

# Ponderings in Hebrews

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The following is a Messianic Study on

Hebrews 10:23-25

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# Encouraging one another

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The author of Hebrews inspires us to **encouraging** one another, this was important then and it still is today.

Hebrews 10:23-25 *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is Faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”*

## **How do we encourage?**

There are many ways to encourage each other; these are just some of the thoughts I see in scripture, but there are many other ways.

1. Pray for one and other
2. Declare the Word of the LORD
3. Encourage one and other to exercise their spiritual gifts
4. Love each other

### **1. Pray for One and other**

Prayer strengthens us spiritually and mentally, as such we need to pray for ourselves and each other. In the epistle to the Ephesians we see two significant prayers, first Paul prays for enlightenment (1:15-23) so that they may know what their hope and calling is, this is followed by a second prayer for spiritual empowerment through the Holy Spirit (3:14-21): and this according to the riches of God’s glory, which is Messiah in you!

### **2. Declare the Word of the LORD**

In Acts 15:32 we see Judas and Silas, encouraged and strengthened the fellowship with many words, that is the proclamation of the Word to each other. We can and should do this in study and daily conversations.

### **3. Encourage one and other to exercise the spiritual gifts**

Paul the apostle mentions in Romans 1:11-12 his longing to see them, so that he could impart some spiritual gift to strengthen them, this would be for mutually encouragement. They and we demonstrate faith with good works that flow exercising the gifts and talents we have received from the Lord.

### **4. Love each other**

Finally Love, it is easy to love close friends, why? Because we tend to forgive their mistakes quickly, the apostle Peter reminds us to do the same in the body of Messiah. 1 Peter 4:8 *“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.”* We all make mistakes (sins) and sometimes we hurt friends in the process, yet we are commanded to love one another by Yeshua so that our joy maybe full (John 15:11-14).

As I said this is but some of the ways to encourage one and other, friends the holyday season is not far away, Chanukah, Christmas and New Year, despite the COVID restrictions can I ask we stay in touch with each other. That we encourage one by praying with each over the phone, by sharing good Bible studies via email or over coffee mediate together over a verse or two. As we exercise the gifts God has so graciously given us and as we continue to forgive and thereby love each other in Messiah Yeshua the LORD we will all be encouraged in the faith.

Note that encouragement was needed for all; remember the words of the LORD to Moses, Deuteronomy 1:38 “*Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter. Encourage him, ...*.” And note that it was repeated a few chapters later (Deuteronomy 3:28). Just as God commanded Moses so too the words of God are echoed through Paul *encourage one and other*. We all need encouragement, so that our faith maybe strengthened, as we pray and declare the Word of the Lord may we be a mutual encouragement.

*Blessings in Messiah Yeshua*  
*Paul & Sue*