

Rejecting the Sacrifice

Text: Hebrews 10:26-27

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I. The conditions of sinful resistance (Heb. 10:26a-b).

Those who choose to ignore the body of Christ live in peril of forsaking His very commandments. The person who chooses to ignore the truth of this chapter is living in danger of punishment and must examine to see if he or she is truly in the faith.

Notice the strong emphasis on the characteristics of the sin:

- **Willful** - This word (Greek: *hekousios*) means *purposely, deliberately*. This has intention of deliberate choosing or planned and with determination. Thus, the sin is a personal, willful choice that is habitual in nature.
- **Rejection of the knowledge of the truth** – What knowledge? Contextually, the knowledge of who Jesus Christ is and what He has done.

The ultimate reason though that a person rejects the Gospel of our loving Savior is willful unbelief. This is a rejection of Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior.

II. The consequences of a grave sinful choice (Heb. 10:26c-27).

****No more available sacrifice**

A person cannot rely upon any other person, means, object, or device to be cleansed from this sin.

Nothing is adequate to solve man's sinful problem other than the blood of Jesus Christ.

We must never abandon the Christian beliefs and faith. We must not depart from the living God (3:12).

****Judgment**

The judgment is *certain* and it is *fearful* or *terrifying*. But, there is also judgment coming to the unbeliever or *adversary* of God. If a person apostatizes from the faith, judgment is coming. If a person rejects Jesus Christ, judgment is coming.

But, remember God is not just a wrathful God. He is a God of love as attested early in John 3:16. John 15:13 says: "Greater love hath no man than this, hat a man lay down his life for his friends." Jesus came and laid His life down for His enemies. That is mercy and love. John 3:26 says "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him".

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

As a God of love, He is also a God of justice, holiness, and righteousness. None of His attributes contradict each other. When we view God wrongly, it is our theology that is the issue. Just as salvation through God's love is sure, so is His judgment on those who believe or who apostatize. God is merciful, but He is also holy.