

The Promise: A Warning of Rejecting our Confidence

Hebrews 10:26-31

INTRODUCTION:

I. Rejection through Deliberate Sin (vv.26-27)

A. The Nature

1. Conditional
 - a) In the Greek, this sentence begins with "deliberately" seemingly emphasizing that this is clearly antithetical to those truly born again.
 - b) The "for" shows that it is modifying /
 - c) "if..."
 - (1) He never says the readers have rejected Christ
 - (2) The warnings (in Hebrews) are enough to know that the author has a great concern for
2. Sinning deliberately
 - a) Ongoing, unrepented of, sinful action
 - b) Any sin or a particular sin?

B. The Timing

1. After receiving knowledge of the truth
2. **Hebrews 6:4-6**
3. **Luke 8:4-15**

C. The Consequence

1. No sacrifice for sins
 - a) **Hebrews 9:13-14**
 - b) **Spurgeon**
2. Fearful expectation of judgment
3. God's fiery wrath (consuming adversaries)

II. Rejection by God (vv.28-31)

A. Turning the Law

1. They are tempted to go back to the Law (but it speaks against them)
2. The Law's demands

B. Grace is greater

1. Rejection, thereby, of God's grace incurs greater punishment than the law
2. Two witness (the Son & the Spirit)

C. Deserved

1. Don't miss this
2. Disbelief in the sole sufficiency and supremacy of Christ
 - a) Trample the Son of God under foot
 - b) Profaned the blood of Christ
 - c) Outraged the Spirit of Grace

D. The Wrath of God

1. **Deut.32:35-36**

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| a) | "Vengeance is mine" | 2. | Endure with God's promises in mind |
| b) | "The Lord will judge his people" | 3. | Endure with and for joy |
| c) | Displays just how God is the same as revealed in the OT | 4. | Have faith (leading into Hebrews 11) |
2. Falling into the hands of the living God
- a) **Hebrews 3:12**
- b) **Hebrews 12:28-29**

CONCLUSION:

III. The Encouragement (vv.32-39)

A. Proactive vs. Retroactive

1. The charge in **vv.26-31** is not one of previous examination
2. It is warning of future failing, not to say anything less than endure for the sake of the gospel, it is a blessing for your soul and soul's of others
3. In keeping with the other warnings in Hebrews, it also reminds us that we tend to drift towards disbelief

B. Evidences of assurance (vv.32-34)

1. Truth received
2. Truth enduring various challenges
3. Truth remains

C. Exercises of assurance (vv.35-39)

1. Do not throw away your confidence
 - a) Hold on to your confidence (**v.19**)
 - b) Reject sin (**Heb.12:1-2**)