

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for September 4, 2016

Remember How You Endured Past Sufferings
Hebrews 10:32-39

The author attempted to turn his reader's attention away from their present sufferings to what they had been promised by Christ (Hebrews 10:32-39).

The author first of all exhorted his readers to remember their past sufferings (Hebrews 10:32-34).

The recipients had suffered "reproaches and tribulations" (Hebrews 10:33).

The recipients had also suffered by having become sharers in the sufferings of other fellow believers (Hebrews 10:33-34).

The recipients of this letter were able to endure all that they had suffered because they knew that they had a better possession and a lasting one (Hebrews 10:34).

The "better" and "lasting" possession that this author referenced is the heavenly and eternal dwelling place that Christ had promised to all of His followers (John 14:1-2; 1 Peter 1:3-7).

The author after his exhortation in Hebrews 10:32-34 to remember their past sufferings, then challenged his readers based on how they had endured their past sufferings to endure their present sufferings (Hebrews 10:35-39).

Professing Christians who truly believe in Christ's promise that there is "a better and lasting possession" will endure, and they will receive what Christ has promised (Hebrews 10:36).

The author in Hebrews 10:37-38 wanted his readers in the context of judgment to understand the pleasure God derives from the righteous who walk by faith and the lack of pleasure He derives from those who do not.

The author in Hebrews 10:39 summarized the preceding challenge in Hebrews 10:35-39 and applied it to his readers.

May God give us the grace to hold fast our confession of faith, knowing that if we do, we will receive the "better and lasting possession" that is promised to those who persevere until the end.