

DETERRENTS TO APOSTASY  
(Hebrews 10:32-39)

- I. EXAMINE Your EXPERIENCES (Heb. 10:32-35)
  - A. You have ENDURED personal CONFLICT (10:32-33a)
    1. This happened AFTER you were “ENLIGHTENED”
    2. The CHALLENGES were VIGOROUS and PAINFUL
      - a. Included PUBLIC HUMILIATIONS
      - b. Included PUBLIC PERSECUTIONS
    3. You were VICTORIOUS
  - B. You have PARTICIPATED in other’s TROUBLES (10:33b-34)
    1. You JOINED in the SUFFERING of PRISONERS
    2. You suffered LOSS for IDENTIFYING with the REVILED
    3. You PRIORITIZED your “BETTER POSSESSION”
      - a. May refer to the ETERNAL INHERITANCE (9:15)
      - b. May refer to their OWN SOULS (Mk. 8:36)
  - C. You have DEMONSTRATED spiritual CONFIDENCE (10:35)
    1. You’ve been BOLD WITNESSES
    2. You are ASSURED of your own SECURITY

- a. Results in GREAT REWARD
- b. Would be FORFEITED by apostasy

II. EXPECT Your REWARD (Heb. 10:36-39)

A. You will RECEIVE it in the FUTURE (10:36)

- 1. It is ACQUIRED through OBEDIENCE
- 2. It REQUIRES your ENDURANCE

B. God's PROMISES are RELIABLE (10:37)

- 1. Christ is REALLY RETURNING (Isa. 26:20; Hab. 2:3)
- 2. He will NOT be LATE

C. You must PERSEVERE in FAITH (10:38; Hab. 2:4)

- 1. The righteous will LIVE in CONFIDENT TRUST
- 2. Turning BACK would DISPLEASE God
  - a. Would be the OPPOSITE of FAITH
  - b. Would be IMPOSSIBLE for a TRUE BELIEVER

D. "But WE are NOT of those who SHRINK BACK" (10:39)

- 1. To do so would send us to PERDITION
- 2. But OUR souls are PRESERVED through FAITH