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"EXHORT ... AND SO MUCH THE MORE"

(Hebrews 10:23-25)

INTRODUCTION - (text) "Let us hold fast the confession ("profession") of our hope ("faith") without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up ("provoke") love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

"Exhorting" - beseech; admonish; urge one to pursue a course of conduct; encourage; to warn of dangers; to persuade through earnest appeal; encourage.

The obligation to "exhort" is found numerous times in the N.T.

(Acts 2:40, 11:23, 14:21-22, 27:22; 2 Corinthians 9:5; 1 Thessalonians 2:11, 4:1; 1 Timothy 2:1, 4:13, 6:2; 2 Timothy 4:2; Hebrews 13:22; 1 Peter 5:12; Jude v3)

The text mentions 4 areas in which to "exhort"

1. "HOLD FAST THE CONFESSION OF OUR HOPE"

"the confession of our hope"

Just before we were baptized, we made a statement of our faith:

(Acts 8:37) "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God"

More than a confession, it is to be our "profession."

Holding it fast is based on the promises of God.

"Hold fast" - keep a tight grip on it; don't let loose; hug it; embrace it.

"Without wavering" - allow nothing to take you away from it. Stand fast.

2. "CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER"

"Consider one another" - don't keep it to yourself, and don't live it in isolation; others.

"in order to stir up" - to stimulate; to excite to action; fire-up; exhort.

"love and good works" - lead the way and encourage others to do the same.

3. "NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER"

"The assembling" - a reference to "ourselves together" on the Lord's day.

"Not forsaking" - do not miss on purpose, deliberately, willfully, or habitually.

"As is the manner of some" - don't be numbered among the "some."

"Mind your manners" when it comes time to assemble.

4. "AND SO MUCH THE MORE" - obligation to exhort often!

Some things need to be said over and over again; repeated; to be reminded.

(Acts 20:31) "Therefore watch, and remember that for three years

I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears."

You have heard the phrase: "Heed the warning"