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# Press On

Lesson Ten • Hebrews 10:32-39

Have You Heard God's Voice Speaking to You in the Warning Passages of the Book of Hebrews?

- Fallen Apostates Have You Heard My Voice? <u>BE WARNED! BE AFRAID! BE VERY AFRAID!</u>

  Actually, the Apostates are not here are they? They have already fallen away from the faith and forsaken the assembly of God's people.
- Loyal Brethren Have You Heard My Voice? <u>REMAIN LOYAL!</u>

  There is always a faithful remnant among God's people.
- Drifting Brethren Have You Heard My Voice?
  Those whose <u>HEARTS</u> are drifting, hardening, stagnating, forsaking, and refusing to respond to what the Lord has said with an obedient faith.

Confidence to Enter into God's Holy Presence Is Shown by Taking Bold Action to <a href="PRESS ON">PRESS ON</a> as New Covenant Believer-Priests!

Hebrews 10:32-39

- Negatively: Don't **THROW AWAY** your confidence! 10:35; 3:6; 4:16; 10:19-22
- Positively: You have need of ENDURANCE! 10:36, 32, 39

#### Three Reminders for PRESSING ON as New Covenant Believer-Priests

1. Remember to LOOK BACK to Press On.

"But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings..." 10:32-34

Look back to when God <u>ENLIGHTENED</u> you to so great a salvation. "after being enlightened"

## Remember the Former Days of Salvation

- Your <u>CONVERSION</u> by God's power
- 2) Your **IDENTIFICATION** with God's people
- 3) Your **TRANSFORMATION** for persevering in God's purposes
- Look back to when you ENDURED such great sufferings.

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#### Remember the Former Days of Persecution

- 1) Public **SHAME** you endured (33a)
  - "...partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations...
- Personal <u>SUPPORT</u> when others needed to endure (33b)
   ....and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated."

- 3) Practical **SYMPATHY** when others were enduring imprisonment (34a) "For you showed sympathy to the prisoners..."
- 4) Property **SEIZURE** when others were enduring imprisonment (34b) ...and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one."

#### 2. Remember to LOOK FORWARD to Press On.

"...and you accepted joyfully...knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised..." 10:34-38

#### Remember the Future Days of a Kingdom Filled with...

- Better eternal <u>POSSESSIONS</u>. (34)
- Greater REWARDS. (35)
- Final INHERITANCE-SALVATION. (36)

#### So Press On...

- Don't THROW AWAY your confidence in Jesus and His New Covenant priesthood, promises, privileges, and power! (35)
- Do persevere in pleasing God by OBEYING HIS WILL just like Jesus did in His body! (36, 5-10, 14)

### 3. Remember to LISTEN UP to Press On.

"For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. but my righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." 10:37-39

### Listen Up and Don't Harden Your Hearts!

- The Coming One is COMING soon...suddenly...surely! (37)
- > The righteous one will live by an OBEDIENT faith that doesn't shrink back but presses on in pleasing God! (38a)
- > The Living One takes NO PLEASURE in those who shrink back and will destroy them with a frightening and fiery eternal judgment! (38b)
- We are the Persevering Ones who have a <u>FAITH THAT PERSEVERES</u> until we possess the salvation God has promised and persevered for us in the future! (39)

# **REMEMBER to PRESS ON as BELIEVER-PRIESTS**

Remain Loyal by Pressing On with a Persevering Faith that Obeys Until You Cross the Finish Line and Your Final Salvation Comes, So You Don't Shrink Back Like Those Who Suffer Eternal Condemnation!