

## *Sunday School Extended Lesson Guides*

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### **Daily Bible Readings**

**Our Read-Ahead for: 04 September 2022**

#### ***Faith Calls for Perseverance***

**Monday:** A Great Faith (**Matthew 8:5–13**)

**Tuesday:** A Saving Faith (**Romans 10:8–17**)

**Wednesday:** A Justifying Faith (**Galatians 2:15–21**)

**Thursday:** An Examined Faith (**2 Corinthians 13:5–10**)

**Friday:** An Enduring Faith (**Romans 5:1–5**)

**Saturday:** An Exemplary Faith (**1 Thessalonians 1:2–10**)

**Sunday:** The Full Assurance of Faith (**Hebrews 10:19–31**)

# Faith Calls for Perseverance<sup>1</sup>

## Bible Background: Hebrews 10:19–31

Printed Text • Hebrews 10:19–31 | Devotional Reading • Romans 5:1–5

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**Keep in Mind:** “*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering;*” (Hebrews 10:23, KJV)

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### *Focal Verses*

#### **Hebrews 10:19-31**

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

**20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

21 And having a high priest over the house of God;

**22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

**24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:**

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remained no more sacrifice for sins,**

27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

**28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:**

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<sup>1</sup> Urban Ministries Inc, *Directions* Adult edition, June-August 2022; *Faith Calls for Perseverance*, 04 September 2022

29 Of how much sorer punishment, you suppose, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden underfoot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

**30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongs to me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. Again, The Lord shall judge his people.**

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

### **Aim for Change**

By the end of the lesson, we will: KNOW Jesus' sacrificial death opens the way to the presence of God; FEEL the importance of holding on to faith in Jesus; and SHARE our faith with others.

### **In Focus**

*Through faith in Christ, our sins are forgiven and we have a new life. In today's lesson, we can develop a personal relationship with Jesus by faith and enter the presence of God*

## **I. The People Places and Times**

**Holy of Holies.** It was in the innermost sanctuary of the temple. Separated from the other parts of the temple by a thick curtain, the Holy of Holies was specially associated with the presence of Yahweh, God.

**High Priest.** He was the one in charge of the temple worship. It was a hereditary position based upon descent from Aaron. Normally, the high priest served for life. Only the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies and only on the Day of Atonement.

**Hebrews.** Because there are references to religious sacrifices and ceremonies, the book of Hebrews was probably written before the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70. The setting for the book is a period when Jewish Christians underwent severe socially and physically persecution from the Romans and Jews. It's clear that the author was knowledgeable of the Old Testament because there are direct quotations from it as he argues the superiority of Jesus Christ and faith.

## **II. Background**

Sacrifices were practiced from the earliest of times in the Old Testament. The writer expressed the importance and superiority of Christ's priesthood and the New Covenant to the Levitical priesthood and the Mosaic covenant. The Levitical high priest could only enter the Holy of Holies, which was the most holy place (inner sanctuary of the temple) one day a year, the Day of Atonement. The new covenant, which was initiated when Christ died, frees believers from the bondage of the first covenant. God took away the Levitical sacrificial system, which was the first arrangement, when He provided the perfect sacrifice—Jesus Christ

## **III. In Depth**

1. The Priesthood of Christ Is Superior (**Hebrews 10:19–21**)
2. The Priesthood of Christ and Our Profession of Faith (**Hebrews 10:22–25**)
3. The Priesthood of Christ and Knowledge of the Truth (**Hebrews 10:26–27**)
4. The Priesthood of Christ and How God Will Judge His People (**Hebrews 10:28–31**)

- IV. Take Aways**
- V. Announcements**
- VI. Closing Prayer**