

# If You Deny the Son of God

Text: Hebrews 10:28-31

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## I. Severe actions toward God (Heb. 10:29 b-c)

**tramples under foot:** This word (Greek: *katapateo*) means *despise*, “*to disdain ⇔ trample* — *to disdain, conceived of as treading or stomping heavily or roughly on someone*”.<sup>1</sup>

If a person thinks despising the first covenant was bad, despising Jesus Christ and all that He has done for us is infinitely worse. Trampling Jesus Christ underfoot is equivalent to dragging Him through the mud. This is scorning Him, rejecting Him, and counting Him as worthless. Yet, even more this is a rejection of God’s plan and God’s will. This is despising and blaspheming the effectual sacrifice of the Son of God. Trampling Jesus Christ is trampling God the Father as he or she rejects His sacrifice, His saving, and His superior work.

To treat the blood of Christ as common or unclean is a travesty and a serious sin against a holy God and His plan.

**hath done despite unto:** This phrase (Greek: *enybrizo*) means *to insult, to mock*, “*to be hubristic*[arrogant, presumptuous] — *to do or say something offensively disrespectful (to someone) that is outrageously forward or bold*”.<sup>2</sup> This isn’t just a common insult, but a serious outrage and disgrace against the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit’s job is to bring mankind to Jesus Christ and to sanctify them. He is the One who convicts. This is a person who rejects the Holy Spirit.

## II. Punishment under the Old Covenant (Heb. 10:28)

**despised:** This word (Greek: *atheteo*) means *to reject, declare invalid, to deny, to set aside*. Certain regulations that were disobeyed under the Mosaic covenant brought death to that person.

When a person despised the Mosaic Law, he or she was essentially saying to God that His law was invalid, null, and void.

No animal sacrifice was available to save the person from death. Why was there no sacrifice available for this person? Because he had chosen to rebel and disregard the revelation of God and His law.

## III. Punishment under the Greater Revelation (New Covenant ) (Heb. 10:29)

The apostasy under the New Covenant is deserving of even greater punishment! Why? Some of the book’s main points explain why: Jesus is superior to Moses, the lawgiver and mediator of the first covenant. Jesus mediated the New which is superior to the Old covenant. The New Covenant is founded on better promises (8:6) and has a much greater Sacrifice (9:23).

### \*\*Loss of Reward

If a person walks roughshod over the Son of God and rejects Him, he or she will face a greater wrath than physical death. If this is a believer, this is a loss of reward.

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<sup>1</sup> Brannan, R., ed. (2020). In [Lexham Research Lexicon of the Greek New Testament](#). Lexham Press.

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“Is a loss of reward that big of a deal?”

Loss of reward is direct discipline from God, and is also a loss of God-directed appreciation from God Himself. This is not a light thing, and we should never treat it that way. Whatever this loss of rewards represents, it will be a severe and weighty matter. We will be judged for how we lived after we were saved and will give an account of our actions regarding our response to God’s word in our lives. Were we diligent and steadfast? Were we those who loved God and loved people? Did we live for eternity in view? How did we live in the spiritual war?

### **\*\*Eternal Punishment**

If this is an unbeliever, it is eternal punishment.

## **IV. The courtroom of final judgment (Heb. 10:30-31).**

The writer affirms that it is God who holds vengeance and repayment against those who mock, deny, and live faithless lives. The Lord is the righteous Judge. God will act. The wrongdoer will not go unpunished. Those who choose, even as believers, to take this path, will not be exempt from judgment.

The living God is fully aware of all mankind’s actions. He knows who truly loves His Son or rejects His sacrifice. Through His perfect and absolute justice, God will judge each person. This is a solemn warning to all of us for it is truly a *terrifying* thing to reject the help and salvation of the Living God. No one can flee from His vengeance. But, as long as you are alive today, you can make the choice to accept Jesus Christ.