



Summer Quarter 2021 Theme:
Confident Hope
Unit III. Faith Gives Us Hope

Lesson Titles:
Keep Going
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)
A Persevering Faith
(Townsend Press Sunday School
Commentary)

LESSON 11—August 15, 2021

Devotional Reading: Psalm 40:1-13

Background Scripture: Hebrews 10:19-39

Print Passage: Hebrews 10:23-36

Key Verse(s):

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

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Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess,
for he who promised is faithful.
(Hebrews 10:23, NIV)

► Questions to Consider:

1. What kind of faith does the writer encourage believers to have.
2. What does the writer say about sin and judgment?
3. What does the writer say about willfully sinning after receiving the truth?

► Lesson Context:

- The writer in Hebrews lays out why Christ is a better high priest than the high priest of Israel.
- Through the offering and sacrifice of Christ, worshipers are brought into a **relationship** with God. No longer is there a need for a system of sacrifice led by priests.
- The Hebrew writer was making the point that the old system of sacrifices that compensated for sin was far inferior to Christ's atoning sacrifice at Calvary.

► Lesson Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Explore the stories of early believers who suffered for the sake of their faith.
- Resolve to endure suffering that results from your faithful witness.
- Share in the suffering of Christians around the world.

► Lesson Outlines/Key Points:

- I. **People: Who? (Hebrews 10:23-25)**

Key Point 1: Don't let go of your faith.

Key Point 2: We are to encourage one another in **love** and good deeds.

II. **Problem: What? (Hebrews 10:26-31)**

Key Point 1: Willful sin has consequences.

Key Point 2: The Lord says, “Justice belongs to me.”

III. **Push: How? (Hebrews 10:32-36)**

Key Point 1: A call to remembrance.

Key Point 2: Believers are encouraged to persevere in their Christian faith and conduct when facing persecution and pressure.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- Throughout this lesson, we have been encouraged to hold tightly to our faith and to remain committed and connected to Christ regardless of life’s problems and pressures that we may face.
- God’s people should press on with their faith, do God’s will, encourage one another, and do good deeds for others.

What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week’s Faith Pathway student book.)

1. The most effective witnesses for Christ are those who are diligent students of the Scriptures. What can you do to improve your understanding and recall of God’s Word?

2. Being saved always involves a personal choice—God does not save us against our will. Why do you think God requires that we choose Him?

3. It is God’s desire that everyone would choose to be saved. In your opinion, why, then, is it so important to seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance in witnessing to others?

As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:
