

The Danger of Not Drawing Near

April 16, 2023
Hebrews 10:19-39

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better! He brought a better covenant!
- Under the New Covenant worship is by faith, not the senses
- We are reminded once again why Jesus is Better!
- Last week: 3 "let us" passages... now a solemn warning!

A Solemn Warning 26-29

- Beware of deliberate sin²⁶
- Refers to OT example of 'sinning with a high hand'^{Num15:27-31}
- 1) Willful, deliberate sins are like trampling on Jesus²⁹
- 2) denying why Jesus saves is profaning the blood of covenant... we are saved to be holy & witnesses^{1Pet2:9}
- Paul's warning for Lord's Supper^{1Cor11:27-32}
- Are you a Possessor or merely a Professor?
- Possessors are convicted when they sin
- Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1 What is your only comfort in life and death?
A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.
- 3) outraged the Spirit of Grace - equating Jesus' work with the blood of goats & bulls - apostasy!

Rest in The Gospel 30-31

- Those not in Christ will face God's judgment & Himself!
- Rejecting Jesus, God's Son is dangerous^{Mk12:9}
- Believer's are judged in Jesus - not their own merits

Drawing Strength from the Past 32-39

- Encouragement - you are better than that³⁹
- Reminder of what they already endured 1) persecution 2) helped others 3) ministered to those in prison and 4) plundering of their property with joy
- Warning: it is easy to turn back, but persevere!
- Hab^{2:3-4} focuses on continual faith, not a single shot of faith
- Your faith doesn't have to be big... just continuous...
- Your faith is in a POWERFUL SAVIOR and the Great High Priest Jesus who has done all we need to be saved!

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