

Jesus Our Great High Priest
An Exposition of the Book of Hebrews

The Just Shall Live by Faith
Lesson 15
Hebrews 10:26-39

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Hebrews

- ▶ The Priesthood of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Pastoral exhortations to persevere
- ▶ Addressed to Hebrew Christians
- ▶ A mixed multitude

Outline of Hebrews

- ▶ Introduction (1:1-4)
- ▶ Jesus Christ, God/Man (1:5-2:18)*
- ▶ Jesus Christ, Apostle of our confession (3:1-4:13)*
- ▶ Jesus Christ, High Priest of our confession (4:14-8:6)*
- ▶ Jesus Christ, Mediator of a new covenant (8:7-10:18)
- ▶ Jesus Christ, Author of the new and better way (10:19-13:19)**
- ▶ The Benediction (13:20-25)
 - *5 pauses to warn and exhort
(2:1-4; 3:7-4:13; 5:11- 6:20; 10:26-39; 12:25-29)

Hebrews – 5 Warning Passages

- ▶ Warning #1 (2:1-4) – do not neglect this salvation
- ▶ Warning #2 (3:7-4:13) – the sin of unbelief
- ▶ Warning #3 (5:11-6:20) – the need for diligence
- ▶ Warning #4 (10:26-39) – the just shall live by faith
- ▶ Warning #5 (12:25-29) – do not refuse Him

A New and Living Way

- ▶ The foundation for the practical application (10:19-21)
 - Confidence to enter the presence of God by Jesus' blood
 - The ministry of Jesus as high priest – perfection (7:25)
- ▶ The response (10:22-25)
 - Draw near to God (7:25; 11:6)
 - Hold fast to our faith without wavering – He is faithful
 - Consider one another to provoke to love and good works
- ▶ Warning #4 (10:26-39)
 - Warning against continuing in sin (10:26-31)
 - Reminder of the former days (10:32-35)
 - The principle of New Covenant life (10:36-39)

Fury of Fire for Willful Sin (10:26-31)

- ▶ Hebrews 6:4-8 – falling away
- ▶ After receiving the knowledge of the truth
- ▶ Willful rejection of truth - apostasy - depraved conduct
- ▶ A severe transgression
 - Earns the fury of fire (10:27)
 - The precedent in the Law of Moses (10:28)
- ▶ The Divine perspective (10:29)
 - Trampled the Son of God under foot
 - Regarded the sanctifying blood of the covenant as unclean
 - Insulted the Spirit of grace

Fury of Fire for Willful Sin (10:26-31)

- ▶ A terrifying expectation of judgment (10:27, 31)
- ▶ The fury of a fire – a consuming fire (12:29)
- ▶ Deuteronomy 32:35-36 – wrath for turning from God
 - Vengeance is Mine – wrath of God – unapologetic
 - The LORD will judge His people
- ▶ It is Terrifying to fall into the hands of the living God

Remember the Former Days (10:32-35)

- ▶ God remembers (6:10)
- ▶ Former days
 - After being enlightened
 - Earlier days of your Christian journey
- ▶ A great conflict of suffering
 - Personal humiliation – reproaches and tribulations
 - Shared with those treated similarly
- ▶ Examples of suffering
 - Share suffering with prisoners
 - Accepted joyfully the seizure of your property
 - Certainty of a “better possession and a lasting one”

New Covenant Principle of Life (10:36-39)

- ▶ Not throw away your confidence
 - Confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Christ (10:19)
 - Confidence of our hope - the promises (3:6)
 - Confidence in our Great High Priest (4:14-16)
 - Confidence in the LORD our Helper (13:6-7)
 - Confidence = faith in God's Word of salvation
- ▶ You have need of endurance
- ▶ Doing the will of God
- ▶ You may receive the promise
- ▶ The just shall live by faith - Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11
- ▶ A word of assurance

The Just Shall Live by Faith

▶ Consider Jesus

- Hebrews 3:1 – the Apostle and High Priest of our confession
- Hebrews 6:19-20 – the Anchor of our soul in heaven
- Hebrews 7:25 – He saves completely
- Hebrews 9:28 – eagerly await Him
- Hebrews 12:2 – fixing our eyes upon Jesus

▶ The new and living way – the Person and Work of Christ