

Sermon Notes

For you have need of endurance – Part 2

Hebrews 10:26-39

Introduction to Hebrews 10:26-39

- Solemn section in the letter
 - Reassuring and inspiring section
 - Very important to understand Hebrews 10:26-39 in context
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As Christians, we have need of endurance (10:36)

Key verse: 'For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.' (10:36)

...because living as a real Christian is hard (10:32-34; 12:1-3)

- We struggle with suffering because of our faith
- We struggle with the shame of being different and excluded
- We struggle against sin

How will we endure?

- Through mature faith in Jesus (4:14-10:18, summarised in 10:19-20)
- And, therefore, by drawing near, holding fast, stirring up and encouraging one another (10:22-25)
- And, therefore, by not throwing away our confidence in Jesus, which has a great reward (10:26-39)
 - As we think about what we have been saved **from**
 - As we think about what we have been saved **for**
 - As we recall that we have endured a hard struggle before

Listen very carefully

Key verse: 'But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.' (10:39)

- **We are** of those who have faith and preserve their souls.
 - **We are not** of those who shrink back and are destroyed? So, who are these people?
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We live by faith, learning from those who have gone before (Ch.11)

We run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus (12:1-3)