## Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward (ii) (Quality: Very good)

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[0:00] As the Lord shall be pleased to help me, I shall seek to continue with the morning subject, the epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 10, 35th verse.

Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

Chapter 10, 35th verse, the epistle to the Hebrews. I do hope that some of you, dear friends, young and old, have been examining your confidence as to what the basis of it really is, whether it is that, which God is the author of or know.

It is a matter of supreme importance, yea, a matter of eternal moment. You cannot conceive how solemn it will be if after living your life amongst people taught of God, when you get to the end of life's journey, you shall have teakles stamped upon you and be weighed in the balances and found wanting.

wanting that confidence that God is the author of some religion to live by and to die by.

[1:51] It is impossible for those of us who try to preach to emphasize the importance of having matters right between our souls and God.

I want, as the Lord shall help me, to go on with the subject, not to go over the ground again. I remember when I used to sit in the pew.

I very much disliked if the preacher in the afternoon, taking his subject up again, spent half the sermon time in going over what he said in the morning sermon.

And therefore I keep that in mind. I just remind you that your confidence must be such a one as the Apostle Paul was persuaded that these godly Hebrews were the subject of.

But there is just one matter I would like to comment on regarding these godly Hebrews and the Church of Christ in Judea.

As you read this epistle to the Hebrews, you find in the preceding chapter, and the one where our subject is found, that the Apostle Paul was inspired of God to set forth a very solemn warning about turning one's back upon a profession of the name of Jesus.

You will remember there were those who did that when Jesus Christ dwelt on earth as Emmanuel God with us. The Savior preached the truth as he alone could do.

And he said, This foundation truth, It is the spirit that quickeneth. The flesh profiteth nothing.

Then said some in listening, This is a hard saying. Who can hear it? From that many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him.

Oh, they turned their backs on that dear Savior. And yet, they had professed for a while to be his disciples. But they made up their own minds to have no more to do with him.

[4:34] And his people. And they went back into the world. To live again as worldlings do. And now to do that is to become an apostate.

And there were some in the Church of Christ. In Judea. To whom this epistle to the Hebrews was penned. Who did likewise. The Savior spoke.

In the parable of the sower. Of those who when persecution arises. They are offended. Or they are not prepared to endure it.

And face the consequences. Of what it is to follow Jesus. And follow him. Aright. And so.

You find. There were some. Who went back also. In the Church of Christ in Judea. And they became. As I said. Apostates.

[5:38] And now an apostate. God. Is a character. That no preacher. Can set forth adequately. Think of what it means.

To deliberately make up. One's mind. To have no more to do with God. And godliness. But to go back. And live as you were born.

And be after the flesh. The things of the flesh. Whatever the consequences. May be. And now I have admired. Many times. And more than admired.

I want to be found inside it. I have admired. I say. How the Apostle Paul. Concludes this chapter. Now. The just.

Shall live. By faith. But if any man. Draw back. My soul. Shall have no pleasure. In him. But we are not of them.

[6:35] Who draw back. Unto perdition. But of them. That believe. To the saving. Of the soul. And now. That is. My great concern.

As the pastor. That you dear people. Young and old. Shall be numbered. With them. That believe. To the saving. Of the soul. And I hope.

That none of you. Dear young people. When you think. You can do. As you like. Will turn your backs. Upon the truth. That you were brought up in. And your father and mother's religion.

And your father and mother's God. And go back into the world. And live as worldlings do. For if you should.

Make such a decision. Be not deceived. God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth. That shall he also reap.

[7:36] He that soweth to the flesh. Shall of the flesh. Reap corruption. He that soweth to the spirit. Shall of the spirit.

Reap life. Everlasting. There is no greater mercy. That you dear people. Can know. Young. Middle aged. And old. Than to know.

Jesus Christ. This is life eternal. That they may know thee. The only true God. And Jesus Christ. Whom thou.

Hast sent. And now. Looking at this subject. Again. As grace is given. Cast not away.

Therefore. Your confidence. Which hath great recompense. Of reward. As the morning sermon ended.

[8:32] I was showing you a little. Of the needs be. Of such. An injunction. As this. And. If your confidence.

