



## Three Reasons to Persevere Pt 2: Great Recompense of Reward!

*The Book of Hebrews 10:32-29 (Today: Verse 35)*

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### **Holy Text: Hebrews 10:32-39 (emphasis on verse 35)**

*Review:*

- Please recall William MacDonald's excellent summary of the last few verses of Hebrews 10:

In the remaining verses of chapter 10, the writer gives three strong reasons why the early Jewish Christians should continue steadfastly in their allegiance to Christ.

1. Their former experiences should stimulate them.
  2. The nearness of the reward should strengthen them.
  3. The fear of God's displeasure should deter them from going back.
- Last week, we attempted to "call to remembrance" 1) Our former days of zeal and burning love for Christ and the things of God 2) What we went through at times for His glory, and 3) The many great and wonderful things that He has done in our lives!
  - The goal was to allow such remembering to stir us again unto love and good works, and to pray that such remembering would anchor our courage and increase desire to persevere in our walk with Jesus and in all our LORD has commanded!
  - **Today, the author of Hebrews points the hearers/readers to a second reason to "be strong in the LORD, and in the power of His might:" the nearness of the reward!**

### **Breaking Down the Verse: "Cast Not Away"**

**Hebrews 10:35 (KJV)** *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*

**Hebrews 10:35 (NLT)** *So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!*

1. Having already warned the apostates (vv.25-31), the writer, via the Holy Spirit, encourages the true believers and commands the wavering saints to "cast not away" their confidence.
2. This command is *apoballō* in Greek, which means to "throw off" or "throw away." (LSBEC; Strong's) It is related to the word *ballō*, used 127 times in the KJV New Testament, almost always translated as "cast" or throwing...

**Matthew 3:10 (KJV)** *And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and **cast** into the fire.*

**Matthew 13:41-42 (KJV)** *The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **42** And shall **cast** them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*

**John 8:7 (KJV)** *So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, **He that is without sin among you, let him first **cast** a stone at her.***

**Acts 16:23 (KJV)** *And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they **cast** them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:*

**Revelation 2:20-22 (KJV)** *Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will **cast** her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*

3. The idea of *apoballō* or *ballō* is an intentional throwing off or away from. This suggests in context, that:
  - The saved hearer is wise to examine the state of the apostate and do the opposite!
  - The saved hearer should remember longingly their previous service to Christ!
  - The saved hearer should then decide to continue strongly and boldly in the things of God!
4. More on the third point below, but the hearer is to make a conscience decision to press on and press in!
5. For some, this might elicit a question. “But doesn’t God Himself preserve the saints?” Yes, God Himself holds every believer. This is the **Doctrine of Perseverance:**
  - Divine Perseverance is the truth that *God sovereignly chooses, calls, saves, and preserves His people:*<sup>1</sup>

God Chooses

**Ephesians 1:3-6 (KJV)** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.*

God calls

**Romans 8:28-30 (KJV)** *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

God saves

**Matthew 1:21 (KJV)** *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

**John 6:44 (KJV)** *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

**Hebrews 7:25 (KJV)** *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

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<sup>1</sup> What about passages like Heb 6:4-6? Good question! <https://calvaryreformationchurch.org/sermons/2025/2/the-book-of-hebrews-64-6-if-they-shall-fall-away-revisiting-the-frightening-reality-of-apostasy>

God Preserves

**John 10:27-29 (KJV)** *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*

**1 Peter 1:3-5 (KJV)** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

- Glory to God! Beloved, Rejoice in the Ordo Salutis!
  1. He chose you! (Election, Eph 1:4)
  2. He called you! (Calling, 1 Pet 2:9)
  3. He changed you! (Regeneration, Titus 3:5)
  4. He convicted you! (Repentance, John 16:8)
  5. He imparted belief! (Faith, Eph 2:8)
  6. He declared you “not guilty!” (Justification, Rom 5:1)
  7. He made you part of His family! (Adoption, Rom 8:15)
  8. He set (and is setting) you apart! (Sanctification, 2 Thess 2:13)
  9. He keeps you! (Perseverance, 1 Pet 1:5)
  10. He will change you again! (Glorification, 1 Cor 15:51)
- 6. However, we must take the Scriptural warnings and commands as they are. Again and again the author exhorts his hearers (the strong, the weak, and the apostate in the assemblies) in the manner of our verse today:

