

Fearful Thing

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Hebrews 10:31 (ESV)

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

In Hebrews we have repeatedly been encouraged to embrace the love of Christ. Now on the heels of God declaring this love relationship comes a stern warning to those who reject Christ.

Hebrews 10:26–30 (ESV)

²⁶ 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.

This warning addresses those who go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth. Sinning deliberately; they voluntarily of their own volition continue in sin. Jeremiah expresses this well.

Jeremiah 6:15 (ESV) NO/OH

Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush.

This is not committing a sin, but one's whole lifestyle and identity is sin. What makes their deliberate sin so horrific is that they know the truth. They intellectually know the truth, but they never received Christ as their savior.

1 John 2:19 (ESV) NO/OH

They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us.

These people leave because they were never of us. By rejecting Christ, they are not left with any other sacrifice for sins, and they only have the fearful expectation of judgment. This judgement is identified as a fury of fire that will consume Christ's adversaries. Therefore:

Hebrews 10:29 (ESV)

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?

This verse can tie people up in knots. However, with basic Biblical knowledge, the verse isn't that difficult. First, a multitude of Scripture and basic Christian doctrine declares, we are eternally saved and cannot lose our salvation. Second, as in 1John 2:19, we clearly see that these people are not believers. But because they intellectually know the truth and rejected it, their punishment is "much worse" than any OT judgement. They despised Jesus. They "trampled" on the Son of God and considered HIM as nothing. They profaned the blood of Jesus and the NEW Covenant. The word profaned literally means made common. Showing an extreme disregard, they considered Jesus' shed blood as powerless and common with no purpose not able to save. Despising Jesus' blood outraged the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a person who feels deeply and HE can be outraged. Considering Jesus' shed blood as common is similar to blaspheming the Holy Spirit in Matthew 12:31 and will bring God's vengeance.

Hebrews 10:30 (ESV) *-and 31-*

God said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."

Trampling underfoot Jesus and outraging the Holy Spirit will bring God's Hand vengeance. This is terrifying.

Hebrews 10:31 (ESV)

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

However, we embrace Jesus and are cleansed by HIS blood resting under the Hand of God!

1 Peter 5:6 (ESV)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time HE may exalt you.

We reverence the Name of Jesus.

Acts 4:12 (ESV)

And there is salvation in no one else, but Jesus, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.