

Hebrews 10:35-39

10:35 – “Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.”

3361 [e]	577 [e]	3767 [e]	3588 [e]	3954 [e]	4771 [e]	3748 [e]	2192 [e]	3173 [e]	3405 [e]	
Mē	apobalēte	oun	tēn	parrēsian	hymōn	hētis	echei	megalēn	misthapodosian	
35	Μὴ	ἀποβάλητε	οὖν	τὴν	παρρησίαν	ὑμῶν	, ἣτις	ἔχει	μεγάλην	μισθαποδοσίαν .
Not	throw away	therefore	the	boldness	of you	which	has	a great	reward	
Adv	V-ASA-2P	Conj	Art-AFS	N-AFS	PPro-G2P	RelPro-NFS	V-PIA-3S	Adj-AFS	N-AFS	

1. The readers were not to discard (*me apobalete* - "do not throw away") that "confidence" (*parresian* – boldness”) in a better reward. This has already been said in:
 - a. Hebrews 3:6 – “Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.”
 - b. Hebrews 4:16 – “Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”
 - c. Hebrews 10:19 – “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...”
2. Clearly the readers were already believers that were being encouraged to continue serving the Lord in their lives.

10:36 – “For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”

5281 [e]	1063 [e]	2192 [e]	5532 [e]	2443 [e]	3588 [e]	2307 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	4160 [e]	2865 [e]	3588 [e]	1860 [e]	
hypomonēs	gar	echete	chreian	hina	to	thelēma	tou	Theou	poiēsantes	komisēsthe	tēn	epangelian	
36	ὑπομονῆς	γὰρ	ἔχετε	χρεῖαν	, ἵνα	, τὸ	θέλημα	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	ποιήσαντες	, κομίσησθε	τὴν	ἐπαγγελίαν .
Of endurance	for	You have	need	so that	the	will	-	of God	having done	you may receive	the	promise	
N-GFS	Conj	V-PIA-2P	N-AFS	Conj	Art-ANS	N-ANS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	V-APA-NMP	V-ASM-2P	Art-AFS	N-AFS	

1. To be able to continue doing the will of God with confidence the readers needed “endurance”
2. Three phases:
 - a. Confidence in the New Covenant – keep going
 - b. Endurance in life – finish the race
 - c. Rewards in eternity – win the prize
3. Paul writes in 67 AD -
 “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will **award** to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.” – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

10:37 – “For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;

2089 [e]	1063 [e]	3398 [e]	3745 [e]	3745 [e]	3588 [e]	2064 [e]	2240 [e]	2532 [e]	3756 [e]	5549 [e]
eti	gar	Mikron	hoson	hoson	ho	erchomenos	hēxei	kai	ou	chronisei
37 ἔτι	γὰρ	, Μικρὸν	ὅσον	ὅσον	, ὁ	ἐρχόμενος	ἦξει	, καὶ	οὐ	χρονίσει .
Yet	for	A little	very	while	the [One]	coming	will come	and	not	will delay
Adv	Conj	Adj-AMS	RelPro-AMS	RelPro-AMS	Art-NMS	V-PPM/P-NMS	V-FIA-3S	Conj	Adv	V-FIA-3S

1. The Lord's return is near, but also life is short. This struggle is not eternal, but merely a temporal struggle. So, by comparison rewards are eternal, but the battle is brief.
2. Isaiah 26:20-21 a verse speaking of the coming of the Messiah

English: "Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by. For behold, the Lord is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.

Isaiah 26:21 taken from the Septuagint (LXX): "Go, my people, enter into thy closets, shut thy door, hide thyself for a little season, until the anger of the Lord have passed away. For, behold, the Lord is bringing wrath from his holy place upon the dwellers on the earth: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall not cover her slain.

