

Wednesday night Hebrews study, prepared and facilitated by Pastor Steve Rhodes

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Hebrews 10:26-39

Prayer:

Verses 26-31: It is a Fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Lord:

Verses 32-39: Persecution, persevere

In this section I see the preacher starting to bring together the sermon. He is connecting earlier points.

Verses 26-31: It is a Fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Lord:

For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

- "For if we go on sinning willfully..." why would we? Why would I want to go on in sin? That is what Christ saved me from.
- The preacher has been writing about the danger of backsliding. The preacher has been writing about the need to persevere and stay with the faith. He has been writing about staying with Christ, Christ is the only sacrifice for sins.
- Now he says: "after receiving the truth." After one has received the truth, there must be a change and we can't go back.
- There is no longer a sacrifice. Christ was the sacrifice
- We must move on and look at this in context. This doesn't mean people lose their salvation. This is imperative to understand.
- Heb 6:4-8; 2 Pet 2:20f these are similar passages
- **Verse 27:** Instead of having a sacrifice for sins there is a terrible expectation of judgment
- Quote from Isaiah 26:11
- **Verse 28:** O.T. law said that people would die on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Deut 17:2-6; 19:15; Matt 18:16; Heb 2:2
- **Verse 29:** the logic is building up now. How much more... this is the logic. If people died for not following the Law of Moses, how much more death for...
 - Trampling under-foot the Son of God. This is a phrase to describe the way people have knowledge about Christ and reject Him.

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- Regarded as unclean... the covenant that is clean and makes us saved is regarded as unclean when a Jewish person says that He is not the Christ and not the one by which we will be saved.
 - But the Hebrews author says this is the covenant by which we are sanctified (set apart, made holy)
 - This insults the Spirit of Grace or the spirit of grace. I think the Holy Spirit is the spirit of grace.
- Heb 2:3: how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation
- Heb 6:6: when fallen away it is impossible to renew them again
- This is a question.
- **Verse 30:** it is the Lord who will judge His people. More O.T. quotations.
 - **DT. 32:35-36**
- **Verses 31:** final wrap up: you don't want to fall into the hands of the Living God.
 - He is Living. This is powerful. But it is terrifying to fall into His hands.
 - We don't have to because of Christ.

Verses 32-39: Persecution, persevere

³² But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³ sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴ For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵ Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷ For,

*“Yet a little while,
and the coming one will come and will not delay;
³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith,
and if he shrinks back,
my soul has no pleasure in him.”*

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

- The preacher brings back memories. This gives clues to things of the past.
- They were enlightened

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- Probably knowing the Lord or at least being told of Him
- They faced persecution
- **Verse 33:** two ways of persecution are listed
 - Mocking, public spectacle through reproach (discredit) and tribulations
 - Sounds like being doubted, not trusted, reputations being hurt
 - Being abused physically
 - Others were treated badly and these people were lumped in
- **Verse 34:** the unsaid in this verse is when property is lost for Christ we can rejoice that we have a better property in Heaven
 - They took this joyfully and showed sympathy to the prisoners
 - Amen
- **Verse 35:** don't throw away your confidence. Confidence is Christ and there is great reward
- **Verse 36:** must endure. There is a promise
- **Verses 37-38:** O. T. quotation. Live by faith Jesus will come soon and we must not shrink back.
 - Hab 2:3-4
- **Verse 39:** he lumps them in with him: "we"
- He believes they all are the type that perseveres