Sunday School Lesson

September 4, 2022

Faith Calls for Perseverance

Hebrews 10:19-31

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Questions for Us Today

How strong is your faith?

How has your faith been tested the most?
Sunday School Lesson Objectives

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1. To gain a better understanding of the Book of Hebrews.

2. To understand this particular faith message from the Hebrews writer.

3. To become more committed in our spiritual faith.
Sunday School Lesson Segments

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1. Bibliography
2. Points of Information
3. Lesson Context
4. Lesson Text
Points of Information – Hebrews

The authorship of the Book of Hebrews is unknown. Its writing has been variously attributed to Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Luke, Priscilla, Apollos or others.

Most Biblical scholars, however, are certain that the Apostle Paul is not the author.
Chapter 11 contains the well known Hall of Faith. Cited are Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses. Also included are Rahab, Samson, Samuel and David.

The message of faith is a dominant theme in this Book – not just in Chapter 11.
Hebrews 13:2 contains a clear admonition for how we are to treat people whom we might not know:

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some have entertained angels without knowing it.”
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Context

The original audience for the Book of Hebrews most likely consisted of Jewish Christians who (under persecution) were contemplating a return to Judaism.
Context

The Hebrews writer argued strongly for the superiority and sufficiency of Christ Jesus – as the Perfect Sacrifice (for our sins) and as our High Priest, providing us with direct access in His Name.
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Text – UMI Outlines

Hebrews 10:19-25

1. The Priesthood of Christ is Superior:
   Verses 19-21.

2. The Priesthood of Christ and Our Profession of Faith:
   Verses 22-25.
3. The Priesthood of Christ and Knowledge of the Truth:
Verses 26-27.

4. The Priesthood of Christ and How God Will Judge His People:
Verses 28-31.
Hebrews 10:19 (NLT)

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter Heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the Blood of Jesus.
Hebrews 10:20

By His death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place.
Hebrews 10:21-22

And since we have a great High Priest Who rules over God’s House, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting Him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s Blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.
Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise.
Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.
Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins.

There is only the terrible expectation of God’s Judgement and the raging fire that will consume His enemies.
Hebrews 10:28

For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.
Hebrews 10:29

Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the Blood of the Covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit Who brings God’s mercy to us.
Hebrews 10:30

For we know the One Who said, ”I will take revenge. I will pay them back.” He also said, “The Lord will judge His own people.”
Hebrews 10:31

It is a terrible thing to fall into the Hands of the Living God.
Remember these things:

We should not waver in our faith in Lord Jesus.

We should encourage one another.

Those who know and then reject Christ face severe punishment.
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