
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study and Prayer Night Meeting: Tuesday at 7 PM at the church.

Youth Games Night for youth aged 10 and up, Thursdays at 7 PM at the church.



BIBLE READING PLAN

MONDAY (4/17):
1 Samuel 7:3 – 10:8

TUESDAY (4/18):
1 Samuel 10:9 – 11:11

WEDNESDAY (4/19):
1 Samuel 11:12 – 14:14

THURSDAY (4/20):
1 Samuel 14:15 – 15:35

FRIDAY (4/21):
1 Samuel 16 – 17

SATURDAY (4/22):
1 Samuel 18



Carbon Valley Community Church

By God's grace, for God's glory & for our joy

April 16, 2023

Announcements

Worship Hymn: *'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'*

Invocational Prayer

Worship Hymns:

'The Steadfast Love of the Lord'

'I will Sing of the Mercies'

Pastoral Prayer

Story Time: Hebrews 10:32-36

Children dismissed to Sunday School following Story time

Worship Song: *'He Will Hold Me Fast'*

Today's Message:

Endurance Training - Draw Near, Hold Fast & Encourage

Hebrews 10:19-25 (p.1194)

Worship Song: *'Before The Throne of God Above'*

Benediction

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Draw Near, Hold Fast & Encourage One Another

(Series) *“God’s Training Program for Endurance Running”* - Part 1 of 3

Introduction: As God’s people face hardships and opposition on their journey to the promised land God preserves them to the end in persevering, obedient faith, hope and love. But, in this work of God, as in our conversion, he works through means. That is, he uses various instruments to convey his gracious sustaining power. Today we will consider the encouragement God has given us in the gospel and our proper response.

~ An overview of Hebrews 10:19-39

1. [19-25 - *“Therefore”* implies that **verses 19-25** are an exhortation to apply the preceding exposition (**5:1-10:18**) which is summarized in **verses 19-21**.
2. [26-31] - *“For”* implies that **verses 26-31** are the reason why the perseverance expressed in **verses 19-25** is so important.
3. [32-39] - Is a reassuring encouragement to not throw away our confidence in Christ.

A. God’s provision for our encouragement [19-21]

1. We have confidence to enter the holy places. [19-20]

- a) The writer addresses his readers as *“brothers.”*
- To enter into the presence of God, *“draw near to the throne of grace”* [4:16]
- b) **By the blood of Jesus**
 - 1) Old Covenant animal sacrifice [9:6-7, 18-22]
 - 2) New Covenant blood of Christ [9:11-14, 23-28; 10:1-18]
- c) **By the new and living way**
 - 1) Old Covenant curtain [9:2-3]
 - 2) New Covenant curtain [6:19-20]

2. We have a great priest over the house of God. [21]

- a) *‘a great priest’* - See 2:14-18; 4:14-16; 5:1-10; 7:23-28
- b) *‘house of God’* - See 3:1-6; 8:8-10

B. The proper response to God’s provision [22-25]

1. **Let Us Draw near in faith. [22] cf. 4:14-16**
- With sincere hearts cleansed by the work of Christ.
2. **Let us Hold fast to hope. [23]**
- Our eternal salvation and joy in the presence of God. - See 6:17-20
3. **Let us Encourage one another to love. [24-25]**
 - a) Encouraging is comforting, urging, pleading, exhorting toward persevering.
 - b) **Encouraging requires considering. [24a]**
= Pay close attention as to how your brothers and sisters are running their race.
- How well are they doing with respect to faith, hope and love?
 - c) **Encouraging requires provoking. [24b]**
- (ESV) *“to stir up”* (KJV) *“to provoke”* (other) *“stimulate,” “spur”*
- Here used with reference to provoking *“to love and good works”*
 - d) **Encouraging requires congregating. [25a]**
- The assembly of God’s people is the prime forum for encouraging.
- Forsaking the church will lead to forsaking the Lord.
 - e) **Encouraging requires intensifying. [25b]**
- Because of sin’s deceitfulness and unbelief. - See 3:6, 12-13
- Because it is not how we start that is most important but how we finish!

C. A Fearful Warning. [26-31]

~ You can’t receive forgiveness from Christ if you turn away from Christ!

D. A Reassuring Encouragement. [32-39]

~ Don’t throw away your confidence. (See 3:6; 4:16; 10:19, 35)