Is indeed. One that God has wrought. In your soul's experience. You will have it tested. It will be tested. From within.

And from without. It will be tested. By the world at large. And. Hell itself. Will test it. The devil will see.

To undermine it. It. And another thing. God himself. God himself. Would test it. And make it manifest. That he is.

The author. Of it. You may feel. This Sabbath afternoon. Some of you. That your confidence. Is very low. And yet.

[9:30] Although. It may be. That does not alter. The fact. That it is of God. God. If you like.

To work that out. In your leisure time. You can look into the word of God. And see what saith the scriptures. And you will see. Notable instances.

Of those. Who. At one time. In their souls. Their confidence. Was.

Very high. And they could rejoice. In the Lord. And their hope. Was indeed. A thrice comfortable hope.

If you think of the psalmist. Remember what he said. At one time. Bless the Lord. O my soul. And forget not.

[10:25] All his benefits. Who forgiveth. All thine iniquities. Who healeth. All thy. Diseases. There he was. In a heavenly place.

In Christ Jesus. But he was put. To a very crucial test. And. He slipped. Very solemnly. In the matter of Uriah.

And Uriah's wife. And then his confidence. Went down. Down. Down. And what did he say then. Cast me not away.

From thy presence. Take not thy Holy Spirit. From me. Leave not my soul. Destitute. To encourage him.

And he could hardly find. Any signs. Regarding his confidence. Then. To encourage him. And yet. The good work.

[11:21] Was still there. But God. Was making it manifest. And the psalmist. Was reaping. In accordance. With the seed. He had sown.

When it says. The backslider in heart. Shall be filled. With his own. Ways. You see. Also. With the apostle Paul.

And he at one time. Was in. What he declares. To be the third heavens. Which I judge. To be. Just outside. The gates of heaven.

Itself. And. He could not begin. To put into words. What his experience. Was. At that time. But you will find.

In the same epistles. To the Corinthians. He speaks. About. Being. Cast down. But not. Destroyed.

[12:19] And he says. Without. Were fightings. And within. Were fears. And you might find. Many instances. But you can search them out.

As the Lord. Shall help you. And you must not think. Because your confidence. Is very low. And you are being. Tried and tested. Until you hardly know.

What you are. To where you are. You must not conclude. By what you feel. That your confidence. Is not of God. No.

No. Think of our hymn writer. What am I. Where am I. Strange myself. And paths appear. Scarce can lift a thought on high.

Or drop one. Heart feeling. Tear. And yet. That was not of the flesh. That he felt like that. Such feelings.

[13:15] Could only be known. By the spirit of God. Working. Within. And yet. It was a very low level. For his confidence. To be.

In his soul's. Experience. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence. Which hath great recompense.

Of. Reward. And now. I said. There is a need speech. For such an injunction. As this. You will find.

Sometimes. If you look within. And you get a little light. From heaven. On what is to be seen there. Which you know.

Every man. The plague. Of his own heart. You will find. Then your confidence. Is tested. And you will. Ponder.

[14:12] Your heart's. Feelings. And wonder. Can ever God dwell here. From the sole of the foot.

Even to the head. There is no soundness. In it. Wounds and bruises. Putrefying sores. And you. Are asking God.

To lead you. Into his truth. To deepen his work. Within you. And to make you manifest. As being numbered. With his. People.

And you desire. To live a right. You would. If you could. Live a holy life. And yet. When you look within. All you can see.

Is that. Which. Makes your confidence. Go down. Down. As to whether you can. Indeed. Be a child of God. And feel. And feel.

[15:07] As you do. It is only. A child of God. Who can feel. As you do. The dead. Know not.

Anything. It is the living. Who will lay. These things. To heart. But do remember. What Joseph Hart says.

Pour not on thyself. Too long. Lest it sink thee lower. For that is. All. That will happen. If you continue.

To do it. The more you pour within. The lower down. You will go. The leprosy. Lies deep within.

The remedy. Is with that. See it. In the saviour's blood. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence. And remember.

[16:04] It is only. In heaven's own light. That you can see. How sad. Your state. By nature is.

And that in itself. Is really a token for good. Although you feel. As you do. The heart. Once hard. A steel.

