

Sunday Morning, September 11, 2016
Solemn Warning of Apostasy
Hebrews 10:26–31

- I. What Is the Willful Sin of Apostasy? 10:26
 - A. The Willful Sin of Apostasy Is Deliberate 10:26

 - B. The Willful Sin of Apostasy Is Knowledgeable 10:26
1 Jn. 3:6, 9; Jn. 14:21

 - C. The Willful Sin of Apostasy Is Repeated Without Repentance 10:26

- II. Why Is Willful Sin Apostasy So Serious? 10:28–29
 - A. The Willful Sin Apostasy Despises God’s Son 10:29

 - B. Willful Sin Apostasy Despises God’s Gospel 10:29

 - C. Willful Sin Apostasy Despises God’s Spirit 10:29

- III. What Are the Consequences of Willful Sin of Apostasy?
 - A. To Be Without Hope 10:26

 - B. To Be Without Mercy 10:27; 10:30, 31

- IV. How Should We Respond to this Warning of the Sin of Apostasy?
 - A. To Realize the Greatness of Our Sin
Rom. 11:20; Heb. 10:31; Heb. 12:28–29

 - B. To Realize the Need of God’s Great Mercy

Quotes

“The unpardonable sin is not a particular kind of sin, but a particular extent and willfulness of sinning against great grace—until one becomes like Esau and cannot repent (Heb. 12:16-17).” (John Piper)

“The Scripture itself . . . leads us to the conclusion that it is possible to have very uplifting, ennobling, reforming, and exhilarating experience of the power and truth of the gospel, to come into such close contact with the supernatural forces which are operative in God’s kingdom of grace that these forces produce effects in us which to human observations are hardly distinguishable from those produced by God’s regenerating and sanctifying grace and yet be not partakers of Christ and heirs of eternal life.” (John Murray)

“A ship sailing rapidly in a smooth sea, among hidden reefs and shoals, is often in more danger than when tossed about by a hurricane in mid-ocean. In the one case all on board are secure and careless, in the other all are watchful and alert.” (Charles Hodge)

“Let me counsel every true servant of Christ to examine his own heart frequently and carefully as to his state before God. This is a practice which is useful at all times: it is specially desirable at the present day. When the great plague of London was at its height, people [noticed] the least symptoms that appeared on their bodies in a way that they never [noticed] them before. A spot here, or a spot there, which in time of health men thought nothing of, received close attention when the plague was decimating families, and striking down one after another! So ought it be with ourselves, in the times in which we live. We ought to watch our hearts with double watchfulness. We ought to give more time to meditation, self-examination, and reflection. It is a hurrying, bustling age; if we would be kept from falling, we must take time for being frequently alone with God.” (J C Ryle)

“Christians can have radical and serious falls, but never total and final falls from grace.” (R C Sproul)

There is a “time when unbelief ariseth to its height in provocation. This time is uncertain; men know it not when their provocation will come unto this height; it is also unalterable and irrecoverable. When the provocation of unbelief reaches this height, there is no space or room left for repentance, either on the part of God or of the sinner. Let persons, let churches, let nations take heed lest they fall unawares in this evil day.” (John Owen)

“Satan stealthily creeps on us, and by degrees allures us by clandestine arts, so that when we go astray we know not that we are going astray. Thus gradually we slide until at last we rush headlong into ruin.” (John Calvin)