10:38 – "but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

3588 [e]	1161 [e]	1342 [e]	1473 [e]	1537 [e]	4102 [e]	2198 [e]	2532 [e]	1437 [e]	5288 [e]	3756 [e]	2106 [e]
ho	de	dikaïos	mou	ek	pisteōs	zēsetai	kai	ean	hyposteilētai	ouk	eudokei
38 ὁ	δὲ	δίκαιός	μου	ἐκ	πίστεως	ζήσεται ;	καὶ	ἐὰν	ὑποστείληται ,	οὐκ	εὐδοκεῖ
The one	however	righteous	of Mine	by	faith	will live	and	if	he might shrink back	not	takes pleasure
Art-NMS	Conj	Adj-NMS	PPro-G1S	Prep	N-GFS	V-FIM-3S	Conj	Conj	V-ASM-3S	Adv	V-PIA-3S

3588 [e]	5590 [e]	1473 [e]	1722 [e]	846 [e]
hē	psychē	mou	en	autō
ἡ	ψυχή	μου	ἐν	αὐτῷ .
the	soul	of Me	in	him
Art-NFS	N-NFS	PPro-G1S	Prep	PPro-DM3S

1. This is Habakkuk 2:3-4 taken from the Septuagint. with a few changes
 - a. Septuagint, Habakkuk 2:2-4:

"And the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision, and that plainly on a tablet, that he that reads it may run. For the vision is yet for a time, and it shall shoot forth at the end, and not in vain: though he should tarry, wait for him; for he will surely come, and will not tarry. If he should draw back, my soul has no pleasure in him: but the just shall live by my faith."
 - b. ESV, Habakkuk 2:2-4:

"And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will

not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

2. "My righteous one" refers to an individual believer.
3. "Shrinking back" refers to apostasy.

10:39 – **“But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”**

1473 [e]	1161 [e]	3756 [e]	1510 [e]	5289 [e]	1519 [e]	684 [e]	235 [e]	4102 [e]	1519 [e]	4047 [e]	5590 [e]	
Hēmeis	de	ouk	esmen	hypostolēs	eis	apōleian	alla	pisteōs	eis	peripoiēsin	psychēs	
39 Ἡμεῖς	δὲ	οὐκ	ἐσμέν	ὑποστολῆς	εἰς	ἀπώλειαν	,	ἀλλὰ	πίστεως	εἰς	περιποίησιν	ψυχῆς .
We	however	not	are	of [those] drawing back	to	destruction	but	of faith	to	[the] preserving	[of the] soul	
Pro-N1P	Conj	Adv	V-PIA-1P	N-GFS	Prep	N-AFS	Conj	N-GFS	Prep	N-AFS	N-GFS	

1. “destroyed” – *apoleian* (from *apoleia* /ap-o-li-a/) means “destruction” and “loss” and is used to say “destructin, ruin, loss, perishing, eternal ruin”.
 - a. This could refer to:
 - i. Eternal damnation
 - ii. Temporal punishment
 - iii. Disciplined by the Lord as sons
 - b. This same word is used in Matthew 26:8 when the disciples consider the pouring out of the perfume as a “waste” (*apoleia*) -
 “And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste?”

3708 [e]	1161 [e]	3588 [e]	3101 [e]	23 [e]	3004 [e]	1519 [e]	5101 [e]	3588 [e]	684 [e]	3778 [e]
Idontes	de	hoi	mathētai	ēganaktēsan	legontes	Eis	ti	hē	apōleia	hautē
8 Ἰδόντες	δὲ	, οἱ	μαθηταὶ	ἠγανάκτησαν	, λέγοντες	, Εἰς	τί	ἡ	ἀπώλεια	αὕτη ?
Having seen	then	the	disciples	became indignant	saying	For what	purpose	[is] the	waste	this
V-APA-NMP	Conj	Art-NMP	N-NMP	V-AIA-3P	V-PPA-NMP	Prep	IPro-ANS	Art-NFS	N-NFS	DPro-NFS

- c. A believer who does not endure with confidence in the New Covenant they have entered has “wasted” their lives. They will have little as reward in eternity
 - d. The issue here is not losing their place in the New Covenant, but is instead not using their place in the New Covenant.
2. “We” – the writer includes himself in this group of believers.
3. Constable writes: This is the most direct and severe of all the warnings in Hebrews. In view of the Son's priestly ministry (5:1—10:18), apostasy is a sin that will draw terrible consequences for the believer. It will not result in the loss of eternal salvation, but the loss of some, or possibly a major portion of, one's eternal reward.
4. See Hebrews 12:5-7 –
 “And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not take lightly the discipline of the Lord, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and He chastises every son He receives.” Endure suffering as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?”
 - a. Proverbs 3:11-12
 - b. Proverbs 1:20-33