That's made for sin. To feel. Bears tokens. Of a ransom soul. Yes. Cast not away. Therefore.

Your confidence. Which hath great recompense. Of reward. And now sometimes. Your confidence. May be tried.

Because you may fall. A pry. To comparing. What you hope. God has done. For your soul. With what God has done. For other people's souls. People taught of God.

[17:02] And. They may be able. To tell. Of a deep down experience. Or of climbing. Into the heavenly. Heights. And tell out.

Things. Which as yet. You know. That God. Has not enabled you. To feel. In your soul's. Experience. Confidence. And in that comparison.

Your confidence. May go down. Down. Because. You cannot say. What some people. Taught of God. Can say. And now.

It is not wise. To make these comparisons. And I have sometimes. Thought. I say this. With great reverence. I have sometimes.

Thought. That there is. Actually. A danger. That you need. To be. Aware of. When you read. The lives. Of the godly. And especially.

[18:01] When you read. Memoirs. In our. Magazines. From this. Viewpoint. You find. That they may have.

Lived a life. Of 60. 70. 80 years. And the very. Best of their. Religion. And their. Souls. Experience. The essence. Of it. Is concentrated.

Into two. Or three. Pages. And not so much. As that. Often. And. When you read it. It all. Seems. So. Good. That you.

Overlook. The fact. That it is. Really. Spread over. 60. 70. Or 80. Years. And you are not. As old as that. It may be.

And you wonder. If you will ever. Have such. A religion. If such. Experience. Will ever be. Tasted. Handled. And felt. By you. And. Your confidence.

[18:55] Goes down. As you. Contemplate it. Oh. But. There is a better way. And that is. To still. Be waiting.

On God. With whom. You have to do. Lead me in thy truth. And teach me. Because when all is said and done. You do not want another one's religion.

You must have one of your own. One. That you have. Tasted. Handled. And felt. A long life's way. As you have followed on.

To know the Lord. And however little it may be. See. If you can say. Come and hear. All ye that fear God. And I will tell you. What he hath done.

For my soul. Oh. What a favor that is. To be prized. And your confidence. Arising out of it. Cast not away. Your confidence.

[19:54] Which hath great recompense. Of reward. There is another thought. Comes to my mind. And you must not gauge religion. Do listen.

By its quantity. But by its quality. A little that a righteous man hath. Is better than the riches. Of many wicked.

There are many people. Who have got such quantities. Of religion. But then. When all is said and done. The wood hay and stubble. Has got to be burned up.

And good it will be. If when that fire. Has done its work. There is still. Gold, silver, precious stones. A little. To help such an one.

To realize. A confidence. That God. Is. The author of. Much might be said. Along. That line. Of thought.

[20:53] Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence. Sometimes. Your confidence. May be. Tested. Because you have many fears.

About it. There again. You may be comparing. What you feel. And what you hope. God has taught you. With what he has taught. Other people. Of whom you know.

Or read about. But. You have fears. Because. You cannot say this. You cannot say that. And you have got nothing. It may be.

Very clear cut. Or definite. Regarding when. God. Began his good work. In you. And because. You cannot do.

As other people. Can do. Set down a time. When God began. To deal. With you. You wonder. If your confidence. Is one. That God is the author of.

[21:46] What will prove it to be. Listen. The soul. That with sincere desire. Seeks after. Jesus love.

That soul. The Holy Ghost. Inspires. With breathings. From. Above. Yes. Oh. I like that word. In Osea.

Then. Shall we know. If we follow on. To know. The Lord. And that should be. Your chief concern. That your confidence.

Might be. Made manifest. As being. That which is. Of God. Assure my conscience. Of her part. In the Redeemer's blood.

And bear the witness. With my heart. That I am born of God. And regarding. A beginning.

[ 22:42 ] To the good work. And when it was begun. You might find. Encouragement. In the word of God. Because. Some of the most. Notable characters. Recorded therein.

The spirit of God. Sets out their lives. In detail. Often. But does not say. When the good work. Was begun. Or where. You could not tell.

When the good work. Was begun. In David. Or in Joseph. And in other characters. Others. But. It is known like this.

