

Has your confidence in the promises of God waivered at times in your life?

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. (v.26-27)

Does this mean that a believer can lose salvation?

Are verses 26-31 an appeal to logic or tapping into our fears?

The writer's urge the Hebrews to maintain their confidence (v.35).

What verses support the following arguments.

- Remembering past trials
- Community solidarity
- Promise of rewards
- Scriptural assurances
- Pleasing God
- (any others?)

Is this passage an encouragement or a warning

- for the Hebrews?
- for you?

Pray for each other in the light of this passage

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Fix Your Eyes

The Book of Hebrews
Growth Group Study Guide

Week 7

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“This Is Who We Are”

Hebrews 10:26-39

Series Overview:

“Fix Your Eyes” is a study of the book of Hebrews. We don't know for sure who the author of the book is. What we do know is that this letter was written to a group of Christ-followers who were experiencing tremendous suffering and hardship. Its message is clear. In the midst of your pain, fix your eyes on Jesus who is the exact imprint of God's nature and the ultimate reflection of God's glory. This is our hope.

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

Yes, we did cover this passage last week. The reason we are reading it again is that it links what precedes with what follows and is necessary to understand both.

The first two “*let us*” phrases of ‘faith’ and ‘hope’ relate to the preceding section and bookend the “*let us*” phrases of chapter 4:14-16.

The third “*let us*” is new and relates to what follows. Rather than talking about the relationship with the Father, it talks about our relationships within a church community. Note and the focus is ‘love’ in words and deeds.

Can you think of any passages that also link ‘faith, hope & love’?

4 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (v.24-25)

This passage was quoted as a **proof text**, calling the church to defy government orders against meeting together in the interest of public health.

Is this a reasonable application of this passage?

Why/why not? (please be respectful of opposing positions)

The maxim, “**Context is King**”, means that, in whatever passage we’re studying, the literary and historical context is primary in determining the meaning of the text.

Our most basic goal is always to discern the *author’s* intended meaning.

However in our text, the problem, “goes without being said”, because both the author and the audience know the context, so it doesn’t have to be stated. Sometime we have to piece together the back story.

Read Hebrews 10:26-39

What have the Hebrews gone through in the past?

What do you think is their current struggle?

Take time to answer the following questions and share your answers.



Something that stands out from the passage



A question you want to ask the author of the passage or God



What do you think is the big point of the passage?

Scholars suggest the context for our passage is that these second generation Hebrew Christians, having held strong through intense persecution, are feeling they are no closer to realising the promises of God. They are questioning whether their suffering was in vain. Some have already left the community of faith, others maybe entertaining doubts.

An interesting observation is that the church is growing in places of persecution and waning in places of ease.