### **INTRODUCTION: HOME STRETCH**

#### **REVIEW**

A. SERMON ON COVID-19 (Take Refuge in God!, 15Mar20; sermonaudio.com, search "Oswego")

B. THE ABSOLUTE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST DECLARED (1:1-3; see Jn.1:1-14; Col.1:19; 2:9)

C THE ABSOLUTE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST DEMONSTRATED (c.2-10; compared & contrasted:

angels, Moses, Joshua; Aaron, tabernacle, old covenant, animal sacrifice *(superior consequences)* 

**D. THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: ETERNAL PRIESTHOOD & EFFECTIVE SACRIFICE** (see c.5-10)

E. MEAT OF WORD: NECESSARY PREPARATION FOR UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL (5:11-14)

F. PUBLIC, CORPORATE WORSHIP: NECESSARY RESPONSE TO UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL

(10:18-25; see 26-31,29; see Bible study chart, c.10//c.6; warning)

# EXPLANATION: PERSEVERE TO THE END (Hebrews 10:32-39)

**A. STRONG WARNING FOLLOWED BY STRONG ENCOURAGEMENT** (10:16-31 & 10:32-39; see 6:4-8 & 6:9-12; see Bible study chart; c.10//c.6, encouragement; note: affirmation w/critique; see Rev.2,3)

#### B. SURPRISING EXAMPLE: DO REMEMBER (32-34; see c.11; see 6:9,10)

- 1. enlightened (32; see 26; 6:4,1f)
- 2. great battle of sufferings endured (32; note chiastic pairs: 33a&34b X 33b&34a)
  - a. on one hand: own public humiliation in unjust reproach, stressful affliction (33a; see Acts)

1) confiscation as investment (34b; see 9:23; 11:16; 25,26; 2Cor.4:16f; see Mt.5:10f; Ps.126:5,6)

- b. on other hand: shared the same with fellow-sufferers (33b; see 1Cor.12:26)
  - 1) suffered with prisoners (34a; see 13:3; Mt.26:36)
- 3. summary: a great start to the marathon (32-34; see Acts 20:24; 2Tm.4:7)
- 4. point: follow your own example (32f; see c.11; see Gal.5:7; 3:3)

C. IMPORTANT CONCLUSION: DO NOT THROW AWAY (36-19; faith: 35-39 w/c.11 and 6:11-12 w/13-20)

- 1. do not throw away your confidence (35,32; see 3:6; see 10:19; 4:16; see Mt.22:37f)
- 2. point: great reward (35; see 34,39; see Mt.5:12; 1Pt.4:19; 5:10)
- 3. need: endurance in the will of God (36a, 32; see 7,9; Jn.19:30; Phil.2:5f; 3:12)
- 4. point: cash in gift of appreciated asset (36b; see 39; 6:12,15; 11:39; see Col.3:5f; 2Cor.4:16f)
- 5. encouragement: almost there! (38,39; see Hab.2:3,4)
  - a. the end is near (37; Hab.2:3; see Lk.18:7; 2Pt.3:9; the Coming One; Mt.11:3; Jn.6:14; 11:27; 1Th.4:16) b. the Faithful One (38; Hab.2:4; see Heb.10:5f; 12:1f; Mt.26:29)
  - c. faith: trusting the promises in hope and love (38,39; see 34,35; see 32f; see 6:10-12; see 4:2)

6. summary: not unbelief, withdraw, destroyed but faith, endure, saved (39 (31); 6:9 /c.3,4; e.g., 3:6,12,14; 4:2)

# APPLICATION: DON'T QUIT NOW! YOU'RE ALMOST THERE! (32-39; see 12:1f)

- A. REMEMBER YOUR GOOD START AND FOLLOW THAT EXAMPLE! (32; see Rev.2:4f; Jer.2:2f)
- *B. PERSEVERE TO THE END AND BE SAVED!* (36,32f; see Mt.10:22; 24:12,13; Phil.3:7f,12f; 1Cor.9:24f; see Jn.19:30; Phil.2:5f; Acts 20:24; 2Tm.4:7; Acts 13:36)
- *C. REPENT FROM YOUR DULLNESS, SLUGGISHNESS, INDULGENCE, COLDNESS, WEARINESS!* (5:11; 6:12; 12:3; see Mk.4:19; Mt.24:12; Rev.2:4; 3:16; Gal.6:9; 2Th.3:13)
- **D. DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THE MEATY WORD, PUBLIC WORSHIP, MUTUAL FELLOWSHIP!** (5:11f; 10:25; see Acts 2:42)
- *E. ENDURE SUFFERING FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE YOU!* (34,36,39; see 12:2f,12; Mt.5:10; 1Pt.5:10)

F. BE PREPARED FOR INCREASING CHALLENGES IN THE RACE! (32f; 12:1f; see Mk.8:31; 2Tm.4:6f)

G. THE KEY TO PERSEVERANCE IS FAITH! (38,39; chp.11; 6:12; Gal.3:2; Phil.1:6,10; 2:16)

Brethren, what shall <u>WE DO</u>? (see Acts 2:37f)