First the blade. Then the ear. Then the full corn. Shall appear. Those feeble desires. And wishes.

So weak. Tis Jesus inspires. And bids you. Still see. And now. Your confidence. May be tried.

[23:40] Because you hope. God is the author of it. And you have. Treasured your confidence. Within. You're in. You're out.

But as yet. You cannot attain. To that great height. Forgiveness. Of sins. And sometimes. Satan.

Sets upon you. Regarding it. He tells us. We are weak. Our hope is in vain. And the good that we seek. We now shall obtain. And yet.

What have you got to do. In listening. To what Satan has to say. About your religion. Your confidence. Should you not. Take notice.

Of what the word of God. Declares. Neither give place. To the devil. Because if you listen. To what he suggests. About your confidence. Your religion.

[24:39] You are giving place. To him. And I have told you. Many times. I tell you again. The devil is not omniscient. He can never know.

How matters really stand. Between your soul and God. He can discern. That you are following on. To know the Lord. And that you want to be.

Right. Before God. With whom you have to do. And therefore. He will oppose you. But he can never know. What is the truth. Of the matter.

All his suggestions. Are lies. You should not. You should not. Credit the devil's lies. No. Cast not away. Therefore.

Your confidence. The devil may suggest. That you will never know. Forgiveness of sins. Because you know. What a sinner you are.

[25:37] And many people. Have been caught. In that. Snare of the devil. And. Have journeyed on. With many fears.

And faintings. And ifs and buts. And hows. Regarding the matter. And sometimes. Satan has gained. Such an advantage.

That people. Who are really taught of God. Have been. Brought to the. Borderland of despair. I was very pleased to read.

A little while ago. About where the godly pastor. Went to visit. A poor. Godly woman. Who was indeed. One who had a confidence.

That God was the author of. But. She was in Satan's sin. She was much in. Darkness. As to her soul. Standing.

[ 26:37 ] And she was. On the border. Of. Despair. And. When the godly pastor. Went to see her. She told him.

How she felt. And what a sinner she was. And that she was sure. There could be no hope. For such a sinner. For her sins were so great.

And grievous. And they threatened to overwhelm her. And. When she had finished. The godly pastor said. Oh my friend.

There is one sin. You have not told me about yet. And she looked at him. And said. What sin do you mean? The sin.

That you are guilty of. In setting up. Your sins. As being too great. And grievous. For Jesus Christ. To blot out.

[ 27:34 ] The blood of Jesus Christ. God's son. Cleanseth us. From. All sin. And God used that. Simple statement. To the woman's.

Deliverance. Out of Satan's clutches. And she felt. Her confidence. Born again. In her soul's experience. And went on. With good hope.

Through grace. Oh do remember. Jesus blood. Through earth and skies. Mercy. Eternal. Mercy. Christ.

What a great word. The Savior proclaimed. All manner of sin. Should be forgiven. Through this man.

There is preached unto you. The forgiveness of sins. Therefore. Although your confidence. May be tested. And tried. As to whether.

[28:30] That mercy. Will ever be known. And felt. By you. What are you to do? Still pray. For God. Will all explain. Nor shalt thou.

Seek his face. In vain. The vision. Is for an appointed time. Though it tarry. Wait for it. In the end. It shall speak.

And not lie. It will surely come. It will not tarry. The apostle Paul. Actually. Uses. Habakkuk's word. To emphasize. That you are not to cast away.

Your confidence. What does he say? For yet a little while. Mark the alteration. And. He. That shall come.

Will come. And will not tarry. The Lord. The Lord will appear. Yes. Much might be said. Along that line.

[29:26] Of thought. You may have your confidence. Tried. Because. Here you are. You have journeyed on. Through life. You have seen much.

Of the goodness of God. Passing before you. And now. You know. Deep down in your heart. That you are journeying on. To the end.

And you wonder. You have fears. Like the hymn writer. My fears sometimes say. I never shall find. In death's gloomy day.

True peace. To my mind. And your confidence. Is tested. From that viewpoint. You have fears. As to. Whether you will find.

The bottom. To be good. In Jordan's. Swelling. But this word. Still looks at you. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence.

