

## Hebrews Lesson 44

### Chapter 10

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#### Vs 23 “Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering...”

- This statement does not instruct believers to hold onto their faith.
- It instructs Hebrew believers who are wavering to hold onto their profession of faith.
  - They had stopped professing (telling others about their faith in Christ) to avoid persecution.
    - They stopped witnessing, proclaiming Christ.
    - They stopped assembling and associating with other believers.
      - The cost was too great.
  - There is no need for them to abandon or deny their faith; no one will ever suspect that they are a believer.

#### “...without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)”

- Even if you DO waver, Jesus Christ will never waver or go back on His promises.
- **2 Timothy 2:11-13 “if we deny *him*, he also will deny us...”** The Lord won’t deny anything that He’s already promised.
  - There are some rewards that are earned, not promised. Those are things that “**he also will deny us**” if we deny Him.
  - <sup>13</sup> **“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”**
    - What the Lord has promised, He cannot deny.
    - The Lord promised that if I believed on Him, I’ll be saved (Acts 16:31, Romans 10:9, John 10:28). If I could lose my salvation, the Lord would have to deny himself.
    - The Lord said I’m perfected forever by one offering (Heb 10:14). He can’t break His promise or He’s a liar (he’s denied himself).
      - God cannot lie (Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18).

#### Vs 24 “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:”

- To provoke is to encourage one another; to stir to action or feeling.

#### Vs 25 “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...”

- If you quit assembling with “**ourselves**” (believers), you will assemble with another crowd instead.
  - The other crowd will NOT provoke you to love and good works.
  - The other crowd WILL provoke you to BAD works.
- Christians who don’t want to go to church don’t like being provoked unto good works.
- “**Ourselves**” means those who have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
  - Not Catholics, not churches that think water saves, etc. We don’t assemble together with them.

“...as the manner of some *is*...” Some of the Hebrews were dropping out of fellowship.

**“...but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”**

- **“The day”** that is approaching is the Lord’s return to this Earth. The closer we get to that day, we will see more and more of the brethren start to drop out of the assembly of believers.

**Vs 26 “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins...”**

### **THREE INCORRECT INTERPRETATIONS:**

- 1. Believers can sin and not lose their salvation, but those who sin willfully lose it.*
- 2. This verse speaks of those who were never really saved, though they knew the truth.*
- 3. When a believer sins willfully, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ doesn’t help that person anymore.*

### **THE CORRECT INTERPRETATION:**

- After I have been forever sanctified through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, if I sin, there is no other sacrifice that can take care of that sin (according to verses 1-10).
- The ONE sacrifice of Jesus Christ took care of ALL my sins, past, present, and future. No other sacrifice is required; no other sacrifice will suffice.

### **THE RESULT OF MY WILLFUL TRANSGRESSION:**

**Vs 27 “But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation...”**

- When I sin, I no longer have boldness to approach God (vs 22).
- When I sin, I no longer have assurance in the presence of God (vs 22).
- Boldness and assurance are replaced with **“a certain fearful looking for of Judgment and fiery indignation.”**
  - We EXPECT God to judge us. We EXPECT bad thing to happen to us. We EXPECT to reap what we sow.

**“...which shall devour the adversaries.”** (Not devour YOU!)

- When a saved man chooses to live like a lost man, he begins to view God and experience God in the same way a lost man does.
- When you sin against the Lord, you lose assurance and boldness, and you begin to fear your Savior like you did before you ever met Him.
  - You feel like an adversary, but you’re still a child of God.
  - You can recover your boldness and assurance through prayer and the word of God.