

Hebrews 10:25-39

New American Standard Bible 1995

²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

²⁶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, ³³ partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. ³⁴ For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. ³⁵ Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

³⁷ For yet in a very little while,

He who is coming will come, and will not delay.

³⁸ But My righteous one shall live by faith;

And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him. [*Habakkuk 2:3-4*]

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

Read the passage through completely before looking at these questions.

Review the section from last week (v. 25-31) for the context. Then focus on v. 32-39.

Observation (What does it say?):

Consider the observation questions on the back of this page. What do you notice in this passage?

- Repeated/related words or ideas?
- Commands or instructions? Positive/negative?
- Purpose or explanation?
- What else do you observe in this passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

After observing the passage:

- What is the connection, the logical flow, from the previous section?
- What do you think “former days” means? Why suggest this? What was worth remembering?
- What does it mean to “throw away” confidence? Why would anyone do that?
- What “was promised”? (cf. 4:1, 6:13-17; 8:6, 9:15, and later 11:39)
- How does the Habakkuk reference fit in?
- What questions come to mind as you read?
- How would you summarize this passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?):

- What “former days” do you frequently find your remembering?
- What “former days” would be good for you to remember? Why?
- In your experience, how are confidence and endurance related?

Observation – What does it say? **Interpretation** – What does it mean? **Application** – What does it mean for me?

For additional thought and discussion:

Habakkuk 2:3-4 NASB1995	Hebrews 10:37-38 NASB
³ “For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.	³⁷ For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay.
⁴ “Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.	³⁸ But My righteous one shall live by faith; And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him.

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Inductive Bible Study

(A few general ideas)

Observation (What does it say?)

What facts do you **observe** about the passage that help bring out the writer’s thought process?

- Who are the people involved?
- What action takes place?
- What type of literature is it (poetry, history, didactic, etc.)?
- What details are included or left out?
- Are any unusual words used?
- Is there symbolic language?
- What is the grammar of the passage (pronouns, prepositions, verb tenses)?
- Are words or ideas repeated?
- Any comparisons or contrasts?
- Any cause and effect?
- Are there indications of purpose (“in order that...”)?
- Are there conclusions (“Therefore...”)?
- Are there explanations?
- Does the passage logically break into sections?
- How would you summarize the passage?
- What would be a good “headline” for the passage?

Interpretation (What does it mean?)

What questions come to mind about the facts that would help you **interpret** the meaning?

- How would the original readers have understood the passage?
- What is the main emphasis?
- Why does the writer use repetition, or contrast, or unusual words?
- What does the grammar or structure of the passage reveal about the writer’s thought pattern?
- Is there a logical sequence in the passage?
- How are different ideas in the passage connected?
- Are there any new ideas or concepts presented?
- Are there difficulties in the passage?

Application (What does it mean for me?)

What is the impact on your life? What **application** does the Holy Spirit want to show you?

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a promise to be thankful for?
- Is there an attribute of God to worship?
- Is there an example to follow?

Read nothing into the Scriptures, but draw everything from them, and suffer nothing to remain hidden that is really in them.
J.A. Bengel (1687-1752)

For a much more detailed description of the methodology, see

Robert A. Traina, *Methodical Bible Study*. Wilmore, Kentucky: Asbury Theological Seminary, 1952.

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