

## Are We Of Them That Draw Back?

### I. Introduction:

A. God's people of old were notorious for very brief faithfulness (**Jeremiah 8:5** and **Hosea 6:4; 11:7**).

1. At times, their faithfulness was only as long as they had leadership (**Judges 2:18-19**).
2. At other times, it didn't matter who led them; they had their hearts set on failure (**Psalms 106:6-16**).

B. A lack of faithful finishers didn't change once Jesus entered into this world (**Matthew 22:14** and **John 6:60-66**).

1. Some were never really there (**I John 2:19**).
2. Some just aren't rooted enough to avoid and/overcome temptation (**Luke 8:13**; cf. **Romans 13:12-14**).

### II. Body: What About Us (**Hebrews 10:35-39**)?

A. Cast not away your confidence (**I John 2:28**).

1. Think about the language of casting something away (i.e. **Mark 10:50**).
2. Our confidence is what we are to hold on to until the end (**Hebrews 3:1-6**).
3. Is your relationship with God, your brethren, and the hope of eternal life a garment to be tossed aside (**I John 4:7-20**, **Jude 1:21**, and **I Timothy 6:11-12**)? \*If you fight, you won't fight alone (**Philippians 1:27**)!
4. In addition, would you toss away the efforts that have been made for we as saints to be who we are (**I Corinthians 15:3** and **II Timothy 2:8-10**; cf. **Galatians 4:11**)?
5. In a world of uncertainty, would you toss aside the only certain relationship you have (**Romans 8:31-39**)?

B. The great recompense of reward (**Hebrews 11:24-26**).

1. Jesus asked, "*what shall a man give in exchange for his soul*" (**Mark 8:31-38**)?
2. The fact is, nothing on this earth gives you a fair exchange rate for your soul; for all these things are temporary in pleasure and existence (**Ecclesiastes 5:10-16**, **Isaiah 55:1-3**, and **I John 2:15-17**).
3. Think about it (**Isaiah 51:6**)!

C. To receive the promise, you have need of patience [endurance] (**Matthew 10:22**).

1. Endure through temptations (**James 1:12**).
2. Let the things we face be your fuel to victory rather than your destruction (**Psalms 119:67-71** and **James 1:2-3**).

D. There is nothing good about drawing back (**II Peter 2:20-22**).

1. God asks, "why" (**Ezekiel 33:10-11**)?

2. For the child of God, turning back offers nothing to gain and literally, **EVERYTHING** worth anything, to lose (**Romans 6:17-23** and **I Timothy 6:6-10**)!

III. Conclusion: Don't be of those that draw back. Be the just that live by faith (**Romans 1:16-17**).