**Hebrews 2:1 (KJV)** *Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.*

**Hebrews 3:6 (KJV)** *But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

**Hebrews 3:14 (KJV)** *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;*

**Hebrews 4:14 (KJV)** *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*

**Hebrews 6:4-6 (KJV)** *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

**Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)** *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)*

**7. Such is the mystery of God's sovereign election: God Himself saves AND God Himself warns and holds mankind accountable!**

**Still Breaking Down the Verse: "Your Confidence"**

1. The word here, *parrhēsia*, means "freedom of speech, confidence, boldness." (LSBEC)
2. Thayer's definition is particularly useful in discerning the Holy Spirit's point for us today:
  - *Freedom in speaking, unreservedness in speech*
  - *Openly, frankly, i.e without concealment*
  - *Without ambiguity or circumlocution*
  - *Without the use of figures and comparisons*
  - *Free and fearless confidence, cheerful courage, boldness, assurance*
3. **Salient Point:** Our LORD doesn't just want His children to barely hang on to their Faith or to quietly coexist with wickedness. No! He commands them to be bold and to "cast not away" such boldness! In other words, the hearer is to be resolved, resolute, and determined in the things of God!
4. Beloved, is this you? Does this heart and posture characterize your present Christian experience?
5. Not arrogance. Not pride. Not thinking of yourself more highly than you ought. But rather courageous obedience and speech seasoned with salt, undaunted in the face of disbelief, mocking, and widespread cultural and church deception. Is this you?

**Final Break Down of the Verse: "Great Recompense of Reward!"**

1. "Recompense of reward" is *misthapodosia* in Greek. Thayer describes it as "payment of wages due."
2. That is, God will faithfully grant all true believers "a full reward" because of their love and labor. (2 John 1:8) This is a consistent truth in Scripture:

**Genesis 15:1 (KJV)** *After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.*

**Luke 6:20-23 (KJV)** *And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. 22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. 23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.*

**1 Corinthians 3:13-14 (KJV)** *Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.*

**Colossians 3:23-24 (KJV)** *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

**Revelation 22:12 (KJV)** *And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*

3. We believe the “reward” promised in Heb 10:35 is eternal in nature, and a great reason for rejoicing!

### **Five “Great” Rewards to come!**

#### **1. Eternal Life!**

**John 3:14-16 (KJV)** *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

**John 10:27-28 (KJV)** *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

**Romans 6:23 (KJV)** *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**1 Timothy 6:12 (KJV)** *Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

**1 John 5:11-12 (KJV)** *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

#### **2. The Very Presence of God!**

**Psalms 16:11 (KJV)** *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

**Matthew 5:8 (KJV)** *Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

**1 Corinthians 13:12 (KJV)** *For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

**1 John 3:1-3 (KJV)** *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

**Revelation 21:3-4 (KJV)** *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

**Revelation 22:4 (KJV)** And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

### 3. Eternal Worship!

**Revelation 4:10-11 (KJV)** The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, **11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

**Revelation 5:13 (KJV)** And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

**Revelation 7:9-10 (KJV)** After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; **10** And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

### 4. Crowns, Crowns, Crowns!

**1 Corinthians 9:25-27 (KJV)** And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. **26** I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: **27** But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

**2 Timothy 4:7-8 (KJV)** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: **8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**James 1:12 (KJV)** Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**1 Peter 5:4 (KJV)** And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

**Revelation 2:10 (KJV)** Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

### 5. Rule in the Eschaton!

**Matthew 25:21 (KJV)** His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

**Luke 12:42-44 (KJV)** *And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? 43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.*

**2 Timothy 2:11-12 (KJV)** *It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:*

**Revelation 2:25-27 (KJV)** *But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.*

**Revelation 22:5 (KJV)** *And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

### **Praises and Offerings of Thanksgiving!**

Oh LORD, we praise Thy Great Name. We Praise Thee for Thou has given us Thy Son Jesus, washing us in His blood and cleaning us from our unrighteousness! Hallelujah!

Oh LORD, Thou art worthy of praise and adoration that flows from the innermost part of our being. With all our hearts we exalt and extol Thee! We both lift our hands and bow down before thee in abject surrender. Thou art great, and greatly to be praised!

Oh LORD, Thank You for Thy many gifts and rewards. For eternal life in Thee, for Thy Presence for all eternity, for the great privilege to worship and honor Thee forever and ever, for glorified bodies in Heaven and the crowns Thou hast promised, and for the undeserved blessing of ruling with Thee!

Oh LORD, may Calvary Reformation Church never cast away our confidence! May we be “stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as (we) know that (our) labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Cor 15:58 KJV, paraphrased)

Amen!