

Hebrews 10:26-39 "No Going Back"
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For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. (Hebrews 10:26-27)

Hekousios (willfully): ongoing, intentional action. Not a one time failure, but instead it is a conscience, settled, defiant rejection of the truth.

Epignosis (knowledge): Is an experiential, covenantal knowledge of the truth.

Apart from Jesus, there is no sin sacrifice that can satisfy the wrath of God.

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? (Hebrews 10:28-29)

Characteristics of an apostate:

- 1) Trampled the Son of God underfoot
- 2) Counted the blood of the covenant a common thing
- 3) Insulted the Spirit of Grace

For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, Lord will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Hebrews 10:30-31)

A perfect God, is a righteous God.
A righteous God is a Just God.
A Just God is a God who will judge wickedness.

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance... (2 Peter 3:9)

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

The author of Hebrews makes this connection between God's chosen people (who know the truth) and the Christian apostate (who also knows the truth) and yet both willfully reject it.

... For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. (Luke 12:48)

Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre in Sidon, they would have repented long ago, in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. (Matthew 12)

Those who know the truth, and walk away, will be judged more harshly than those who are ignorant in their sin.

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But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. (Hebrews 10:31-34)

Why return now? You have already suffered so much... Keep persevering, the best is still yet to come.

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)

Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: (Hebrews 10:35-36)

Are we going to be faithful in the dry seasons? (when we don't feel like going to church, or feel like praying, or reading our Bibles) are we going to remain faithful?

For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. (Hebrews 10:37)

For we know our present suffering, and present pains and trials, will not compare to the coming glory.

Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. (Hebrews 10:38)

Romans 1:17 The emphasis is on the righteous.
Hebrews 10:38 The emphasis is on shall live.
Galatians 3:11 The emphasis is on by faith.

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul. (Hebrews 10:39)

True faith, is a faith that perseveres

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us... (1 John 2:19)