherness pressures** promote another way of living that seems compelling, attractive, and alluring.

Do not waver. Hold Fast. Stand firm.



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Holding fast is not based on your faithfulness, but God's!

Hold fast to the One who holds you fast!

John 10:27-28: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

1. Let the reality of Jesus holding you fast release your burden.

2. Let the reality of Jesus holding you fast set you free from controlling others.

Prayer: Hold Fast

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