
Hebrews 10:26-39, review

Topic: This is one of the most neglected books of the bible. We don't know who the author is, but we do know it was written for the instruction of the temple before 70 A.D. It is to the Jews what the book of Romans is to the Gentiles. Hebrews tells of sacrifices and rituals and exalts the sovereignty of Christ. It tells of Christ's relation to Moses and Abraham and all their people. This is why the Book of Hebrews is so great. The message of Hebrews is this: go on to spiritual maturity. Don't sit back on your laurels; get up and do something for the Lord, spread the word, help someone who doesn't ask but you see the need. Jesus Christ is our mediator to God. If you read only one book of the entire bible, this should be the one.

Hebrews 10:26-39 is the most dire warning for all Christians.

A little groundwork for Heb 10:26-39: the book of Hebrews is dealing with Jewish believers, not nonbelievers. This book is for mature Christians. This tells Christians how to grow in their belief and move on in their Christian life and become stronger spiritually. Do not go back under the old law" is the message. ***Do not go back to the sacrificial system to keep your salvation because the final sacrifice has already come: Jesus Christ.*** He died for our sins and He is now in heaven. How did a Jew become a Jew? He was born a Jew. He can't get unborn a Jew. How do you become a Christian, a child of God? By birth. You are born spiritually into the family of God. How can you get unborn? You can't, ever. Once a Christian, always a Christian, no matter what you do. You can obey God or disobey Him, but you are always His child. There are repercussions if you misbehave, and there are rewards if you behave. This is what Heb 10:26-39 is all about.

Hebrews 10:26: There remains no more sacrifice for sins. This does not say that you lose your salvation. It just says there is no more sacrifice for sins. He's talking to the believers. The final sacrifice has come. The final sacrifice has happened. Animal sacrifices will do no good to keep your salvation. Animal sacrifices will make God angry because you are disobeying His instructions. *If you're not with God's program, you're against it.* You've become an adversary.

Vs27: You don't get along with God, and God reaches a point with His misbehaving children and He will cut them off. This means you may die. This is the direst warning to believing Christians in the whole entire bible. Being saved is not a license to sin.

Vs28: If you are accused of disobeying God's laws, 2 or 3 witnesses are required before you are convicted of the crime. One person can't commit you alone.

Vs29: Sanctified means set aside. Unholy means common. This person is set aside, so be careful, and don't think there is anything you need to add to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. If you do, then what you are saying is that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ is just as common as any other old animal sacrifice and is not worth anything special. Be very careful about this. Do not add anything to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This is an insult to God.

Vs30: this is saying if you treat God's sacrifice as a common thing, He will judge you for what you're doing, and He will judge you harshly. You will be punished for this sin. The Jewish nation has been temporarily set aside to be an example of Christianhood and to spread the Word of God. The church was brought in to help accomplish this goal. Show a lost and dying world that there is a savior.

Vs31: It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God. That means He is a strict father. Watch out if you misbehave!

Vs32: Think back to the days before you were illuminated, before you were saved. Now you realize what your eternal life of salvation is based on. Now you're conflicted, because you now know the way of God and the way of the world, and they are polar opposite ways of living.

Vs33: He's saying remember back when you first became a Christian. When you befriended other Christians, you were made a laughingstock, and you were an outcast. Back then, when a Jew became a Christian, they were thrown out of the house, the family had a funeral for them, and their name was never mentioned in the house again.

Vs34: this verse doesn't nail down that Paul wrote the book of Hebrews. The writer was in bonds, they were persecuted, they lost their jobs, possessions, homes, but that's ok, because they understood that they had better waiting for them in heaven.

Vs35: remember, these are Christians, not lost people. Hold onto the truth. You have great rewards coming. Don't listen to the people that laugh at you and persecute you.

Vs36-37: You have much better coming to you in heaven. Be patient and steadfast.

Vs38: if you see a Christian adding to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God will not be pleased.

Vs39: do not go back to the old laws, to the sacrifice system, to destruction. Hold fast to the light, to Jesus Christ who was the final sacrifice; He is all that we need to be saved, forever and ever.