

17 – APOSTASY AND PERSEVERANCE (HEBREWS 10:19-39)

I. The Encouragement (Hebrews 10:19-25)

A. The Conclusion (Hebrews 10:19a)

- The writer draws his argument to a conclusion after showing the sufficiency of Jesus Christ.

B. Our Privileges (Hebrews 10:19b-21)

1. Our Approach (Hebrews 10:19b-20)

- Because of the sacrifice of Jesus, we have boldness to enter God's presence.
- Jesus provided for believers a new and living way to access God's presence.

2. Our High Priest (Hebrews 10:21)

- We have Jesus Christ as our High Priest over the House of God.

C. The Call to Action (Hebrews 10:22-25)

1. Draw Near (Hebrews 10:22)

- We are to draw near to God with a true heart and the assurance of faith.

2. Hold Fast Our Confession (Hebrews 10:23)

- We are to not waver as we hold onto to our faith in the hope he has promised.

3. Consider One Another (Hebrews 10:24)

- We are to consider others so that they are encourage to love and good works.

4. Don't Abandon the Assembly (Hebrews 10:25)

- We are not to abandon coming together as a church as some people do.
- As the time of Christ's return approaches, it is important to meet as a church.

II. The Sin of Apostasy (Hebrews 10:26-31)

A. The Outcome of Apostasy (Hebrews 10:26-29)

1. It is Final (Hebrews 10:26)

- The word "sin" refers to abandoning one's faith in Jesus Christ.

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- The writer is stating that there is no forgiveness for apostasy.

2. The Sure Outcome (Hebrews 10:27)

- The writer states that the only certainty for an apostate is eternal judgment.

3. The Rejection of the Old (Hebrews 10:28)

- The writer points out that the rejection of the first covenant resulted in death.

4. A Greater Punishment (Hebrews 10:29)

- There is a great judgment for the rejection of the new covenant.

B. God will Judge (Hebrews 10:30-31)

1. Understand Who God Is (Hebrews 10:30)

- The writer states that we understand that God will judge the wicked.

2. The Warning (Hebrews 10:31)

- The writer warns that it is a fearful thing to stand before God.

III. Perseverance (Hebrews 10:32-39)

A. Remember Your Suffering (Hebrews 10:32-34)

- Remember how you endure suffering after you came to faith in Jesus Christ.
- They understood what it meant to be publicly shamed and supported others as well.
- They had shown compassion to the writer and endured having their property confiscated.
- They endured because they knew they had a better possession in heaven.

B. Hold On (Hebrews 10:35-39)

- The writer urges his reader not to give up on their faith.
- They need strength to endure as they wait on the promise.