

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Hebrews 10:32-39

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Hebrews 10:32-39.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

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."

1. How does this week's passage connect to the previous section in Hebrews? What word is linking this connection?

2. What is the command in verse 32?

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3. What are they to remember?
4. What are the former days?
5. What is meant by the phrase “after being enlightened?”
6. What were the conflict and sufferings that they endured?
7. How are these individuals “partly” experiencing suffering?
8. What was their response to these sufferings?
9. Why did they respond this way?

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10. How does the willingness of these individuals to align with those being persecuted speak to the confidence they had in Christ?

11. What is the better and lasting possession? How do other passages such as Matthew 6:19-21 and 1 Peter 1:3-4 shape your view of this possession?

❖ Day 2

Read Hebrews 10:32-39 again.

12. What is the therefore in verse 35 pointing out? What is this word linking together?

13. What is the urging of verse 35?

14. Why should they not throw away their confidence?

15. What is the great reward? Is this reward accessible now or in the future?

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16. Where is the quote in verses 37-38 from?

17. What is significant about the context of Habakkuk 2.

18. Why do you think the author of Hebrews included this quote here?

19. What differences do you see between Habakkuk and Hebrews?

20. Which coming is this passage talking about, and who is coming?

❖ Day 3

Read Hebrews 10:32-39 again.

21. How does the coming of Christ spur us to persevere in the faith today?

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22. In what ways are you tempted to “throw away your confidence?” In other words, what tempts you to walk away from persevering in the faith?

23. The people of God are known **not** for what according to verses 37-39?

24. What should the people of God be marked by according to verse 37-39?

25. What happens to those who shrink back according to v. 39?

26. What happens to those who have faith according to v. 39??

In preparation for Sunday this week, pray ...

1. Praise God for his power and faithfulness to his promises.
2. Thank God for the confidence you can have due to the saving work of Christ and his future return.
3. Ask God for help to place your confidence in him and not earthly things.
4. Confess areas in your life where you are placing your faith and confidence in something or someone other than Christ.