

Hebrews 10:26-39

Final Call for a Decision

- I. **Introduction:** The author of Hebrews warned his Jewish audience about the consequences of turning away from Jesus and encouraged them to persevere in their faith.

- II. Final Call for a Decision (**Heb 10:26-39**).
 - A. Apostates Must Be Warned (**vv. 26-27**).
 - 1. The author of Hebrews declared that because apostates knowingly reject Christ's sacrifice, they do not have forgiveness of sins and are guilty before God.

 - B. Apostates Will Be Judged (**vv. 28-31**).
 - 1. The writer encouraged his fellow Jews to continue to follow Jesus, lest they experience God's wrath for treating His Son with such contempt.

 - C. Believers Must Be Vigilant (**vv. 32-34**).
 - 1. The writer reminded his Jewish audience how much they had already suffered for His name and to remember who they had placed their faith in for salvation.

 - D. Believers Will Be Rewarded (**vv. 35-39**).
 - 1. The writer urged his Jewish audience not to throw away their confidence in Jesus so that they would receive a full reward when He returns.

- III. **Conclusion:** The author warned his Jewish audience about the consequences of abandoning Jesus and called them to endure patiently until the return of Jesus.

Study Questions: Final Call for a Decision

1. What warning should we give to an unbeliever who rejects Jesus? Why are people often tempted to abandon their faith in Jesus? In what does the author put his faith?
2. Why should an apostate not be confident to stand in God's presence? (**Heb 10:26-27**) What does it mean to sin willfully? (**v. 26**) What do apostates reveal about themselves? (**1 John 2:19**)
3. Why do people abandon Jesus? Why does persecution cause people to forsake Him? (**Matt 24:9-10**) Or false teaching? (**Matt 24:11**) Temptation? (**Luke 8:13**) Neglect? (**Heb 2:3**)
4. What is the second warning that the author gives to his audience? (**Heb 10:28-31**) Why do apostates deserve greater punishment? (**v. 29**) What does it mean that they trample Christ?
5. How do spiritual defectors treat the blood of Christ as unclean? (**Heb 10:28-31**) How do they insult the Holy Spirit? (**v. 29; Matt 12:31-32**) What will they receive from God? (**vv. 30-31**)
6. What encouragement does the author give to true believers? (**Heb 10:32-34**) What had tempted some Jews to walk away from Christ? (**vv. 32-34**) Why did they want to return to Judaism?
7. Why did he encourage his audience to hold onto their faith in Jesus? (**Heb 10:35-39**) Why did they need to endure patiently? (**v. 36**) In whom did he encourage them to put their faith?
8. For what did the author say they should be patiently waiting? (**Heb 10:35-39**) How should Jesus' second coming motivate Christians? (**vv. 37-38**) Why is faith so critical? (**v. 39**)

Prayer

1. Ask God to help you to place your faith solely in Jesus' sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins.
2. Pray that God would give you the courage to stand boldly for the name of Christ.