

Hebrews Part Two

Lesson #14, Chapter 10:32-39

Prepare your heart for this lesson by asking the Lord for His help and trusting Him to do just that!

1. What is it about the former days that the Hebrews readers were supposed to remember? See verses 32-34.
2. Why would the author of Hebrews remind these believers about the former days after hearing 10:26-31 read to them?
3. Explain what the term *enlightened* means after looking up the following verses: See John 1:9; Acts 26:18; 2 Cor. 4:6; and Eph. 1:18.
4. What happened after they were enlightened according to verse 32?
5. Define *endured* (NIV *stood your ground* [Strong's #5278]). Now list what you learn about enduring from the following verses: Matt. 10:22; 24:13; Rom. 12:12; 1 Cor. 13:7; 2 Tim. 2:10, 12; Heb. 12:2-3, 7; James 1:12; 1 Pet. 2:20.
6. We have seen from these verses that standing firm in the face of trial is a supernatural response to suffering. What is our natural response to suffering and trials?

7. What does *being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations* mean? To help you develop your answer look up 1 Cor. 4:9; 1 Thess. 1:8-10; 2:1-2, 14; Heb. 11:35-38.

8. The Hebrews endured suffering by becoming sharers with those who had been made a public spectacle. Why would they do this? See Rom. 12:9-13, 15; Phil. 1:7; 2:3-4; Heb. 13:1, 3.
 - a. How does their “joining in” show courage on their part?

9. Part of the suffering the believers endured was being thrown in prison because of their faith in Jesus Christ. How did they respond to their brethren (verse 34)?
 - a. While some were thrown in prison, what happened to some of the other believers (verse 34)?

 - b. How did they respond to those circumstances according to verse 34? Why?

 - c. How would that same attitude aid you in *any* circumstance of suffering you might be asked to face?

10. What are some specific steps you can take to equip yourself now, so that when the time comes you will stand firm in suffering like the Hebrews believers did?

11. What exhortation is given to the Hebrews in verse 35? Why would their previous circumstances and their previous godly response be a motivation to stand firm now?

12. Define *confidence* [Strong's #3954].

13. Any runner will tell you that the most difficult time to persevere in the race is right before the finish line is in view. That is exactly the place where the Hebrews believers found themselves in their spiritual race. From what you know about the Hebrews and their circumstances, what factors contributed to their temptation to throw away their confidence?

14. The author of Hebrews has encouraged these beleaguered believers to stand firm, to stay the course, to finish the race all the way through this book. Skim over Chapters 1-10 and list at least 5 times when the author encourages them to keep holding on in the same way that he encourages them here in 10:35.

15. Why do they need to continue to show endurance according to verse 36?

16. What encouragement is given in verse 37? How is that a motivation to stay on course and finish the race?

17. What is the warning of verse 38? How is that a motivation to stay on course and finish the race as well?

18. What affirmation does the writer of Hebrews give to his readers in verse 39?

19. What does a person shrink back from according to verses 35-39?

20. What kind of person shrinks back? See Matt. 12:43-45; Heb. 3:12; 6:4-6; 10:26-27; 1 Jn. 2:19.

21. Dear storm-tossed and troubled soul, are these words of exhortation for you? Do not throw away your confidence, your boldness, your open faith in Jesus Christ just because you are experiencing difficulty. Stand firm. Your boldness and confidence in Christ have great reward. He is coming soon. How have the encouragements from this lesson been a balm for your soul?

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
by Henry F. Lyte

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still mine own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; Thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn and pain!
In Thy service, pain is pleasure; with Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee, "Abba, Father"; I have set my heart on Thee:
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Discovering the Treasures of the Word

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation; rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find in every station something still to do or bear:
Think what Spirit dwells within thee; what a Father's smile is thine;
What a Savior died to win thee, child of heaven, shouldst thou repine?

Haste then on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer,
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope soon change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.