

# Righteousness That Endures

God's righteousness is not only what saves us, it is what sustains us. The Hebrew Christians were weary and tempted to give up, but the Spirit reminded them that those who belong to Christ endure by faith. We, too, are called to press on, not by our own strength, but by trusting God's promises. *"But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and are saved"* (Hebrews 10:39).

## I. Remember How You Endured Before (vv. 32-34)

- A. "**Remember** the earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you **endured** a hard struggle with sufferings" (v. 32).
- B. "Sometimes you were publicly exposed to taunts and afflictions... at other times you were **companions** of those who were treated that way" (v. 33).
- C. "For you sympathized with the prisoners and accepted **with joy** the confiscation of your possessions, because you know that you yourselves have a better and enduring possession" (v. 34).
- D. **Matthew 6:19-21**: "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

## II. Recognize the Need for Endurance (vv. 35-36)

- A. "So don't **throw away** your confidence, which has a great reward" (v. 35).
- B. "For you **need** endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised" (v. 36).

## III. Rest in God's Promise (vv. 37-38)

- A. "For yet in a very little while, the Coming One **will come** and not delay" (v. 37).
- B. "But my righteous one will live by **faith**; and if he draws back, I have no pleasure in him" (v. 38).
- C. **Romans 1:17**: "For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith."
- D. **James 5:7-8**: "Therefore, brothers and sisters, be patient until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit... You also must be patient. **Strengthen** your hearts, because the Lord's coming is near."

## IV. Resolve to Belong to Those Who Endure (v. 39)

- A. "But we are not those who **draw back** and are destroyed, but those who have faith and are saved" (v. 39).
- B. **2 Timothy 4:7-8**: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day."

## V. As We Close

- A. God's righteousness saves us... and sustains us.
- B. Remember, recognize, rest, and resolve.
- C. Which group will you belong to? Those who shrink back... or those who endure by faith?