

“What Is Your Greatest Investment?”
Hebrews 10:32-39

Introduction:

1. **IE:** 1920's Known As “Roaring 20's” - Due To Lifestyles & Fortunes - Including The Stock Market - Fortunes Made - Lives Improved!
 - Then Came The Stock Market Crash Of 1929 - Fortunes Destroyed - Lives Changed - Lives Lost!
 - Even Though Stocks Had Been Thought Of As The Greatest Investments!
 - Showed That Even The “Best” Investments Were Volatile & Vulnerable!
2. Investment Disclosure - “Past Performance Does Not Predict Future Results!”
 - In Good Times & Bad Times!
 - Showed The Need Of A Better Investment!
 - But There Is No Investment On Earth That Is Not Volatile & Vulnerable To A Crash!
 - Not Stocks & Bonds / Cash (Hidden In Walls) / Precious Metals / Land - Real Estate / Etc...

1. *You Need A Better Investment!*

- Find This In Hebrews 10:32-39 - Read Passage!
- Written To You As A Believer!
 - 10:32-34a - “But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; / Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used. / For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods!”
- Consider The Times You Have Lived In!
 - Doesn't It Prove To You That You Need A Better Investment Than This World Has To Offer?
 - “A Great Fight Of Afflictions”
 - Ridicule
 - Ruin & Abuse
 - Removal
- Think About The “Past Performance” Of Your Faith!
 - “Illuminated”
 - “Endured”
- “In Times Like These”
 - In Spite Of It All:
 - “Compassion”
 - “Took Joyfully The Spoiling Of Your Goods”
- This Could Only Happen If Your Investment Was In Something That Could Not Be Taken Away!
 - Job - Should Have Been The Most Depressed & Bitter Man!
 - Job 1:1-3 - “There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. / And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. / His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east!”
 - Investments Made In:
 - Family - Taken Away
 - Livestock - Taken Away
 - Possessions - Taken Away
 - Job 1:20-22 - “Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, / And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. / In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly!”
- If Your Only Investments Are:
 - Stocks / Bonds / Cash / Precious Metals / Land
 - If It Was All Taken Away From You, What Will You Have Left?
- You Need A Better Investment!

2. ***What Is Your Greatest Investment?***

- You Are Able To “Endure” Because Of It!
 - What Is It?
- 10:34b-37 - “Knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. / Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. / For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. / For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry!”
 - Described:
 - A Stable Thing
 - “Better And An Enduring Substance”
 - It Cannot Be Wasted!
 - Nor Can It Be Taken Away!
 - Nor Can It Decay In Its Own Nature! (Gill)
 - A Sure Thing
 - “Confidence”
 - A Significant Thing
 - “Great Recompence Of Reward”
 - A Secure Thing
 - “The Promise”
 - Stated:
 - Verse 37!
 - “He!”
- Your Greatest Investment Is God!
 - What Is Invested In Him Can Never Be Taken Away!

3. ***“How Can I Get This Greatest Investment?”***

- 10:38 - “Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him!”
 - “Just” = “Enlightened”
 - “Live” = “Endure” / “Patience”
 - “Faith” = Knowing That Your Greatest Investment Is In God!
- Doesn’t Matter:
 - The Ridicule!
 - The Ruin & Abuse!
 - The Removal Of Your Possessions!
- You Will Not – You Must Not:
 - “Cast Away”
 - But Be “Patient!”
 - James 5:7-8 - “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. / Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh!”
 - “Draw Back”
 - Thinking The Investments Of This World Are Greater!
 - They Are Not Stable / Sure / Significant / Or Secure!
 - Nothing In This Life Is!

Conclusion:

- 1. 10:39 - “But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul!”
 - The Greatest Investment Has Nothing To Do With:
 - Your Savings!
 - Your Success!
 - Your Satisfaction & Pleasure!
 - It Has Everything To Do With Your Soul!

- Mark 8:36 - “36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

2. What Are You Investing In?

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