

# Persistent to the End

Text: Hebrews 10:36-39

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## I. Need of endurance (Heb. 10:36).

The word *patience* (Greek: *hypomone*) means *steadfastness, endurance*, “*steadfast endurance — the power to withstand hardship or stress; especially the inward fortitude necessary*”.<sup>1</sup>

Move forward in confident faith and when tempted to despair and discouragement, and even to the point of giving up, the fellowship of the saints will knit our hearts together and be a bond too strong to give up.

### **Perseverance is the pathway from persecution to promise.**

The reward will be great: Those who choose to do the will of God have the wonderful goal and privilege of receiving the promise.

This is the consummation of salvation, the promise of the rewards that come with being with Jesus Christ.

Why should we exhibit endurance? 1) Because we are soldiers that God is depending upon to do the battle. Does God need us? No, but He chooses to use us. 2) Our fellow soldiers will be encouraged when we live steadfastly. 3) We will be a testimony to the world when we live with endurance. 4) The enemy is dealt another blow in his attacks against us.

## II. Need to live by faith (Heb. 10:38-39).

The emphasis in Hebrews is clear. The righteous person, the believer, must continue to live by faith in everyday life. But, even more, in the midst of the trials, faith must continue.

1) The way of faith stands in stark contrast to the old way or to the way of going down the road to apostasy. 2) Faith is the life lived in confidence and trust in God. This is the only way to persevere and live steadfastly. 3) Faith always has its eye – not on the present world and trials – but on Jesus, His finished work, and His future coming. 4) Faith is the bulwark to strengthen the Christian soldiers and help them to make it through the war.

Shrink back to destruction (final chastening) or persevere by faith to final salvation. Which path do you choose? Yes, the trials are hard. Yes, the persecution had stretched their faith. But with patience and perseverance, and the promise that soon Jesus would come, the reader’s faith would preserve them to the end.

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<sup>1</sup> Brannan, R., ed. (2020). In [Lexham Research Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#). Lexham Press.