



- I. GOD HAS SPOKEN TO US THROUGH HIS SON (1:1-2:4)
- II. THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN IS IN THE INCARNATION AND SUFFERING OF HIS SON (2:5-18)
- III. CONSIDER (MEDITATE UPON) THE APOSTLE AND HIGH PRIEST OF OUR CONFESSION (3:1-12:17)
 - a. Do not cast away your confidence (10:32-35)
 - b. You have need of persevering faith (10:36-39).
 - c. Persevering faith defined, exemplified, and commanded (11:1-12:17)
 - i. A definition of faith (11:1)
 - ii. Examples of persevering faith (11:2-40)
 - iii. Persevering faith commanded (12:1-17)
 - 1. The exhortation itself—"lay aside . . . and run" (12:1)
 - 2. The source of persevering faith and its ultimate example—Jesus Christ (12:2-3)
 - 3. The Christian runner's surest hindrance—weariness and discouragement (12:3)
 - 4. Two supporting facts (12:4-13)
 - d. You have not yet resisted unto blood in striving against sin (12:4)
 - i. Remember that even in all to not refuse him who is speaking.
 - ii. Hebrews 12:28-29
- IV. REFUSE NOT GOD WHO SPEAKS—FOR HE IS A CONSUMING FIRE (12:18-29)

Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings and entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is enthroned on God's right.*

Hebrews 13: *We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Likewise, Jesus suffered outside the gate to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore, let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name*