



PRESSING ON

TO MATURITY

A Study of the Book of Hebrews

SIN UNTO DEATH
HEBREWS 10:26-39

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Introduction: Interspersed throughout the letter to the Hebrews are five warning passages. Today we are going to examine the fourth -- and perhaps the most severe -- of those warnings and its application for every Christian today.

The Warning in its entirety:

Hebrews 10:26-31 ²⁶ “For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, ‘VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.’ And again, ‘THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.’ ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

I. The Audience For The Warning Identified

A. The Context (Hebrews 10:19, 21-24, 26)

Hebrews 10:19 “Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,”

Hebrews 10:21 “and since we have a great priest over the house of God,”

Hebrews 10:22-24 ²² “Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

²⁴ and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,”

Hebrews 10:26a “For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth...”

B. The Text (Hebrews 10:29, 32)

Hebrews 10:29 “How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?”

Hebrews 10:32 “But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,”

II. The Sin Described (Hebrews 10:26)

Hebrews 10:26 “For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,”

Numbers 15:30-31 ³⁰ “But those who brazenly violate the LORD’s will, whether native-born Israelites or foreigners, have blasphemed the LORD, and they must be cut off from the community. ³¹ Since they have treated the LORD’s word with contempt and deliberately disobeyed His command, they must be completely cut off and suffer the punishment for their guilt.” (New Living Translation)

III. The Judgment Prescribed (Hebrews 10:27-31)

A. Deliberate Sin Under the Old Covenant (Hebrews 10:28)

Hebrews 10:28 “Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.”

B. Deliberate Sin Under the New Covenant (Hebrews 10:29-31)

1. Description of Deliberate Sin (Hebrews 10:29)

Hebrews 10:29 “How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?”

- a. **“trampled under foot the Son of God”**
- b. **“regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant”**
- c. **“insulted the Spirit of grace”**

Matthew 12:31 “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.”

IV. The Judgment Of Deliberate Sin (Hebrews 10:30-31)

Hebrews 10:30-31 ³⁰ “For we know Him who said, ‘VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.’ And again, ‘THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.’ ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

Hebrews 10:27 “But a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.”

A. The Loss of Your _____ (2 Timothy 2:19-21)

2 Timothy 2:19-21 ¹⁹ “Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness.’ ²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. ²¹ Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

1 Corinthians 9:27 “But I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.”

B. The Loss of Your _____ (Hebrews 12:11)

Hebrews 12:11 “All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

C. The Loss of Your _____ (1 John 5:16)

1 John 5:16 “If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that he should make request for this.”

D. The Loss of Your _____ (1 Corinthians 3:13-15)

1 Corinthians 3:13-15 ¹³ “Each man’s work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man’s work. ¹⁴ If any man’s work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man’s work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire.”

V. The Remedy Supplied (Hebrews 10:32-39)

A. Remember Your _____ (Hebrews 10:32-34)

Hebrews 10:32-34 ³² “But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings, ³³ partly, by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. ³⁴ For you showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one.”

B. Remember Your _____ (Hebrews 10:35-39)

Hebrews 10:35-36 ³⁵ “Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has been a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.”

Hebrews 10:37 “For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay.”

Conclusion