

## Hebrews 1:26-39 – Judgment & Endurance.

### I. ([26-31](#)) Judgment for those who reject Jesus Christ.

If *Jesus'* sacrifice for sin is rejected, there remains *no other* sacrifice that can cleanse.

When we **sin willfully** by rejecting Jesus' work on the cross as sufficient, we have:

- **Trampled the Son of God underfoot:** disgracing Him.
- **Counted the blood...a common thing:** Undermining the blood of Jesus.
- **Insulted the Spirit of grace:** offending the Holy Spirit.

**Titus 2:11-14** - *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

If someone *does* reject Jesus' sacrifice, fearful judgment is **certain**, even more certain than it was under the Old Covenant.

“To **fall into the hands of the Living God** is, therefore, to have resisted His love, refused His salvation, despised the warnings of His Spirit, and to have persisted thus past the point where God can consistently show further grace.” (Newell)

**Psalm 1:5** - *Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the **judgment**, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

**Malachi 3:5** - *And I will come near you for **judgment**; I will be a swift witness against sorcerers, against adulterers, against perjurers, against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, and against those who turn away an alien—Because they do not fear Me,” Says the LORD of hosts.*

**Revelation 20:12** - *And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.*

## II. ([32-34](#)) Endurance.

To endure - under hardships and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ...

These Christians had already suffered for Jesus, being rejected from their Jewish community and perhaps being counted as dead. This came after they trusted in Jesus (**after you were illuminated**). They were **made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations**. They were **companions of those who were so treated** – including the writer to the Hebrews himself (**you had compassion on me in chains**). They also had faced economic persecution (**the plundering of your goods**). But the point is that they had faced these things, and had **endured** them. They could take a look at their past endurance and be encouraged to keep standing strong in the future.

These discouraged Christians were in danger of casting **away their confidence** in Jesus and relapsing into an Old Covenant relationship with God.

They, and we, **have need of endurance** to receive the promise of God after we **have done the will of God**. The toughest and most discouraging trials are when we are called to obey God's will when the fulfillment of His promise seems so far away. This is why we need **endurance**. Faithfulness during the time when the promise seems unfulfilled is the measure of your obedience and spiritual maturity.

**1 Corinthians 4:12** - *And we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure...*

**2 Timothy 2:3** - *You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

**James 1:2-4** - *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

**Hebrews 12:1** - *Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*