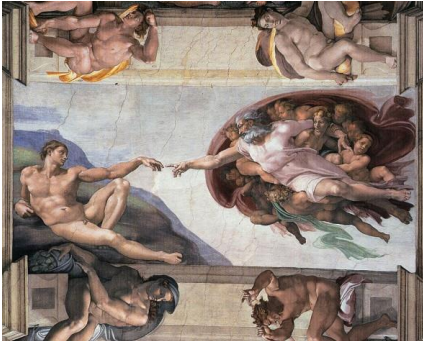


Hold on! Persevere! Don't lose faith!

Hebrews 10: 19-39

What are we holding onto?
Is it solid and reliable?
How did Toby build up strength
to win this gold medal?
How important is the prize?
What is the risk of falling?



What thoughts does this picture give?
How important is God in our daily life?
What helps us to hold onto our faith?

How can we hold on to our faith?

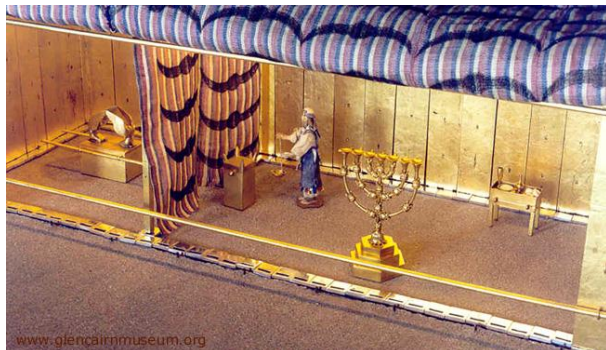
Hebrews 10: 19-25

1) What provision do we have?

We have **confidence** (boldness, faith)
to enter the sanctuary (holy of holies)
by the blood of **Jesus** (shed for our sins)
vv19

We have a **great high priest**
over the house of **God** (Jesus)
v21

by the new and living way
which he opened for us
through the curtain,
that is through his body
(on the cross)
v20



How can we hold onto our faith?

Hebrews 10: 19-25

2) What actions do we need to take together?

Let us

- **draw near to God**
*with a sincere heart
in full assurance of faith,
conscience cleansed,
body washed with pure water*
- **hold on unwaveringly
to the hope we profess**
He who promised is faithful
- **spur one another on
to love and good works**
*keep on meeting together
encourage one another*



What are the warning signs for those who are falling away?

Hebrews 10: 26-31

This paragraph applies to those who deliberately keep on sinning after they have received knowledge of the truth

If we disrespect the name and authority of Jesus and refuse to follow His teaching,
if we reject the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus shed for us as atonement for our sins to reconcile us to Father God, **and**
if we insult the Holy Spirit by going our own way and ignoring His prompting,

we will cut ourselves off from God's grace and mercy and will have to face the consequences.

NB The book of Hebrews is addressed to Jewish Christians who are reconsidering their decision to convert.



Look back with thanksgiving and look ahead with hope

Hebrews 10: 32-39

Past struggles



Future hope

conditional on keeping the **faith**



"Cornerstone"

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

*Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
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How can we hold onto our faith?

Final thoughts

SoF 2976 *Cornerstone* (Hillsong 2011)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a3HH_-1Zbs

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne**