

## Sermon Notes

**Text:** Hebrews 10:32-39

**Title:** The Call to Persevere, Pt. III

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### **I. YOUR PERSEVERANCE IN YOUR FORMER PERSECUTION 32-34**

#### **A. YOUR UNCOMPROMISING STAND 32**

Their Pointed Requirement- recall previous hardships, etc. Enlightened = to bring to light, 1 Cor 4:5; Eph 3:9; to give light, Jn 1:9; esp. with the saving knowledge of the gospel, Heb 6:4 Their Powerful Resistance- firm, patient endurance of much conflict of sufferings. Application: necessity of spiritual landmarks.

#### **B. YOUR UNCONCEALED SHAME 33**

Their Bitter Pressure- unjustifiable (verbal) insults, reproaches, Heb 11:26; 13:13, and afflictions (pressures) brought into the open, 1 Cor 4:9. Their Bold Partnership- strong sense of community; willing communion of suffering with saints undergoing great, gruesome, public hostility and ridicule. Coming alongside, identified with them. Not afraid, ashamed, etc.

#### **C. YOUR UNCONCERNED SACRIFICES 34**

34=explanation of 33b. Compassion for the Imprisoned – empathizing with them; affected with the same feeling as; having a disposition to help. Compliance with Their Injustice—accepted plus anticipated, Mt 15:43; Tit 2:13. Confidence in the Infinite- constant heavenly focus, perspective in spite of massive temporal trials, troubles! Note attitude to, contrast in possessions. Application of Col 3:1-3; 1-3; Mt 6:19-21, 31-34; anticipates Heb 11:1 and rest of that chapter. Persecution reinforced their righteousness.

### **II. THE PROMISE OF A FUTURE REWARD 35-36**

#### **A. RENEW YOUR DEDICATION! 35**

The Charge-see Mk 10:50. Disgrace, deprivations, etc., have caused their confidence, 3:6; 4:14; 10:19, boldness in confessing Christ due to sure access into God's Presence through Christ, before man has dwindled due to disuse. Restore, recapture it. The Cause- the eschatological promise. Heb 11:6 is in mind. Reward= negatively, Heb 2:2; positively, 11:26

#### **B. REALIZE YOUR DEFICIENCY! 36A**

The necessary means to receive the reward. Recall Heb 12:1-2. Unwavering endurance

#### **C. RECEIVE YOUR DELIGHT!! 36B**

Result of steadfast perseverance. Fullness of Salvation- our greatest satisfaction and ultimate joy, Ps 16:11; Jn 14:3. Faithfulness of the Savior- Heb 6:10-15. Perseverance in face of troubles=will of God, 10:5-10; Jn 4:34; 17:4; 19:30; also, proof of adoption, Heb 12:7-8.

### **III. THE PRIORITY OF A FAITHFUL RECORD 37-39**

#### **A. THE CONFIRMING DETERMINATION 37-38A**

The Coming Deliverer– the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Isa 26:20; Hab 2:3-4, as basis for sustained perseverance. The Confirming Display- Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11. The posture, disposition, way of life of the Christian. Justifying faith = living faith.

#### **B. THE CONDEMNATION FOR DESERTION 38B**

A clear, unambiguous, strong, sharp affirmation of the divine displeasure, covenant disfavor. Lack of trusting faith leads to shrinking back in fear. Leads into the contrasting witnesses in Heb 11. A ringing contrast with Heb 11:6. The determining, defining question=Lk 18:8.

#### **C. THE COMFORTING DECLARATION 39**

Pastoral sensitivity mixed with stark reality of consequences for shrinking. Strong contrasts: but we... but of those. The stock of which we are made!; rock from which we are hewn. A masterful exhortation. Principle = the law of charity. Recall Heb 6:9.