



Remain Loyal | Part Four

Lesson Nine • Hebrews 10:26-31

Two Initial Questions that Must Be Answered to Remain Loyal

- **What Is the Sin in This Warning?** *It is the deliberate, persistent sin of apostasy.*
- **How Does This Persistent, Deliberate Sin of Apostasy Happen?** *Apostasy is a slow fade.*

Two Critical Questions that Must Be Answered to Remain Loyal

- **Who Is Being Warned Not to Commit This Apostasy?**

*Believers in a NT local church that **always includes** true and false believers just like OT Israel and every local church then and now!*

STUDY the **TENSION** between the many references to “**brethren**” and “**holy brethren**” (3:1, 12; 10:19; 13:22-23) and the two kinds of “**yields**” from the ground(s) (6:7-8); the “**habit of some**” who have already forsaken assembling together (10:24-25); and the repeated emphasis on “**any one of you**” (3:12; 4:1); “**each of you**” (6:11); “**no one**” (12:8, 14-17); “**he**” (10:28-29); and those OT Israelites who heard the Word of God but “**it was not united by in those who heard**” and so they fell short of God’s rest (4:1-2).

*Believers who, as persecuted members of a loving assembly, the writer is confident are **truly saved** but is still concerned about their need to persevere in holding fast to their confidence by faith in Jesus Christ as the only hope for their final salvation!*

Jesus who is God’s Son and His final Word on salvation as the sinless High Priest with the once-for-all sufficient sacrifice for sinners and their sins, and who meditates the promises, privileges, and power of the New Covenant by the Spirit to the hearts of His Believer-Priests.

STUDY the **EXHORTATIONS** in these verses: 2:1-3; 3:5-6; 4:1-2; 6:4-12; 10:35-39; 12:1-3, 25, 28-29; 13:12-14, 20-22

*Believers that the Triune God is **warning as one of His means of guaranteeing** that they remain loyal with a persevering faith in Christ until they finish their race and the Day of their final salvation and eternal inheritance is revealed at His coming, so no one will prove to actually be a false believer with a temporary faith that eventually falls away as an apostate into the frightening and fiery judgment of the living God.*

- **Why Do These Warnings Matter to Those Who Are Truly Saved and Won’t Fall Away Anyway?** *God is the God of ends **and** means! Heb 13:20-22*

One Final Question that Must Be Answered to Remain Loyal

What Are the **CONSEQUENCES** of Committing the Sin of Apostasy?

Remain Loyal as Believer-Priests Because for the Apostate...

1. All that **REMAINS** Is the Frightening Expectation of Certain Judgment.

“For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.” Hebrews 10:26-27

- There **no longer** remains the confident expectation of **SALVATION**. *Hebrews 10:18, 26*
- There **only remains** the certain expectation of **JUDGMENT**.

A Verdict of Fearful Condemnation

- 1) **CONDEMNING** Judgment
- 2) **FRIGHTENING** Judgment
- 3) **CERTAIN** Judgment

A Sentence of Fiery Consequences

- 1) A **RAGING - JEALOUS & ZEALOUS** Fire

“O LORD, Your hand is lifted up yet they do not see it. They see Your zeal for the people and are put to shame; Indeed, fire will devour Your enemies.” Isaiah 26:11

2) A **CONSUMING** Fire

3) A **HOSTILE** Fire

2. All They **DESERVE** Is Greater Punishment for Forsaking New Covenant Salvation.

Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has...? Hebrews 10:28-29

➤ NT apostates deserve **greater punishment** than what was required under the Old Covenant.
Deuteronomy 13:1-11; 17:2-7

➤ Who **receives** this greater punishment and why?

Who? **Apostates** are **ANYONE** who **deliberately chooses** to persist in the sin of apostasy.

1) **TRAMPLING** under their feet the sovereign Son of God. *Matthew 5:13; 7:6; 2Kings 9:33; Luke 21:24*

2) **TREATING** as common the sanctifying blood sacrifice.

Two Sons of Aaron the High Priest: *Nadab & Abihu in Leviticus 9:24-10:3*

Two Sons of Eli the High Priest: *Hophni & Phinehas in 1Samuel 2:12-17, 27-36; 4:11*

3) **TAUNTING** the Spirit of Grace with arrogant insults [that result in outrage].

Why? **Apostasy** is a sin **AGAINST** the **greatest degree** of light from God.

3. All That God Has **SPOKEN/REVEALED** About Himself in His Word Will Come to Pass.

Hebrews 10:30-31

Four Facts Are Clearly Stated

➤ **ONE FACT** About the **Faithfulness** of His People: *We have known God and we continue to know Him by His spoken Word!*

➤ **TWO FACTS** About the **Fierceness** of His Vengeance: *God Himself will surely bring His fierce vengeance on His enemies and finally vindicate His people.*

“MINE [is] vengeance; I MYSELF will repay!” (See Deuteronomy 32:35.)

And again...

“JUDGE (VINDICATE), the LORD will His people!” (See Deuteronomy 32:36.)

1st Fact God Himself will execute His **VENGEANCE** on those who prove to be His enemies and no one will escape His righteous judgment!

2nd Fact The Lord's judgment will **VINDICATE** His people before those who forsake them or persecute them.

➤ **ONE FINAL FACT** About the **Frightfulness** of His Fiery Wrath: *It is a frightening to fall into the hands of the Living God who is a consuming fire!*

Facts Are Stubborn Things that Cannot Be Ignored Forever! There Will Be No Escape in the End!

Hebrews 2:1-3; 12:25-26

SO NOW WHAT?

- For True Believer-Priests: **REMAIN LOYAL** (12:28-29) and **PRESS ON** (10:32-39)!
- For Those Neglecting, Hardening, Stagnating, Forsaking and Refusing to Listen: **LISTEN UP and BE WARNED!**
Hebrews 12:12-13; 1Thessalonians 5:14; Jude 22-23
- For Apostates That Have Fallen Away: **WARN THEM and GIVE THEM NO FALSE ASSURANCE of SALVATION!**

Should we **warn them** of eternal condemnation? **YES!**

Should we **give them** (or ourselves) the false hope of eternal salvation? **NO!**

Should we **render certain judgment** on the condition of their heart or no hope of repentance? **NO!**

Should we **pray for them** as long as they are alive? **YES!**

Should we **hope** for a second chance after they die? **NO!** *Hebrews 9:27*

Those who fall away from the faith are sure to fall into the fiery judgment of the Living God!

And the faith that falls away before the finish was flawed from the first!

But the faith that perseveres to the finish is able to do so by the preserving power of God's saving grace in the Person (Prophet-Priest-King), the promises, and the privileges of the New Covenant, all of which are freely given to the Believer-Priests He eternally saves!

As Believer-Priests...OBEY the WARNINGS to REMAIN LOYAL by Persevering in Your Faith in Our Great High Priest and His New Covenant Salvation, Knowing This Is One of the Means God Uses to Keep Us Eternally Secure by His Power!