

***The Danger Of Presumptuous Sin!***  
***Hebrews 10:26-31***

**Introduction:**

1. What Would Happen If You Suddenly Decided Tomorrow That Your Money Was Worthless?
  - Try To Pay Mortgage / Car Payment / Credit Card Bill / Taxes Without It!
    - Instead, Offer Something Else - Refused - Still Requiring Payment! And Suffering The Consequences!
      - Foreclosure / Repossession / Bankruptcy / Jail!
      - Yet Still Having A Bank Account Filled With Money!
  - Silly & Foolish!
2. What Noone In Their Right Mind Would Do With Their Finances – Many Continue To Do With Their Souls!
  - See This In Another Somewhat Difficult Passage - Hebrews 10:26-31!
  - You May Think It Silly To Have All Kinds Of Money & Not Use It For It's Intended Purpose!
    - Yet, This Is Exactly What Happens When You Have A Knowledge Of Christ's Payment For Your Sin, And Yet Reject It & Continue To Live A Life Of Deliberate, Willful & Presumptuous Sin!
3. I Want You To Know This Morning That:
  - Jesus Christ Did Not Die So That You, As A Sinner, Could Stay In Your Sin!
    - Paul Puts It This Way In Romans 6:1-16 (Read Passage)
  - Jesus Christ Did Not Die So That You, As A Sinner, Could Stay In Your Sin!
4. What We Have Here Is A Very Ominous Warning!
  - 10:26 - "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins!"
    - Who Is This Warning Written To?
      - Those Who Sin "Wilfully" – Deliberately – Presumptuously!
      - After Receiving Some Kind Of Knowledge Of The Truth!
      - This Is A Warning To You –
        - If You Are Living In Continual Sin, Without Conviction, Without Confession, & Without Care!
      - This Is A Warning To You –
        - If You Are Tempted To Sin, To Keep You From Committing Wilful, Deliberate, Presumptuous Sin!
        - So That You Might Pray As David Did: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression!" (Psalm 19:13)
      - This Is A Warning To Every Single One Of You!
    - What Is This Warning About?
      - If You Do Sin Wilfully, Or If You Are Sinning Wilfully: "There Remaineth No More Sacrifice For Sins!"
      - This Does Not Mean That The Sacrifice Of Christ (Previously Looked At) Has Lost Any Of Its Power!
        - It Does Mean That You Have Nowhere Else To Look To For Help If You Look Away From His Sacrifice!
          - **IE:** Peter Had Nowhere Else To Look For Help When He Walked On Water & Began To Sink!
        - It Also Means, That if You Say You Are A Christian, And You Continue To Wilfully Sin, You Have No True Ground Of Assurance For Your Salvation!
          - Because, Christ Did Not Die So That You Could Stay In Your Sin!
  - 5. But, There Is Something That "Remains" For You If You Continue In Rebellion & Sin!
    - **IE:** Like The Old, Crusty, Disgusting Left-Overs From A Sumptuous Meal!
    - But What Remains Is Something "Fearful!"
      - 10:27a - "But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation!"
    - Now, You May Not "Feel" Anything Fearful At The Moment!

- This Is Not Talking About A “Feeling” – This Is Talking About A Fact! You May Be Living In Sin, Feeling No Fear, Thinking You Are Fine, Even Thinking That You Are Fooling God – However, The Fact Is, This (What Is Revealed In These Next Verses) Is All You Have To Look Forward To!
- **IE:** If You Are “Sinning Wilfully After You Have Received The Knowledge Of The Truth” – Any Hope Or Peace You Think You Have Is Meaningless!
  - Like The Cruise Down The Niagara River Before Going Over The Falls! Tragedy Is In The Forecast!

