



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 10:32-39 (NAS)

Topic: "Persevering In The Faith"

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32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,
33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.
34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.
35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.
38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.
39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

I. FACING PERSECUTION

- A. Hebrew Christians Were Facing Real Persecution
- B. Many American Christians Hold An Abundant Life View
- C. God Has Not Promised Us A Trouble-Free Life

II. CALL TO REMEMBER GOD'S WORK IN THE PAST vs. 32-34

- A. Jesus' Parable Of The Sower
 - 1. Many do not truly take hold of the faith
 - 2. The true believer produces fruit
- B. Remember God's Mighty Work In Our Lives
 - 1. To enlighten us to the knowledge of Christ
 - 2. Our first love *Nehemiah 8:10*
 - 3. Shift in focus from material to eternal *Matthew 6:19*
 - 4. Better more enduring hope *I Corinthians 15:19; Romans 8:35,37-39; I Thessalonians 2:4,12*

III. FOCUS ON DOING GOD'S WILL vs. 35-36

- A. We Know God's Will By Knowing God's Word
- B. Our Confidence Is In Christ, In His Blood Sacrifice
- C. Doing His Will Is Our Present Response Of Faith

IV. FAITH HAS A FUTURE FOCUS

- A. Yet A Little While *II Peter 3:8*
- B. The Certain Future *Romans 8:18; II Corinthians 4:17, 18*
- C. The Eternal Reality *I Peter 1:4, 5*
- D. This Confidence In You