

Series "Jesus Is Better"
"Haters Of The Word"
Hebrews 10:26-31
Study-22

We come to the "4th" of the "5 Problem Passages In Hebrews":

1. Drifting from the Word – 2:1-4 (Neglect)
2. Doubting the Word – 3:7-4:13 (Hard Heart)
3. Dullness toward the Word – 5:11-6:20 (Sluggishness)
4. Despising the Word – 10:26-39 (Willfulness)

Verses 26-31 – A Warning To Avoid God's Judgment

Verses 32-39 – Commending All Who Persevere

The Thought Of Our Passage: "Willful Sin, In Full Knowledge Of The Truth, Must Be Judged By The God Of Mercy And Righteousness."

1. Verses 26-27 – The Sin That Brings Judgment

2. Verses 28-29 – The Rationale Of Judgment

3. Verses 30-31 – The Terror Of Judgment

1. Verses 26-27 – The Sin That Brings Judgment:

Hebrews 10:26

"For" – joins the previous 3 commands in Hebrews 10:22-25 with the warning of possible judgment:

1. Verse 22 – Let Us Draw Near In Our Personal Devotion In (Faith).
2. Verse 23 – Let Us Hold Fast In Our Consistency In (Hope).
3. Verses 24-25 – Let Us Consider Our Social Obligation In (Love).

"if we" – Note that the author places himself along with his readers.

"willfully" – "deliberately, and continually"; It is proverbially "first degree sin"; The person that persists in open rebellion against God and His Word.

1 Peter 5:2

"receiving" – carries the idea "receiving something with full knowledge, an experience"; we would say "signing for a package."

“truth” – “body of doctrine; the essential truths that all genuine followers of Jesus hold to.”

Hebrews 6:4-6

Hebrews 10:27

“terrifying” – fearful, dreadful; used 3X in the NT, Hebrews 10:27, 31; 12:21. Each time the word is used as referring to meeting God.

OT made a distinction between sins committed Unintentionally and those committed Intentionally. Numbers 15:30-31

King David knew defiant sin was not covered. 1 Chronicles 21:13

When Christians sin, they can be restored. Our High Priest will help us – Hebrews 2:17-18.

Galatians 6:1

1 John 2:1-2

2. Verses 28-29 – The Rationale Of Judgment:

Hebrews 10:28

“Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses” – The term “set aside” – “to render null and void.”

Deuteronomy 17:2-7

Hebrews 10:29

How much severer – “worse”

“Punishment” – “penalty, vengeance”

What Is The Punishment? Severe chastisement by the hand of God upon the child of God in this life. The loss of reward at the judgment seat of Christ.

Acts 5:1-11 – “Ananias, with his wife Sapphira.”

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

1 Corinthians 11:29-32

A violator of the old covenant suffered at the hands of men, but a rebel under the new covenant will be dealt with directly by God – Hebrews 10:30-31.

The writer mentions 3 offenses of willful rebellion:

1st Offense Of Trampling The Son Of God: “who has trampled under foot the Son of God,” – (Person) Matthew 5:13.

Matthew 7:6

Luke 8:5

“trampled under foot the Son of God,” – “grinding Him into the dirt.” Turning away from Jesus is an attack on His person; “to reject, neglect and disregard the Christian position, but includes antagonism.”

2nd Offense Of Profaning The Blood: “and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant” – (His Work) the word “unclean”: “an unholy thing, common thing”; to treat Jesus’ blood like any other man’s blood, and this insults the God of heaven.

“was sanctified” – forever set apart from the world unto God,
1 Corinthians 6:11.

3rd Offense Of Insulting The Holy Spirit: “and has insulted the Spirit of grace?” – (Person & Work Of The Holy Spirit); The word “insulted”: “outrage, rudeness, arrogant rejection of the grace of God through the Holy Spirit.”

Ephesians 4:30

“Spirit of grace” – only time the Holy Spirit is called this NT,
Zechariah 12:10.

Hebrews 6 talks about backsliding. Here it describes this willful persistent ongoing rebellion.

Hebrews 3:12; Hebrews 4:1; Hebrews 4:11

3. Verses 30-31 – The Terror Of Judgment:

Hebrews 10:30

“VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” – Deuteronomy 32:35

Deuteronomy 32:35-36 – This passage is taken from Moses’ farewell speech.

Romans 12:19

“And again, ‘THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.’” – Deuteronomy 32:36.

Psalms 135:14

Jeremiah 7:3-4

“His people” – this judgment is not the eternal punishment of the lost, but rather the chastisement of erring children within the covenant.

Hebrews 10:31 – “terrifying” – “fearful, frightful, dreadful”

Philippians 2:12

Acts 5:10-11

1 Peter 5:6

Matthew 10:28; Ezekiel 33:11

Application:

1. A Theme Of Hebrews Is “God Has Spoken.” How Are We Responding To His Word?
2. OT Israel Perished In The Wilderness; NT The Child Of God Shall Perish In The Wilderness Of Lost Opportunity.
3. A Violator Of The Old Covenant Suffered At The Hands Of Men, But A Rebel Under The New Covenant Will Be Dealt With Directly By God.
4. Jesus Christ Is The Saviour Of Those Who Are Saved, And The Judge Of Those Who Will Be Judged.