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Heaven and Earth: Hebrews 10:26-39 | August 25, 2025 | Kevin Wilson + Colton Causey

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Well, welcome again guys to the Midweek Podcast. I'm so glad to be with you. My name is Kevin and I am actually the last summer podcast preaching through all the way up through Hebrews chapter 10 today, finishing out the chapter this summer. And let me just say a brief thank you to all those teachers that we had. This has been a format to where different teachers who we may not see on a Sunday morning can come in, teach the Word of God for us, and exposit the Scriptures and encourage the Church and I'm super grateful for that. Later, we'll be having a conversation with our middle school associate, Colton Causey, about this text and this is a pretty hairy text or I would say a difficult text to look at and today I'm going to be using a lot, excuse me, a lot from Albert Moeller who, Dr. Moller I have benefited greatly from. He's the president of Southern Seminary and I was very fortunate to go there and in his Christ-centered exposition as I did my study, I found probably some of his insights the most helpful in this text because this text is a stern warning.

There are three sets such passages in Hebrews to where the writer of Hebrews is going to explicitly say to his congregation, his hearers, his brothers, that's what he called them in the passage right before, not to go away from the faith. Stern warnings and this one against going apostate and the apostasy that could happen in their lives. And we looked at this in Hebrews chapter 6 earlier and now it comes back again in chapter 10.

And so here's the main idea. Here's what we're looking at when we look at this. Primarily that true Christians, those who are truly Christians, they're going to live a life of obedience to God. You're going to see this when we look at the law here in a minute. But they're going to endure and they're going to be faithful to the end in the midst of persecution. So primarily they're not going to leave their faith and we're going to talk about that here in a minute. And I'm going to say they didn't... I didn't say I'm talking about leaving the faith. There's a difference between that. And when we talk about losing our faith or losing our salvation. All right.

So we're going to break this up into three sections. And the first one is going to be, there is this, there is a big warning. There is a stern warning. And you're going to see this in verses 26 and 27. And then you're going to see the judgment of God and what that looks like. And then finally you're going to see the faith of those who are faithful to the end. So three things that we're going to wrap our head around. And so let's look at the passage together 26 through 28. I'm going to read out of Hebrews chapter 10.

“For if we go on sinning deliberately”, and that's the key word there, “after receiving the knowledge of truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.”

So you can see how stern of a warning this really is in verse 26 and 28. And so again, like I said, this is one of the three warning passages that we see in Hebrews. And this one is very stern and it's very straightforward. And so he uses the structure of this passage to really get down to this one thing. He desires for his readers not to remain in sin. And that's the key word there we said is that deliberately. It means that if you continue in sin and you refuse to repent that you essentially reject the gospel and you're willing to walk down this path that leads to destruction. Our Lord taught in the gospel that there were two ways to look at life and that there were two ways to walk. And one led to eternal life, but yet it was narrow, and the one was wide and it led to destruction. And this is what the writer of Hebrews is emphasizing at this point. You see, because we need to be justified before God because of our sinful actions, and the only one who can do that is Jesus Christ. And so when it says here that you go on sinning after receiving the knowledge of truth, that means this, is that you have rejected this. It's not that you don't have a full understanding of the knowledge of truth, but it's truly that you've realized that in your mind and your heart, and you willfully reject it. You do not need to be taught more, or you do not need to have a fuller understanding of the gospel. You understand it, but yet, you do not heed the warnings that are there.

And Jesus talks about this in like his parable in Matthew 13 when he talks about the the seeds that land and that they just never took root. And even the Apostle John in in 1st John he talks about such people in the early church. He would say that they they were with us but they did not stay with us because they were not of us. And so these are the people that you see that really do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. And we all, what he's saying again, like he said in Hebrews six, he's making a very stern warning, now not to walk down this road, do not go on sinning deliberately. Because he said there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin. And that doesn't mean that you lose your salvation. That is not that. It just means that if you go on sinning and you do not repent, you do not turn to Jesus, there can be no sacrifice for your sin. You can't sacrifice for your sin. You need the sacrifice of Jesus. And so this is a huge thing. You need him to bring justice in your life. You need the one is there for you.

It goes on to say, but it says what you will get, you won't get the mercy of the cross, what you want, but you'll get a fearful expectation of judgment and a fire that consumes the adversaries. We see this Old Testament language that you would see. And so that leads us, you know, to the second truth of this passage, that there is a judgment of God. So there's a

stern warning, there's also the judgment of God. This is a reality for people that we have to deal with. And so you're going to see this in verses 28 through 31. So let me read those passages for you if you have your Bible in front of you. It says, "anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. How much more punishment do you think will be deserved by the one who is trampled underfoot? The Son of God has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified. Outrage the spirit of grace, for we know him who said, vengeance is mine, I will repay, and again, the Lord will judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God."

Just reading the passage, you see the immensity, the seriousness of the judgment of God. And so you're gonna see here, number one, you're gonna see this as we think about what the judgment of God is. Part of that is when you disregard God's holiness and you disregard God's law, that there is a judgment of the way. You're gonna see in this first verse here that we just looked at that God, when he looks at this, that says anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy, just on the evidence of two or three witnesses. We see through all this is that God is holy. God is holy in all that he does. And so his law is made manifest. We know it, it's been put into our minds and our hearts. And this is serious business when we think about it. We actually, when we set aside the law of Moses, it's not that we forgot to obey it, we deliberate rebel against God. It's mutiny of the heart in one way. And so this is when we talk about apostasy, forsaking the faith.

