

Hebrews 10:19-39

v21 – priest	(noun)	someone who offered sacrifices and prayers for people to God on behalf of people
v22 – sincere	(adjective)	genuine; real
v22 – assurance	(noun)	confidence that something is true
v22 – faith	(noun)	trust in God; dependence on God
v22 – sprinkled	(verb)	scattered; distributed over an area
v22 – cleanse	(verb)	make clean
v22 – guilty	(adjective)	feeling bad because you have done something wrong
v22 – conscience	(noun)	inner sense of right and wrong
v22 – pure	(adjective)	perfect; without any dirt
v23 – unswervingly	(adverb)	without moving off-course
v23 – profess	(verb)	claim; express
v23 – faithful	(adjective)	reliable; trustworthy
v24 – spur... on	(verb)	encourage to do something
v24 – deeds	(noun)	actions
v26 – deliberately	(adverb)	with prior planning; with purpose
v26 – sacrifice	(noun)	animals that were killed and offered to God as an act of worship
v26 – sins	(noun)	rejection of God; rebellion against God
v27 – raging	(adjective)	very hot and fierce; angry
v27 – consume	(verb)	destroy
v28 – testimony	(noun)	a truthful statement by someone about what they have seen or experienced
v28 – witnesses	(noun)	people who saw something happen
v29 – severely	(adverb)	strongly; seriously
v29 – trampled	(verb)	treat carelessly
v29 – sanctified	(verb)	made holy; made perfect; set aside for God
v29 – grace	(noun)	undeserved kindness
v30 – avenge	(verb)	punish someone for a wrong or harmful act
v32 – endured	(verb)	continued in a situation that is painful and difficult
v33 – persecution	(noun)	the act of treating someone cruelly because of their religion, race etc
v34 – confiscation	(noun)	the act of taking someone's property away from them as punishment
v36 – persevere	(verb)	continue in a difficult situation
v38 – shrinks back	(verb)	move away from something that is unpleasant or dangerous

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¹⁹ Brothers and sisters, we are not afraid to enter the Most Holy Room. We enter boldly because of the blood of Jesus. ²⁰ His way is new because he lives. It has been opened for us through the curtain. I'm talking about his body. ²¹ We also have a great priest over the house of God. ²² So let us come near to God with a sincere heart. Let us come near boldly because of our faith. Our hearts have been sprinkled. Our minds have been cleansed from a sense of guilt. Our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have. The God who promised is faithful. ²⁴ Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. ²⁵ And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope. Let us do this even more as you see Christ's return approaching.

²⁶ What if we keep sinning on purpose? What if we do it even after we know the truth? Then there is no offering for our sins. ²⁷ All we can do is to wait in fear for God to judge. His blazing fire will burn up his enemies. ²⁸ Suppose someone did not obey the law of Moses. And suppose two or three witnesses made charges against them. That person would die without mercy. ²⁹ People who deserve even more punishment include those who have hated the Son of God. They include people who have said no to him. They include people who have treated as unholy the blood of the covenant that makes them holy. They also include people who have disrespected the Holy Spirit who brings God's grace. Don't you think people like this should be punished more than anyone else? ³⁰ We know the God who said, "I am the God who judges people. I will pay them back." Scripture also says, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² Remember those earlier days after you received the light. You remained strong in a great battle that was full of suffering. ³³ Sometimes people spoke badly about you in front of others. Sometimes you were treated badly. At other times you stood side by side with people being treated like this. ³⁴ You suffered along with people in prison. When your property was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew that God had given you better and more lasting things. ³⁵ So don't throw away your bold faith. It will bring you rich rewards.

³⁶ You need to be faithful. Then you will do what God wants. You will receive what he has promised.

³⁷ "In just a little while,
he who is coming will come.
He will not wait any longer."

³⁸ And,

"The one who is right with God will live by faith.
And I am not pleased with
the one who pulls back."

³⁹ But we don't belong to the people who pull back and are destroyed. We belong to the people who believe and are saved.