

TO THE END

You Have Need Of Patience

- I. **To believe to the end and receive you need patience-Hb10:23**-Let us hold fast (retain, keep firm possession of) the profession of our faith without wavering (unmoved, firm); (for he is faithful **THAT PROMISED;**) ²⁴And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting (strengthen) one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. ²⁶For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. ²⁸He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: ²⁹Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden underfoot (reject with disdain) the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite unto the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know him that has said, Vengeance belongs unto me, I will recompense, says the Lord. And again The Lord shall judge his people. ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. ³²But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight (struggle, hard trial) of afflictions (hardship, pain, emotion, something undergone, suffering) ³³Partly, while ye were made a gazingstock (spectacle) both by reproaches (treat with contempt) and afflictions (pressure, trouble); and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. ³⁴For ye had compassion of me in my bonds and took joyfully (calm delight) the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. ³⁵Cast not away (throw off) therefore your confidence (assurance), which hath great recompence of reward (return, compensate). ³⁶For ye have need (require) of patience (cheerful endurance, constancy, continuance, fortitude, persevere), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. ³⁷For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. ³⁸Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. ³⁹But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul
- A. Hold fast without wavering-Things are coming to move you and if you fail to acknowledge that you'll be easily moved when they come **(23)**-**Hb3:6,14**-Hold fast firm; Hold steadfast
1. Stuff is coming-Thoughts, feelings, reports, circumstances, devil
- B. He is faithful that promised-If you heard from God why let go **(23)**
- C. Exhorting one another as you see the day approaching-As Jesus' return nears the pressure to leave the faith is going to increase (2Th2:3-There come a falling away first, Mt24) and therefore the need to be strong, so that you can hold fast and not be moved, increases **(25-26)**
1. A big reason why people are so easily moved is because they are so weak-You need strength to not be moved-**Pr24:10**-If thou faint (let go) in the day of adversity, thy strength is small
 2. Exhort one another so that you won't be moved-**Hb3:12**-Take heed BRETHREN lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in

departing from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴**FOR** we are made partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end

- D. We have the ability to encounter great adversity and not be moved-**Hb10:32-CEV**-You stood your ground while you were suffering from an enormous amount of pressure; **Is41:10-AC**-I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties; **Ac20:24**-None of these things move me **(32-34)**
- E. Stick with it-To enjoy the reward you must believe to the end **(35)**
- F. You have need of patience-Receiving requires patience **(36)**
1. Patience is not being moved-It's toughness/able to take a punch
 2. Anytime you go to receive anything from God stuff will try to move you and the only way to receive is to and not be moved and to do that you need some patience-You need patience to not cast away your confidence and receive (EX-KM-Man smoking)
 3. EX: Rocky's goal was to go the distance-I can take anything the devil can dish out
- G. To get to what's promised you, you have to believe TO it-Perfection is not required, but persistence, perseverance, patience is required **(39)**

II. **Far too often we are far too bothered by too many things-Hb10:32-MS**-Remember those early days after you first saw the light? Those were the hard times! Kicked around in public, targets of every kind of abuse-some days it was you, other days your friends. If some friends went to prison, you stuck by them. If some enemies broke in and seized your goods, you let them go with a smile, knowing they couldn't touch your real treasure. **NOTHING THEY DID BOTHERED YOU**, nothing set you back. So don't throw it all away now. You were sure of yourselves then. It's still a sure thing! But you need to stick it out, staying with God's plan so you'll be there for the promised completion. It won't be long now, he's on the way he'll show up most any minute. But anyone who is right with me thrives on loyal trust; if he cuts and runs, I won't be very happy. But we're not quitters who lose out. Oh no! We'll stay with it and survive trusting all the way