

Sermon Quotes
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Study of Hebrews- Warning and Encouragement

“After nearly four chapters lyrically describing how the high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ cleanses us from sin and brings us, free and forgiven, into the joyful presence of God, thunderclouds now gather in the sermon and the lightning bolts of God’s judgment begin to flash.”

—Thomas G. Long

Luke 12:4-5 ESV “I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. (5) But **I will warn you whom to fear**: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!”

“The apostate is **beyond salvation** because he has rejected the only sacrifice that can cleanse him from sin and bring him into God’s presence. To turn away from that sacrifice leaves him with **no saving alternative**.”

—John MacArthur

John 15:10-11 ESV “If you keep my commandments, you will **abide in my love**, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. (11) These things I have spoken to you, that **my joy may be in you**, and that **your joy may be full**.”

John 16:1-4 “I have said all these things to you to **keep you from falling away**. (2) They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. (3) And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. (4) But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you...”

“The key to their joy in the midst of danger and loss was that they simply did not put much stock in this world. They had been transferred into the kingdom of God's Son (Col. 1:13). They had passed from death to life. Their lives were hid with Christ in God. The two things that everybody wants they had found—but not in this world. Everybody wants the best happiness possible and the longest happiness possible. This is what the words ‘better and abiding’ point to. They had a better possession and an abiding one. And the possession they had was a place at God's side in glory.”

—John Piper

“To have faith that endures trials, remember how God worked in the past, focus on doing His will in the present, and look to His promises in the future.”

—Steven J. Cole

“Every form of human strength must of necessity spend itself...The reason is that all strength apart from God is derived strength, and is consequently measurable; yes, apart from God it is not strength at all, and consequently must come to an end... Let every man know therefore that whatever his strength may be, of body, mind, or spirit, if it be his own it will fail him one day. Let him see to it therefore that he does not trust it...Our own righteousness, our own thoughts, our own religiousness, our own prayers, resolves, attainments, achievements—everything that is of ourselves must sooner or

later prove themselves to be but human. On the other hand, what a contrast there is as to divine strength! That never fails...it abides in joyous fullness, never in the least diminished. With God there are no years to make him decline with age, no labors to tax his powers...A thousand years in his sight are passed away as a watch in the night. Millions of ages are nothing to him...God does not change in any degree whatever: the fountain of his almightiness still overflows... What then? These two things seem very far away—man with his faintness his strength gradually drying up: God with his eternity and inexhaustible omnipotence...”

“If we can bring these two together, if by an act of faith you that are human can be linked with the divine, what a wondrous thing will happen! Then the sacred words of the text will be fulfilled and your strength will be renewed. Apt as it is to dry up, it will be renovated, freshened, filled up, increased, established. From that measureless fountain shall you draw strength which all eternity will not exhaust. You are weakness itself, but if you are united to the divine strength you shall be infinitely strong.”

—Charles Spurgeon