

SERMON SHEET

9/21/25

Study of Hebrews #60

“Considering Jesus and Our Own Struggle”

Text: Hebrews 12:3-4

I. Introduction and review

II. Considering our Savior: How wonderful is He?

III. Considering our struggle: Have we bled?

IV. Conclusion – a final word

QUOTES

1. A. W. Pink:

Weigh well who He was, the place He took, the infinite perfection of His character and deeds; and then the base ingratitude, the gross injustice, the cruel persecution He met with. Calculate and estimate the constancy of the opposition He encountered, the type of men who maligned Him, the variety and intensity of His sore trials, and the spirit of meekness and patience with which He bore them. And what are our trifling trials when compared with His agonies, or even to our deserts! O my soul blush with shame because of thy murmurings.

2. Kent Hughes:

“Cut the melodrama,” the writer seems to be saying, “I don’t see any bodies lying around.”

3. Simon Kistemaker:

The writer admonishes rather than exhorts the readers that they should resist sin to the point of shedding blood. The possibility of persecution on account of their faith in Jesus was real. If Jesus endured the persecution and shed his blood, his followers ought not entertain illusions of being exempt.

4. Al Mohler:

The “not yet” in verse 4 is critical. Although some Christians might not yet have experienced physical persecution, it remains a real possibility for all of us. We must always remember that the comfort we know now is not guaranteed to last forever. Things can change quickly, and in many parts of the world they do. Almost instantly, countries change regimes, constitutions, or law enforcement approaches. Persecution of Christians can happen anywhere at any time, and it can quickly lead to the shedding of blood.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

- **Heb. 3:1**
- **Ps. 88:3-7; Ps. 42:5**
- **James 1:14-15; Eph. 6:12-13**
- **Acts 8:1-4; Acts 4:29**