

Date: August 23, 2026
Title: Let Us Consider
Passage: Hebrews 10:23-25

Summary:

I. Confession of Our Hope

II. And Let Us Consider

III. Comfort Each Other More

Key Truths:

- Jesus is our confession. Confess = to agree. We agree that we can only have peace with God through the grace and mercy through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- How are we sharpened? Through love in the body of Christ. Love is our focus.
- Faith, hope, and love is echoed through all of the New Testament
 - Faith: God has always been good (looks back)
 - Hope: God will always be good (looks ahead)
 - Love: God is good right now (looks around)
- Comfort and encourage one another through love. Don't focus on particular spiritual gifts but meet needs that you see or otherwise ask how to serve in the church.

Application:

- As you go about and love others and meet needs around you, encourage one another. Remember that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back. Comfort and encourage each other until Jesus returns.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
- What's a takeaway from the sermon you can apply to your life?
- What next steps will you take in response to the truths you have heard or seen?

EXPOSITION

Introduction

John 4:34

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

- Jesus' purpose was clear.
- What kind of people should we be?

- We should be people on purpose.

Context of Passage

Hebrews chapters 1-10

Hebrews 1:3

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

- the author has laid out clearly how Jesus is elevated above all.

Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- Before, only the Holy Priest would go into the Most Holy Place to give sacrifice for the people.
- Now Jesus is our Great Priest who has gone before us.

Passage:

Hebrews 10:23–25 (LSB)

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

EXPOSITION

I. The Confession of Our Hope

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope

- "Let us" = This is done together, not isolated.

Hebrews 3:3-6

For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, but Christ is faithful over

God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

- Jesus is our confession. He is our hope. He is everything.

Hebrews 4:14

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Hebrews 6:11

And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,

- Full assurance of our hope is clear.
- Jesus swore an oath that He would not break his vow.

Hebrews 10:35

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

Confession

- Meaning: "same speech"
- Confession of hope: a treaty of peace that has been sealed by the blood of the King.
- Confession = means we agree with what He has sworn.
 - We pledge our allegiance to what God has done.
 - We agree that we can only have peace with God through the grace and mercy through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What is our confession?

- King Jesus.
 - He is our confession of our hope.

Hebrews 9:28

so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

- Jesus has clearly dealt with your sin.
- Jesus gave His life so that He could save you from your sins.
 - Now you can anticipate Jesus' arrival.

without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

- How are we to hold on to our confession?
 - Without wavering
- How?
 - Because God is faithful to all His promises.
 - What God says is true.

Hebrews 11:11 (example of Sarah)

By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

- Sarah waited 25 years. She looked towards God's promises.

God is faithful.

Ephesians 6:17

and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

- You have the helmet of salvation.
- Fix your mind on your salvation.

Colossians 3:2-3

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

II. And Let Us Consider

And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession,

- Command is clear: Consider Jesus
 - Meaning: Focus your attention and efforts on Jesus.
- Likewise, we are to also consider how to stimulate each other to love and good deeds.

Why do we exist?

- Glorify God and enjoy Him forever.
 - How?
 - We observe one another

how to stimulate one another

Hebrews 12:14-15

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

- Our responsibility is to work towards unity and peace.
- Why?
 - "...and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. "

We are all accountable to each one of us.

- Command: See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God;

to love and good deeds,

- How are we sharpened? Through love.
- Love is our focus.

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1 Corinthians 13:13

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

What are we to do? Speak and serve with love.

- Love people, not spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

- The focus of the church is not spiritual gifts.
 - But the focus is love.
- Misperceptions: many are paralyzed by trying to discern their "spiritual gifts"

- Instead, we are to focus on loving others.
 - See a need and fill it.
 - Be humble to serve whatever is needed.
 - It is through serving you ascertain what your gifting is in building up the body of Christ.

III. Comfort Each Other More

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- The church was being harshly persecuted. Some did leave.

as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,

- We are to gather together in corporate worship.
- Word: "super synagogue" = "super gathering"
- The primary focus: encouragement.
 - Not attendance
 - But encourage one another.

and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

- Our hope and joy is in the future coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Psalms 87:1-2

On the holy mount stands the city he founded; the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

- Meaning: God loves the public worship in Zion's gate
- Yes, there is value in private worship.
 - But also come together with others on the Lord's Day in corporate gatherings.

How are we to encourage?

- Set our minds on the promises of God (some below as outlined in Hebrews chapters 1-10):
 - God destroyed the devil.

- You are His house
- You will enter His rest
- You will find every grace and mercy for your every need
- He forgets your sins
- He does not forget anything you have done for His sake done in faith.
- Jesus is in heaven for you.
- Jesus saves to the uttermost
- Your redemption is eternal.
- You will receive all the promises of God.
- God will not procrastinate His return.
- God will not forsake you.
- God is your helper.
- You belong to Him.
- God will equip you with every good work.
- All Christians will be perfected at the same moment.

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