

## Hebrews 10:26-39 **Willful Sin Has No Covering**

### Willful Sin brings fiery Judgment

26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

### Old Covenant Law of Moses brought a death penalty – New Covenant offers greater danger

28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

### It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

### Remember your past faithfulness

32 But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: 33 partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; 34 for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

### Warning against failure in the end

35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

37 "For yet a little while,  
And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.  
38 Now the just shall live by faith;  
But if anyone draws back,  
My soul has no pleasure in him."

### Encouragement to follow our example

39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul

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### Facts Revealed:

#### Willful Sin brings fiery Judgment [\[Hebrews 10:26-27\]](#)

- ✚ For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. [\[Hebrews 10:26-27\]](#)
- ✧ Willful, deliberate, arrogantly presumptuous sin has no covering by any blood of Atonement either under the Old Covenant law or the New Testament Gospel of Grace. [\[Hebrews 10:26, Numbers 15:30-31, Deuteronomy 17:12-13\]](#)
- ✧ Since they despise God's gift of Grace, they can only expect their end to be in Hell followed by the eternal Lake of fire, fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

- ✧ This is a fearful judgment indeed, and is certain to come to pass as promised throughout Scriptures, the Old Covenant as example, the New Covenant as fulfillment.

**Old Covenant Law of Moses brought a death penalty – New Covenant offers greater danger** [Hebrews 10:28-29]

- ✧ Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. [Deuteronomy 17:6-7, 19:15]
- ✧ In the New Covenant, a matter is established at the word of two or three witnesses. [Matthew 18:16, 2 Corinthians 13:1, 1 Timothy 5:19]
- ✧ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?** [Hebrews 10:29]
  - ✧ It is evil to reject the commandments of the Law which identifies sin and its consequence.
  - ✧ It is far more wicked to reject the Love of God which provided a covering for our sin by the Blood of Jesus, as God the Word took all our sins on Himself in the person of Jesus and died in our place to give us a chance to inherit Eternal Life.
  - ✧ What more could God do to demonstrate His great love and mercy than to become one of us and die on the cross that we might be given mercy and an incorruptible inheritance.
  - ✧ To reject that kind of love is the ultimate in arrogant disrespect and contempt in the face of Him Who holds our lives in His hand and is our final Judge.

**It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God** [Hebrews 10:30-31]

- ✧ God said: "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," [Hebrews 10:30, Deuteronomy 32:35, Romans 12:19]
- ✧ "The LORD will judge His people." [Hebrews 10:31, Deuteronomy 32:36, Psalm 135:14, Isaiah 3:13-14]
  - ✧ God's Judgment is sure and eternal, therefore it certainly is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
  - ✧ We as human-beings have no power to stand in the Day of Judgment on our own strength or goodness.
  - ✧ We desperately need Jesus to stand with us as our advocate. [1 John 2:1-2]
  - ✧ Jesus will only stand with us as our advocate if we believe and trust in Him and His blood will be a covering for our sins.
  - ✧ If we stand on our own trusting in our own goodness without Jesus, all our sins will remain and be held against us, Remember, in the sight of God, all our righteousness is as filthy rags. [Isaiah 61:6, John 9:41]

**Remember your past faithfulness** [Hebrews 10:32-34]

- ✧ The Hebrews have a reputation for their acceptance of the Gospel message and their steadfast faithfulness in the face of much suffering.
  - ✧ The enemies of the Gospel had made the believers a spectacle by reproaches and brought on them many tribulations.
  - ✧ Part of the ridicule and reproach that was piled on them was because of their association with other faithful believers and their compassion on Paul in his chains.
  - ✧ They had joyfully accepted the plunder of their own goods, knowing that there is a better and enduring possession for themselves in Heaven.
  - ✧ Knowing the reward that awaits the faithful believer in the end, strengthens us to remain faithful through it all, whatever comes our way in our lives.

**Warning against failure in the end** [Hebrews 10:35-38]

- ✧ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. [Hebrews 10:35]
  - ✧ Our confidence is based on our firm belief that all God has promised in the Gospel message is completely credible and trustworthy.

- ✧ Obviously when we allow doubt to creep in, we become vulnerable to the influence of the enemies of God, and may lose our faith, falling into the category of the unbelievers. Allowing that to happen is the same as casting away our hope of Salvation.
- ✧ We need total commitment in our hearts to cling firmly to our faith to the very end, focusing our minds on obedience to the Gospel message as Jesus gave commandment. He that endures to the end shall be Saved. [Matthew 10:22, 24:13, Mark 13:13]
- ✧ For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: [Hebrews 10:36]
  - ✧ The promised reward is for those who remain faithful to the end.
    - "For yet a little while,
    - And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. [Hebrews 10:37, Micah 1:3, Psalm 37:10, Jeremiah 51:33]
    - Now the just shall live by faith; [Hebrews 10:38, Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11]
    - But if anyone draws back,
    - My soul has no pleasure in him." [Hebrews 10:38]
  - ✧ The Lord has no pleasure in one who began as a believer, but allowed the enemy to lure him away from the path of godliness into the path of destruction. [Matthew 24:45-51, Luke 12:42-46, 2 Peter 3:17]

**Encouragement to follow our example** [Hebrews 10:39]

- ✧ But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul
  - ✧ Those who draw back will wind up in perdition (hell, lake of fire, eternal punishment).
  - ✧ Those who keep the faith to the end will find Salvation the saving of their soul.