

Don't Give Up Now!!!

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Hebrew 10:32 - 39

I. Remember when you first came to Christ - You remained faithful in spite of great suffering

- a. Exposed to public ridicule
- b. Sometimes helping others who were suffering made you suffer
- c. Sometime your possessions were taken from you

But you remained faithful - you knew better things were waiting for you in eternity. Don't throw away your trust now!!! It's going to bring you great reward.

II. Patience is what we need now to continue to do God's will.

- a. For in a little while, he who cometh, will come and not tarry.
- b. He will have no pleasure in anyone who turns back.
- c. It will be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God
- d. But after we have done/fulfilled the purpose (will) of God, we will receive what was promised.

III. Why does it seem to take so long for God to do what he has promised?...

- a. We will not remain fervent in our pursuit of his will/purposes.
- b. We will not keep our faith HOT.
 1. Cold Faith = words but not work
 2. Hot Faith = words with much work (actions to match words)

c. How do I stay in hot pursuit of his will/purposes?

Ex: Police car chase of a criminal.

1. Hunger and thirst after righteousness *Matt. 5:6*
2. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...*Matt. 6:33*
3. Seek those things which are above *Colossians 3:1*
4. Keep asking....it shall be given *Matt. 7:7*
5. Keep seeking...ye shall find *Matt. 7:7*
6. Keep knocking...it shall be opened*Matt. 7:7*
7. Draw near to God *James 4:8*
8. Set your affections on things which are above... *Col. 3:2*
9. Give no place to the devil
10. Walk in the spirit, not in the flesh...