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SPIRITUAL ENDURANCE

The writer of Hebrews has been warning the Jewish believers (30-70 AD) to not return to the OC (old covenant) legalistic system of Shadow Christology (Heb.10:1-2). They had left their NC (new covenant) faith in Jesus Christ because of persecution.

In today's lesson text, the writer again warns the believer to not throw away their confidence of faith in the New Covenant (NC) Grace doctrines (Heb.10:35).

The writer gave a key Greek word to remember and apply when suffering "great conflicts of suffering" (Heb.10:32). The key Greek was ENDURANCE is hupomeno which consists of two Greek words, (hupo) [under] and (meno) [to abide].

<p>This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of Spiritual Endurance.</p>
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1. We will begin by examining our lesson text by following two homiletic points.

- (Heb.10:32-34) **Conflict of suffering**

"Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions". (1 Cor.11:24-25)

- (Heb.10:35-39) **Confidence of God's Directive Will**

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

For,

"In just a little while,
he who is coming will come
and will not delay."

And,

"But my righteous one will live by faith.
And I take no pleasure
in the one who shrinks back."

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. (1 Cor.11:24-25)

(vs.36) Reward (misthapodosia/ misthos) [wages] (apodidomi) [to give back] (Heb.11:6, 26)

2. The word 'Hupomeno' means to bear up courageously under undeserved suffering by faith in the Directive will of God (Heb.10:36).

Understanding [Character of God](#) is very important. This is because God is faithful to perform what He has promised.

(Rom.4:20-21) “Yet, with **respect to the promise of God**, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.” (Abraham)

After a discussion on the importance of the role of spiritual gifts in local church, Paul gave a list of positive and negatives to the **spiritual service of worship** (Rom.12:1-16). In (Rom.12:9-16a), Paul listed 12 positive ministries of spiritual service of worship. In the middle of this list, he mentioned “**persevering in tribulation** (hupomeno te thlipsis) (Rom.12:12).”

(John 16:33) Jesus said: “These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me** you may have **peace**. **In the world** you have **tribulation** (thlipsis), **but take courage I have overcome the world.**” (Rom.5:1)

3. In our lesson text, the writer commands these Jewish believers to “remember:

(Heb.10:32-34). **Remember** (anamimnesko/ p.m.impv.2pl) **the former days after** (en+loc. of time and hos) [relative pronoun/ after which] **being enlightened** (photizo/ a.p.ptc.nplm) (Phil.1:29-30) **they endured** (hupomeno/ a.a.ind.2pl) **a great conflict of suffering.**”

The Greek word for suffering is ‘pathema’. It refers to suffering that is identified with the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

(1 Cor.5:7b) “For Christ our **Passover (to pascha)** also has been sacrificed.” (John 1:29, 36)

(Acts 1:3) “To these He also presented Himself **alive, after His suffering** (to pascho), by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”

(**Gal.2:20-21**) “**I** (every believer) **have been crucified with Christ**; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly” (1Pet.2:20-21; 5:8-10)

4. God has promised not to put more on us than our faith can endure.

(1 Cor.10:13) “No **temptation** (peirasmos) [to assay or to test for intrinsic worth and true value) has overtaken **you** but such as is common to man; **and God is faithful**, who will not allow **you** to be **tempted beyond what you are able**, but with the **temptation** will provide the way of escape also, that **you** may be able to endure (hupophero) [to bear or carry].”

In (2 Tim.3:10-11), both Greek words are used: (hupomone) [perseverance] and (hupophero) [endured] “**Out of them all** the Lord delivered me!”

Our lesson text list six things as part of the great conflict of suffering:

- public spectacle
- Reproaches
- Tribulations
- sharers so treated
- sympathy to prisoners
- accepted joyfully the seizure of property

Our lesson text also gives seven “spiritual growth” Greek words involving the Church Age Believer’s spiritual capacity to bear such a **great conflict of undeserved suffering** (Heb.10:32-39):

- Enlightened (photizo/ a.p.ptc.nplm/) (Heb.10:32; Eph.1:18-20)
- Endurance (hupomeno) (Heb.10:32, 36; Phil.1:29)
- Knowing (ginosko/ p.a.ptc.nplm) (Heb.10:34b)
- Confidence (ten parrhesia) Heb.10:35)
- Have done the will of God (poieo/ a.a.ptc.nplm/ to thelema tou theos) (2 Tim.3:16-17) (Rom.1:17) Live by faith (zao/ f.m.ind.3ps) (Heb.10:38-39a) (Hab.2:4; Gal.3:11) [[The faith cycle](#)]
- Preserving of soul (peripoiesis psuche) (Heb.10:39b)