\* If You Continue To Wilfully Sin You Are:

**1. *Displaying A Fearful Identity!***

- 10:26-27 - “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, ***which shall devour the adversaries!***”
  - You Are Identifying Yourself As One Of The “Adversaries” Of God!
  - And You Will Be “Devoured” (“Eaten Up”) Along With Them – For You Are One Of Them!
- This Does Not Mean, As Some Believe, That You Will “Lose” Your Salvation!
  - It Means That You Never Had Salvation!
  - It Means That You Had A “Knowledge Of The Truth” But Not A Possession Of The Truth!
    - **IE:** I’ve Heard That Fort Knox Has Nearly 5,000 Tons Of Gold (\$6.4 Billion) - But That Does Not Mean A Single Ounce Belongs To Me!
- Jesus Christ Did Not Die So That You Could Stay In Your Sin!
  - He Did Not Die So That You Could Say You Know Something About Him!
  - He Died So That You Might Truly “Know Him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings!” (Philippians 3:10)
- Whose Identity Are You Displaying?

\* If You Continue To Wilfully Sin You Are Also:

**2. *Engaged In A Fearful Insult!***

- 10:28-29 - “He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: / Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”
  - It Is A Bad Thing To Break The Laws Of Men!
    - **IE:** Especially When You Get Caught! Tickets! Jail Time!
  - It Is A Worse Thing To Break The Laws Of God!
    - Verse 28 Describes What Happened To Those Who Disobeyed God’s Law & Wilfully Sinned Against Him!
  - But It Is An Even Worse Thing To Despise God’s Own Solution For Your Sin!
    - And If You Do This, You Are Worthy Of “Much Sorer Punishment!”
- Why Are You Worthy Of “Much Sorer Punishment” If You Continue To Wilfully Sin?
  - Look At What Is Actually Being Done When You Do So:
    - Instead Of Walking With The Son Of God –
      - You Are Trampling Him & What He Did Under Your Feet, As If Who He Is & What He Did Is Worthless!
      - **IE:** Mural Of Bush - Al Rashid Hotel - Iraq
    - Instead Of Esteeming The Blood Of Christ With Great Value –
      - You Consider It Common – Even Unclean!
    - Instead Of Responding To The Grace Of God –
      - You Insult The One Who Offers It!
  - This Is What You Are Actually Doing When You Continue To Wilfully, Deliberately, And Presumptuously Sin!
- And Jesus Christ Did Not Die So That You Could Stay In Your Sin!
  - Are You Insulting Him Through Your Sin?

\* If You Continue To Wilfully Sin You Will Finally:

**3. Receive A Fearful Inheritance!**

- 10:30-31 - "For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. / It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!"

- Throughout The Bible, God Is Known, Not Only For His Love, But Also For His Justice!  
- God Is A Holy & Perfect God! Neither Sin Nor Sinners Can Enter Into His Presence Unless His Justice Has Been Satisfied! But, If You Continue To Sin & Reject The Satisfaction He Has Provided Through Christ, The Only Thing Left For You Is His "Vengeance!"

- He Says To Those Of You Who Continue To Wilfully Sin:

- "I Will Recompense" – Meaning, "I Will Repay!"

- He Will "Repay" To You What You Have So Generously Given To Him!

- Jeremiah 35:15 - "I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me!"

- This Is What You Will Receive If You Continue To Wilfully, Deliberately & Presumptuously Sin!

- Because Jesus Christ Did Not Die So That You Could Stay In Your Sin!

**Conclusion:**

1. It All Comes Down To This: "It Is A Fearful Thing To Fall Into The Hands Of The Living God!"

- If You Wilfully Continue In Sin, You Are Treating Him As Dead – But Reality Will Soon Step In, Because He Is Alive!

- You Are In A Dangerous Place!

2. Jesus Christ Did Not Die So That You Could Stay In Your Sin!

- Do Not Find Yourself In This Fearful Situation Found In These Verses!

- Stop Identifying Yourself With God's Adversaries!

- Consider Your Sin & Repent From It! Confess It! Reject It! Stop Wilfully & Deliberately Living In Sin!

- Identify Yourself As The Friend Of God Through The Sacrifice Of Jesus Christ For Your Sins!

- Stop Insulting Who Christ Is & What He Has Done!

- Think About What You Are Actually Doing When You Sin!

- Let This Bring Tears To Your Heart & Eyes!

- Instead, Thank The Lord For Who He Is & What He Has Done For You!

- Stop Treating God As If He Were Dead!

- Instead, Live For Him! And Let Him Live In You!

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