

THE BOOK OF
HEBREWS

A Call to Faithful Perseverance

“Gospel Confidence”
(Preserved to Persevere)

Hebrews 18:19-25

“Nothing is more important than what we believe; nothing so shapes the way we live, nothing is more important to the Christian life than the content of the faith we profess. Therefore, we are not to be silent, we are not to compromise the truth we have received. We are to hold unwaveringly to the gospel truths and promises that are our only hope.”

Richard Phillips

“We ARE our brother’s keeper. We must give thought to how we can be of help to other believers.” We should consider the impact our presence and participation can have in the life of one another, how God might be at work through us, just as he has used others in our own lives. We should even be willing to sacrifice our time, our preferences and even our convenience for the good of others. We are to give ‘thought’ to the condition of those the Lord has put around us. If we are not doing this, then we are nothing more than takers, mere consumers of those who care for us, without any offering for the well being of others.

Richard Phillips

“My confidence in my preservation is not in my ability to persevere. My confidence rests in the power of Christ to sustain me with His grace. It is confidence that, by the power of His intercession for us, He is going to bring us safely through.

R.C. Sproul

WHAT WE HAVE

I. We have a *Great High Priest* (vs. 19-22)

A. In Him We can have *Great Confidence* (Assurance) (vs. 19)

1. By His *Blood shed* (vs. 19b)
2. Through His *Body ascended* (vs. 20)

B. In Him we can have a *Clean Conscience* (vs. 22)

C. BECAUSE, In Him We have *real Cleansing* (vs. 22)

1. **Sprinkled Hearts** (*Ceremonially splashed, marked as cleansed*) (vs. 22)
2. **Washed Bodies** (*Ceremonially washed, water basin to cleanse*) (vs. 22)

WHAT WE NEED TO DO

II. “THEREFORE”..... (*What We Should Do*) (vs. 22-25)

A. Let us “*Draw Near*”..... (vs. 22)

1. The Result of “*Drawing Near*” to God in public and private Worship
2. The Result of “*Withdrawing afar*” from God and Worship

B. Let us “*Hold Fast*”.....” (vs. 23)

C. Let us “*Consider how to “Spur” Others* (vs. 24-25)

1. to “*Love*” (vs. 24)
2. to “*Good Deeds*” (vs. 24)
3. to “*Meet Together*” (vs. 25)

CONC: *Preserved to Persevere!* **John 10:27-30**

Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

John 10:27-29

27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.