

# Treasure Hunt

- What is “the profession of our faith” in 10:23?
- Ben: Why might it be hard to “hold fast”?
- How does the motivation to “hold fast” in 10:23 differ from that in 4:15?
- Who is provoked in 10:24—the one being considered, or the one considering?
- Nate: What is “the day” that should motivate us to exhort one another?
- What about “the day” makes mutual comfort and exhortation necessary?
- What does it mean to “sin wilfully” (10:26)?
- What two kinds of sin did the OT distinguish?
- How can the writer exhort us both to “full assurance of faith” (10:22) and fear (10:31)?

# Inclusio around ch. 4-10

	ch. 4	ch. 10
What we Have	14 Seeing then that <b>we have a great high priest</b> , that is <b>passed into the heavens</b> , Jesus the Son of God,	19 <b>Having</b> therefore, brethren, <b>boldness to enter into the holiest</b> by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living <b>way, which he hath consecrated for us</b> , through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And <b>having an high priest</b> over the house of God;
What we should Do	<b>let us hold fast our profession.</b> 15 For we have not an <b>high priest</b> which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 <b>Let us therefore come boldly</b> unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.	22 <b>Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith</b> , having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 <b>Let us hold fast the profession</b> of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And <b>let us consider one another</b> 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.

# Our Three Duties

10:19-25	
Having ...	Let us ...
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20, his obedience in his flesh	23, Let us hold fast without wavering
21, high priest over the house of God	24-25, our responsibility in the house of God

	4:14b-15	10:23
Exhortation to Hold Fast	let us hold fast our profession.	Let us hold fast the <b>profession</b> of <i>our</i> faith without wavering;
Motive: a Characteristic of our Lord	15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was <b>in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.</b>	for <b>he is faithful</b> that promised;

10:23 profession [confession]:

Luk 12:8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall **confess me** before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: 9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

he is faithful that promised:

Heb. 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

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Consider one another

Php 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Heb. 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

to provoke = unto a provocation

Psa. 10:13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it. 14 Thou hast seen it; for thou **beholdest** mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand:

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit **was stirred** in him, when he **saw** the city wholly given to idolatry.

Good καλός G2570 works = worthy of emulation.

Matt. 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

25 not forsaking

Matt. 27:46 My God, my God, why hast thou **forsaken** me?

2Tim. 4:10 For Demas hath **forsaken** me, having loved this present world,

# 10:25 exhorting, the day

but exhorting one another:

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and **exhorting** them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

the day

1 Cor 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for **the day** shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

2Th. 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day** shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

1John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, **when he shall appear**, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

# The Warnings in Hebrews

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Sin</b>	<b>Follows</b>	<b>Precedes</b>
2:1-4	Neglect	Christ higher than angels	Christ lower than angels
3:7-4:13	Unbelief	Christ as faithful high priest	Christ as merciful high priest
5:11-6:12	Stagnation	Christ's similarities to other priests	Christ's distinctions from other priests
10:26-31	Willful Sin	The Person and Work of the Son of God	The Life of the Sons of God
12:25-29	Refusal to Obey	Patience in Suffering	Submission to Authority

# The Background of 10:26-27

Heb 10:26 For if we sin **wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **no more sacrifice for sins**, 27 But **a certain fearful looking for of judgment** and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Num. 15:27 And if any soul sin **through ignorance**, then he shall bring **a she goat of the first year for a sin offering**. ... 30 But the soul that doeth ought **presumptuously**, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be **cut off** from among his people. 31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be **cut off**; **his iniquity shall be upon him**.

# Some Helpful Parallels

29 trodden under foot

Is. 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase **trodden under feet**.

31 fear vs. 22 assurance

John 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing **ye might have** life through his name.

1John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**. ... 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.