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Faith Works, Or Else

Hebrews 10:26-39

- 1) God has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, demanding action in believers (10:19-25)
- 2) God warns about apostasy (10:26-31; cf. 2:1-4; 3:6-4:13; 6:4-8)
 - a) The results of apostasy are dire
 - i) Fiery judgment awaits (27)
 - ii) If judgment was w/o mercy under the old covenant for the flesh, it will be even more severe under the new covenant for those who reject Christ (28-29)
 - iii) God is love but also wrath (30)
 - iv) The living God possesses terrifying wrath (31)
 - b) Apostasy is not about ignorance but rejecting truth
 - i) Saul (1 Sam. 15:11) & Amaziah (2 Chron. 25:14-15, 27)
 - ii) Judas Iscariot (Matt. 26:14-16)
 - c) There are specific reasons people apostatize
 - i) Persecution (Matt. 24:9-10)
 - ii) False teachers leading people astray (Matt. 24:11)
 - iii) Worldly temptations (Luke 8:13; cf. 2 Tim. 4:10)
 - iv) Neglect of one's faith in Christ (Heb. 2:3)
 - v) Forsaking the fellowship of Christians (Heb. 10:25)
 - d) Apostasy exists today in the Church (Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23; 1 John 2:19)
 - e) Apostasy will greatly increase over time (Matt. 24:10; 2 Thess. 2:3)

