

THE TERRIFYING EXPECTATION OF JUDGMENT

We have studied that the writer of Hebrews has been teaching on the Superiority of Jesus Christ to angels, to Moses, and over the Old Covenant system of Shadow Christology (Heb.1-10).

Because of persecution, Jewish believers have abandoned Jesus Christ and His New Covenant teachings and have returned to the Old Covenant (OC) system of Shadow Christology.

What will be the fate of these Jewish believers according to the Will of God? The same as of the apostate reversionistic Jewish believers of the wilderness wandering (Heb.3-4).

Spaced throughout the Book of Hebrews are five warnings against apostate reversionism (Heb.2:1-4; 3:7-4:13; 5:11-6:12; **10:19-39**; and 12:14-29).

By request, we are studying the 4th warning. We have divided the 4th warning into three sections of study.

- (Heb.10:19-25) **Progressing** spiritually in your Christian Way of Life (CWL)
- (Heb.10:26-31) **Retragressing** spiritually in your Christian Way of Life (CWL)
- (Heb.10:32-39) **Recovering** spiritually in your Christian Way of Life (CWL)

We are studying five aspects of retrogressing spiritually in your Christian Way of Life (CWL).

1. We have divided the study of (Heb.10:26-31) into two sections based on our lesson title.

- (Heb.10:26-29) Terrifying Expectation of Judgment (phoberos ekdoche krisis) (Heb.10:26).
- (Heb.10:30-31) Terrifying thing to fall into hands of living God (phoberos to empipto/ a.a.infin.)

2. In (Heb.10:26-27), the writer explains the condition under which a believer can experience a moment of the “terrifying expectation of judgment.”

First the protasis: “for if (1cc) [and it’s true] we (hemon/ gplm) (Heb.10:19-25) keep on sinning (hamartano/ p.a.ptc.gplm) **willfully** (hekousios) **after** (meta+ac of time) **receiving** (to lambano/ a.a.infin) **the knowledge** (ten epignosis/ asf) **of the truth** (tes aletheia/ gsf).”

- NOTE: Greek grammar - If true in the protasis (if clause) than it is also true in the apodosis (then clauses).

Now the apodosis: “There no longer **remains** (apoleipo/ p.m.ind.3ps) a sacrifice for sins” “**But** (de/ adversative conjunction) a certain terrifying expectation of judgment (the subject of **remains**) “**And** the fury of a fire which will consume the **adversaries** (tous hupenantios).”

- The apodosis established a positive (sacrifice for sins) and negative (**but**) (**and**) [note two things]. The expectation of divine discipline heightens to terrifying.
- In (Heb.10:28-29), the writer gives an example of living under the Mosaic Law (ML) (Deut.17:1-7; 19:15). They were already guilty of violating the Mosaic Law (ML) by rejecting Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of it (Rom.10:9; Gal.3:24-29; Acts 21:21; Heb.5-10).

Jesus Christ has taken all the sin violations and judgment upon Himself on the cross. “How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve?” (axioo/ f.p.ind.3ps)

- “**who** (ho) (def. article/ nms/ with all three active participles as subject) has trampled underfoot (katapateo/ a.a.ptc.nsm) **the Son of God.**”
- “And has regarded (hegeomai/ a.m.ptc.nsm) as unclean the **blood of the covenant** by which he was sanctified.” (Luke 22:20; 1 Cor.11:25)
- “And has insulted (enubrizo/ a.a.ptc.nsm) the **Spirit of grace?**”

The action of the three aorist participles of apostate reversionism precedes the action of the main verb (deserve).

3. (Heb.10:30-31) gives the second terrifying expectation of judgment upon apostate reversionism under the Mosaic Law (ML)

It is taken from Moses’ final warning put to song prior to his death (Deut.31:22-30; 32:1-43/ **32:35-36**).

The writer of Hebrews mentioned it again in the 5th warning (Heb.12:29). Both Paul (Rom.12:19) and John (Rev.15:3-4) also mention it.

- In time, God deals with the unbeliever with the gospel (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).
- In eternity, God deals with the unbeliever at the Great White Throne Judgement (GWTJ) and the second death (Rev.20:11-15).

Next Study: The sin unto death is the final stage of divine discipline upon believer’s life (Heb.12).