[30:21] Which hath great. Recompense. Of reward. And in this same epistle. To the Hebrews. In. The second chapter. There is.

A great. Word. Which says. And deliver them. Who. Through fear of death. Were all their lifetime. Subject. To bondage.

Do you remember. What you have read. In the pilgrim's progress. That when Mr. Fearin. Went over the river. To journey up. To this celestial city.

John Bunyan says. I perceived. When he went. Across. That the water. Was more shallow. Than any other time. In fact. Mr. Fearin. Went over.

Almost dry shot. And who can tell. But what God. Will be gracious to you. Like that. Cast not away. Therefore.

[31:16] Your confidence. Which hath great. Recompense. Of. Reward. And now. Your confidence. May be tried.

From this viewpoint. You may go back. Like the apostle Paul. Says here. Call to remembrance. The former days.

And you do that. And they may have been. Good days. Some of us. Have. Often wished. We could. Live over.

Some. Of the. Former days. Again. Because. There was something. Very special. In our youth. In following on.

To know the Lord. And. You may. Contrast. What you felt. Then. When you. Early. Followed on.

[32:10] To know the Lord. And where you are. Nowadays. In life's evening time. And often. Walking in obscurity. And darkness. And seem to have.

No light. And. You have to tell the truth. That you do not always feel. To be. Lively. In your soul's. Experience. And one of your.

Special prayers is. Leave not my soul. Destitute. Restore unto me. The joy. Of thy. Salvation.

And now. You are not to cast away. Your confidence. Because. You feel. Nowadays. Like you do. And yet. You know. You can go back. To when you.

Did feel. It is good for me. To draw near. Unto God. When you. Realized. To me. Christ is more. Precious fire.

[ 33:06 ] Than life. And all its. Comforts are. You see. You have got. To remember. And do. Remember it. That you are not.

To judge. The state. Of your confidence. By your frames. Of feelings. It remains. How shall I. Illustrate it.

Godly. Job said. The root. Of the matter. Is found in me. And there it is. A reality. In your soul's. Experience. Whatever your frames.

Of feelings. May be. What God. Has done. For your soul. Remains. Done. And can never. Be undone. And there is. That word.

I like it. It is a word. For nowadays. In the times. In which you. And I. Are living. That which. You have already. Hold fast. Till I come.

[34:03] Yes. Thy love. In times. Past. Forbids me. To think. Thou wilt leave me. At last. In trouble. To sing. Cast not away.

Therefore. Your confidence. Which hath great. Recompense. Of reward. I know. Your confidence. Will be tried. When you think.

Too. Of what you really are. As you feel. To be before God. And what you know. You ought to be. According to what. You profess to be. Especially if your name.

Is on a church roll. You look at a fruit. Tree. And you feel. Condemned.

Can you ever see. A well loaded. Fruit tree. And not feel otherwise. Any of you. With names on the church roll. There is the picture.

[34:58] Of what you should be. Before God and man. Fruitful in good works. But what do you say. When you try to pray. My leanness.

My leanness. And your confidence. Is tried. And sometimes. You remember. A scripture. Every plant.

Which my father. Hath not planted. Shall be rooted up. Then you wonder. If you will be. And I have thought. Many times. Along life's way.

It is a mercy. The woodman. Has not come along. With the axe. Cut it down. Why. Cumbereth it the ground. A barren tree. That bears no fruit.

Brings no great glory. To its root. And now. You may be troubled. About that. And your confidence. May be tested. And tried. Because. You seem to be.

[35:52] Oh. So far. Far short. In all that you ought to be. And do. You cannot feel. That you were fruitful. Are you the best judge. Of what is fruit.

Can a tree. See its own fruit. Surely. It is the husband man. Who goes round. And examines. The orchard. And sees.

What the promise is. Of fruit. And what eventually. The harvest. Is. When it is gathered. So it is. With you. Before God. With whom.

You have. To do. Yes. And remember. What I have told you. Thou doest well. To have it in thy heart. To be a real.

Christian. However far short. You feel to come. In all that you would be. And do. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence.

[36:49] Which hath great. Recompensive reward. You read. In the Proverbs. The desire. Of the righteous. Shall be granted.

