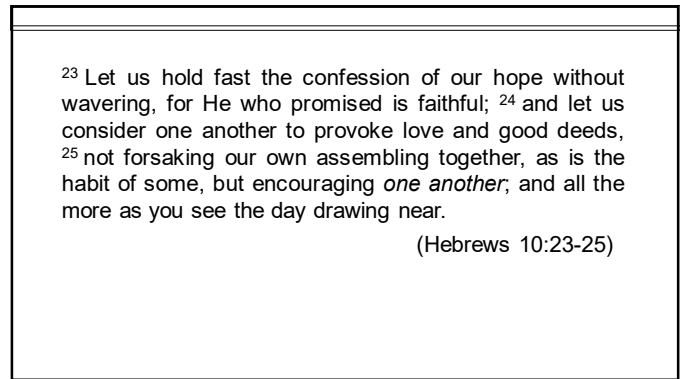




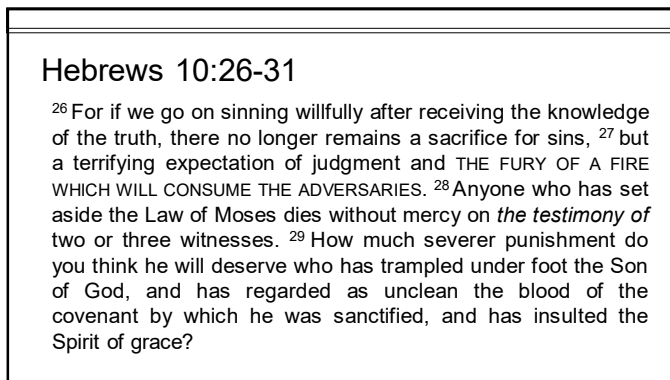
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²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴ and let us consider one another to provoke love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:23-25)

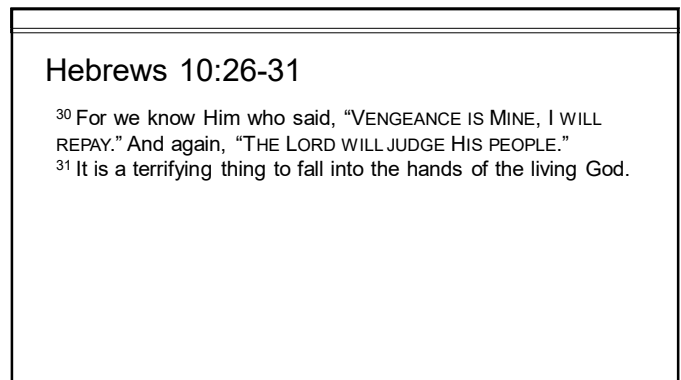
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Hebrews 10:26-31

²⁶ For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

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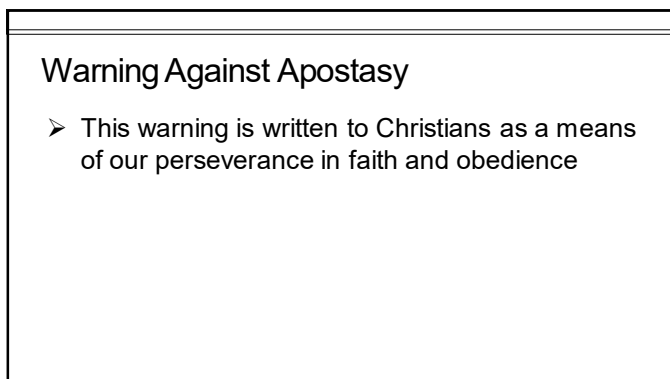


Hebrews 10:26-31

³⁰ For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

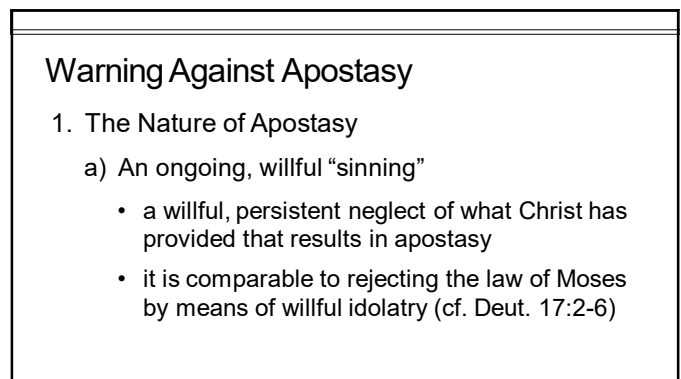
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Warning Against Apostasy

- This warning is written to Christians as a means of our perseverance in faith and obedience

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Warning Against Apostasy

1. The Nature of Apostasy

- a) An ongoing, willful "sinning"
 - a willful, persistent neglect of what Christ has provided that results in apostasy
 - it is comparable to rejecting the law of Moses by means of willful idolatry (cf. Deut. 17:2-6)

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Warning Against Apostasy

1. The Nature of Apostasy

- b) A complete repudiation of Christ
 - to show great disdain for the Son of God
 - to regard His sacrifice as common, thus unholy
 - to show arrogant disrespect for the Spirit

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Warning Against Apostasy

2. The Outcome of Apostasy

- no remedy, recourse or hope for the forgiveness of sins (no sacrifice for sin remains)
- the terrifying reality of God's just judgment and vengeance worse than death itself

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Warning Against Apostasy

➤ Take heed and take comfort!

- allow the force of this warning to arouse us to take heed and continue to hold fast to Christ
- if you take heed to this warning, take comfort that you have not committed this sin

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