Now remember, it's not losing your salvation, it's forsaking the faith, meaning that they were not of us as John would say. Their heart has not been rent and maybe they know the truth and they were in fact pseudo Christians. Jesus said, know, in Matthew chapter seven, that you do not know me, you workers of iniquity, depart from me. It's not the things you do, it's knowing Christ. But you're gonna see in these next verses really three marks of an apostate heart.

And the first one is, is that you trample the son of God. The second one is you profane the blood of the covenant. And the third one is, is that you outrage the Holy Spirit. And so what does this mean? This first offense, trampling underfoot the Son of God, describe those who they reject the identity of Christ, right? It says that when you reject the Son, because they may think that there is something better out there. They believe that they could know a heavenly kingdom and with heavenly possessions and those await us one day. But when you trample underfoot the word of God, when you trample underfoot the Son of God, you really reject the identity of Christ and who that is. This is a crucial point. Those who reject the divinity of Christ and His sonship reject the Father and no longer have a sacrifice for sin. These are some of the words from Al Mohler as he as he explained this.

So first sign is that you look at the cross, you look at the empty tomb and you profane it, you trample it underfoot. The second one you're gonna see is you profane the blood of the covenant. It evokes this Old Testament understanding that we've seen and really the respect for holy things. I was in my personal quiet time the other day and I was reading out of 1 Samuel 2:17 and you're gonna see the sons of Eli who are priests, how they were you know, practicing sexual immorality at the temple, excuse me, they're at the place of worship and they are also taking all the meat for themselves. So you see this profane of the holy things. You would even see when kings that would conquer Israel and Judah, they would take and profane the holy things. This is not taking the seriousness of our sin and the seriousness of God's holiness and wrath seriously. And we again, we just see the blood of the covenant and we don't take it seriously.

And here the third offense is that we insult the spirit of grace. Or it's primarily blaspheming the spirit. The Father has given us the Holy Spirit as our teacher, our comforter. In John 16:7 we see this. And those who reject Jesus, who profane Jesus, his sacrifice, reject the Holy Spirit. As you can see here, they outrage the Holy Spirit. And so you're gonna see that the author from that is gonna quote Deuteronomy 32:35-36, vengeance is mine, I will repay. And also, He's gonna look here and he's going to quote another one, the Lord will judge his people. And it says, is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of living God. And I think one of the things is, is that when we are so comfortable sometimes with our faith and we want, we want to be comfortable, we want to draw near to God as a friend. We want to have this imminent relationship with God or this intimate relationship with God, but he is also transcendent.

And I do believe in our culture we've lost this desire to go after a holy God, to be separate and apart. And it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God. I don't know what you fear. I always have irrational fears when I was a kid. Grew up with a pool. You would always think of jumping in the diving. I can remember jumping into the pool by myself, no one at my house, and for some reason believing that there's a huge crocodile or there's a huge shark that's in my pool that's going to devour me. And those are irrational fears. I think that there's fears often that we have right now. I mean, I have two high schoolers and you think about in a couple of years, my baby girl will be going off to college, I pray, and then, know, four more years, my son, and we'll live in an empty, you know, we'll be empty nesters. And sometimes there's a fear of that. But even those fears of life that produce anxiety, there is nothing like falling into the hands of a God who is holy and that will judge sin.

So we have this stern warning and then we have this warning that is the judgment of God is really real. Those are our first two points. And then finally, the writer of Hebrews is gonna close out chapter 10 and he's gonna slingshot us into chapter 11. But he's gonna really

encourage the faithful to endure to the end. All right, so that's the third thing that we're gonna look at. So let me read that, starting in verse 32. "But recall the former days. After you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and afflictions, and sometimes being partners with those who were treated. For you had compassion on those in prison and joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what is promised. For yet a little while and the coming one will come and not delay, but the righteous one will live by faith. If he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him but we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but are those who have faith and preserve their souls."

That is so key because that's gonna bring us into chapter 11. But those who are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls. And this incredible thing of preserving your souls is persevering in the faith. You know, it tells them to go back to those earlier days to remember, and maybe that's a key point for us to remember. Go back to those days when God was fresh, when God had saved your souls, those early days of conversion, when the gospel was so real and so good. And we know this, troubles are gonna come. Troubles are gonna eat away at our confidence in the faith. We to continue in the faith. We have to persevere. What he was telling them is, remember what you've done when you were not ashamed of your faith in Christ. When you had sympathy on those who were in prison. When you were treated unjustly and property was taken from you, yet you did not strike back. When you had tender compassion on your brothers, these are signs of those who were really in the faith. And he reminds him, go back to those times, remember those times, remember the sacrifice that God made for you, that this is real, okay? And so you don't throw away your confidence because you have a better possession than this event here. You have a better possession. And what he's gonna do here in the final words is he's gonna point them to the reality of the eschatology, which means the sum of all things, the bringing, the consummation of the kingdom, he's gonna remind them that. He's gonna quote Habakkuk 2: 3-4, "yet a little while and the coming one will come and not delay. But my righteous, the righteous will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." So we have to live this continued faith, this faith that perseveres and he's going to give us several opportunities to walk through the Old Testament about what it means to be faithful.

And I'm really excited about that. And so what I wanna really encourage you to do is how do we remain faithful as a church? Well, what we're gonna do is I'm gonna invite you into a small group because we're gonna take Hebrews chapter 11 and we have broken it down

into several different teachings. Some are gonna be on Sunday morning and then some are gonna be in small groups really looking at these stories of faith. And I pray that this is going to encourage you so that you do not shrink back but you have faith and this preserves your soul.

And so I hope you've enjoyed this short teaching on the last part of Hebrews 10 and I'm looking forward to having a conversation with Colton as we wrap up chapter 10.

Discussion between Kevin Wilson and Colton Causey

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