Desire. Put in the singular. And what is that desire. To be righteous. With them numbered. I would be now.

And in eternity. And that is the desire. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence. Which hath great.

Recompensive reward. There is just one more thought. Under this viewpoint. Of the subject. Your confidence. May be tried.

Because. At the present time. Your nest. Is churned up. And there are. Matters that you need

[ 37 : 43 ] To handle wisely. As grace is given. You want to see the Lord. Appearing for you. In this matter. Or that.

What are you to do. The word of God. Will tell you. I will be inquired. Of by you.

All house of Israel. To do these things. And remember what. Kelly the hymn writer says. It is good. Teaching.

When we cannot see our way. Let us trust. And still obey. He who bids us forward. Go. Will not fail. The way to show.

Take no anxious thought. For the moral. God has made provision. For it. Be content. With such things. As ye have. As thy days.

[38:41] So shall thy strength. Be. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence. Regarding the future. Father. Think.

How God. Has been with you. Along life's way. Hitherto. Did ever trouble. Yet before. And God refused. To hear thy call. You have still.

That God. To go to. Let us. Therefore. Come boldly. Unto the throne. Of grace. To obtain. Mercy. And find grace.

To help. In time of need. And that reminds me. This word. Confidence. In our text. Good John Owen. Tells us. It means.

In the original. Boldness. And. It is put like that. In this same chapter. Earlier. Having. Therefore. Brethren.

[39:37] Boldness. To enter into the. Holiest. By the blood. Of Jesus. By a new. And living way. Which he hath consecrated. For us.

Through the veil. That is to say. His flesh. In heaven. And high priest. Over the house. Of God. Let us draw near. With a true. Heart.

You see. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence. Your boldness. You have a God. To go to. And seek.

To trust in him. At all times. Ye people. Pour out your hearts. Before him. God is a refuge. For us. Yes.

And. The future. Will unfold. Like this. Step by step. As you go on. The way shall open up. Before you. And with that.

[40:33] You must. Seek to be. Content. It needs. Much grace. Much more. Than you realize. In the early dealings. Of God. With you. To live a day.

At a time. But this is the way. And walk ye. In it. Ever on. Thy captain. Calling. Make thy. Worst condition. Known. He shall hold thee up.

When falling. Or shall lift thee up. When down. Cast not away. Therefore. Your confidence. Which hath. Great recompense.

Of reward. There is just. One more thought. Here. As I come to the amen. And now. If your confidence. Is one that God. Is the author of.

He will acknowledge it. He will let you know. That he is the author of it. He will grant you. Help by the way.

[41:29] He will brighten. Your hope of heaven. From time to time. He will help you. To draw near. To the mercy seat. And he will confirm.

Your confidence. Like this. That Christ is God. I can avouch. And for his people cares. Since I have prayed. To him as such. And he has heard.

My prayers. He will confirm. Your confidence. By sometimes. Shedding abroad. His love. And how sweet. That is.

The Lord. Direct your hearts. Into. The love. Of God. And sometimes. He will help you. To draw near. To Calvary's cross.

And spend a few. Sweet moments. There. Which you will desire. Ever to keep. In remembrance. Oh. The strength. That will be. To your confidence.

[ 42:25 ] Unto you. Therefore. Which believe. He. Is. He is. Precious. Much. Might be said. Under that. Heading. These are the things.

Of which it says. In this. Epistle to the Hebrews. And. It is a word. Which. I hope. You will ponder. In your heart. And thank God.

And take courage. But beloved. We are persuaded. Better things. Of you. And things. That accompany. Salvation. Though we thus.

Speak. You do not. Want to be numbered. With those. Who. Fall away. And become. Apostates. But though you feel. Often.

Much in the dark. As to where you are. And what you are. In things divine. You still desire. To be found. Asking the way. To Zion. With your faces.

[43:21] Thitherward. Yes. And though faint. Yet pursuing. Yet pursuing. And.

All I have tried. To tell you. On this subject. Can be all summed up. Like this. Now let the feeble. All be strong. And make Jehovah's.

Arm thei faint. Am	r song. His ien. Amen.	shield. Is Amen.	spread.	O'er.	Every	saint.	And thus	supported.	Who sh