

Hebrews Lesson 45

Chapter 10

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28-29 A believer is sanctified forever (vs 14), but may still tread “**under foot the Son of God, and count the blood of the covenant an unholy thing**” (vs 29).

- Those who despised Moses’ law died—to either enter Paradise or Hell, depending on their faith.
 - Putting them to death removed their corrupting influence from the nation.
- Those under the New Covenant who “**hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace**” (vs 29) may be **thought worthy** of sorer punishment, but their eternal destination is determined by their faith.
- **1 Corinthians 5:1-5**, The Church is supposed to put fornicators out of the congregation and deliver them to Satan for the destruction of the flesh.
 - Though the flesh is destroyed, the spirit is **saved in the day of the Lord Jesus**.
 - He is sanctified forever, and did not lose his salvation.
 - Sin harms your relationship with God and with fellow believers. It may result in your death, but it won’t send you to hell.

Vs 30 Vengeance belongeth unto me...saith the Lord. See Deuteronomy 32:35 and Romans 12:19.

Vs 31 “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

- If a Christian falls, they are already in Christ’s hand (John 10:28-29).

Vs 32 “But call to remembrance the former days...”

- The writer is addressing Hebrews who were withdrawing from the assembly of believers (vs 25). The assembly is important because perfection is in connection with other Christians. That is why “Saints” is always a plural word in the bible.
- The writer is addressing people who are ceasing to profess their faith (vs 23).
 - A believer who stops witnessing will soon leave the assembly.
 - He doesn’t want to tell others about Jesus.
 - He doesn’t want to hear about Jesus or be provoked to witness (vs 24).
 - When you leave the assembly, the next step is to do despite to the Spirit of grace.
 - You’ll turn people away from the assembly by lying about the preacher, the teachings, or the brethren. You do this to justify yourself.
 - Don’t think that God doesn’t know what you’re doing. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. That is the warning.
 - When people decide to leave, let them leave, let them slander you, let them talk bad about your church, but don’t retaliate, let God deal with them (vs 30). Make sure to leave the door open for them to return one day (2 Cor. 2:6-11, Luke 15:20-24).

“...in which, after ye were illuminated...” this shows that believers are being addressed.

“...ye endured a great fight of afflictions.” These Hebrew believers were persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ when they first believed.

Vs 33 “Partly whilst ye were made a gazingstock...”

- People were watching, criticizing, and examining them.

“...both by reproaches (verbal criticism) and afflictions (physical opposition) and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.”

- These believers faced opposition because of their association with other Christians.
 - Going to church was dangerous. This is why many were falling away (leaving).

Vs 34 “For ye had compassion of me...”

- Compass or encompass: to surround.
- In the beginning of their faith, the temptation may have been to forsake the assembly (vs 25) and not be a companion of those who were being persecuted for their faith (vs 33), but instead, they had compassion.
 - Instead of distancing yourselves, you drew closer to me, even **in my bonds**.
 - Remember those days.

“...and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods...”

- It cost these believers materially to trust Jesus. They were spoiled; they lost everything and they took it joyfully.
- Remember the early days of your faith when bad treatment didn't bother you because your thoughts were occupied with how great it was to know the Lord and be saved.

“...knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.”

- Things we have on earth can be taken from us.
- Things we have in heaven cannot be taken from us. It is an enduring substance.
 - If your joy is dependent on material things, it will come and go.
 - If your joy is in the Lord and in things in heaven, your joy will be enduring.
- **Colossians 3:1-5, “...seek those things which are above...Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”**
 - Affection does not require the sight or the presence of the object of your affection. It is an abiding dedication.
 - Affection enables you to love the Lord regardless of your emotions or surroundings.
 - Passion comes and goes with sight, emotions, and company to stimulate it.
 - In church you love the Lord. Outside of church, you forget the Lord.
 - **Vs 5**, if your affections are in heaven, you can mortify (put down) fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness.
 - If you don't have something better (in heaven), you'll stick with the things on earth that are exciting and feel good, though they are sinful.