**SERMON SHEET 10/13/24**

**Study of Hebrews #44**

**“A Call to Persevere”**

**Text: Hebrews 10:32-39**

I. Introduction & review

II. Marks of perseverance

1. Recalling the difficult struggles (vs. 32-34)
   1. They were publicly exposed to reproach and affliction.
   2. They were partners with those who were so treated.
   3. They had compassion on those in prison.
2. Remembering the better possession (v. 34b)
3. Retaining an enduring confidence (vs. 35-36)

III. Motivations for perseverance

1. The great reward
2. The certain coming
3. The ultimate goal

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Kent Hughes:

* *In verses 26–31, the pastor had delivered one of the most chastening warnings in all of Scripture, concluding with the terrifying words, “It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” There is no more aggressive, hard-hitting passage in God’s Word. But now in verses 32–39 the writer figuratively takes his smarting, chastened listeners in his arms and bestows tender words of encouragement to keep on in the faith*.
* *In the first century prisoners had no means of survival apart from the visits of friends who brought food and water and clothing. But such visiting placed one in grave danger. Yet, they did it willingly…*
* *All of us have such memories. We need to replay the tapes. It is a divine duty.*

2. Al Mohler:

* *What is remarkable is not that they lost their possessions because they identified with Jesus, but that they responded “with joy” to such persecution. Why were they able to respond in such a remarkable way? Because they knew they had “a better and enduring possession.”*

* *We may lose everything for the sake of Christ, but, in an eternal sense, we lose nothing. We may lose possessions, friends, family, and the comforts of this life, but we have a better and abiding possession waiting for us in our heavenly city.*

3. Simon Kistemaker:

* *In the face of opposition, persecution, and temptation, the believer ought to stand firm in his faith. Should he shrink back in fear, should he abandon his faith, and should he eventually turn away, God “will not be pleased with him.”*
* *The Epistle to the Hebrews is a letter of encouragement and admonition to all those who have confessed Christ as their Savior. Let no one shrink back and renounce Christ. Turning one’s back on him leads to condemnation and destruction. Do true believers fall away? No. By his Word and Spirit, God enables them to remain faithful to the end.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:**

* **Matt. 25:36; Matt. 5:10-12**
* **2 Cor. 9:8; 2 Tim. 4:16-18**
* **Matt. 6:19-21**
* **Ps. 27:1-3; Heb. 10:23; Heb. 4:14**
* **John 14:1-3; John 14:18; Rev. 1:7**
* **2 Cor. 5:6-9; Eph. 5:6-10**
* **John 16:33**