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The Preacher now shifts his emphasis to instruction of the congregation so that they may recall the previous warning against apostasy (6:4-8); of no further offerings for sin apart from our Lord's sacrifice (10:18); and the final Day of Judgment (9:27-28).

The Preacher begins by SHOCKING the congregation!!!

A warning of the dire consequences of "....sinning willfully..."

What does that mean?



...SINNING WILLFULLY...

Does it means I sin willfully when I stop coming to church? Have I been sinning willfully?

εκουσίως To voluntarily and defiantly sin against God!



...IF WILLFUL SIN CONTINUES...

... certain fearful expectation of judgment ... ,"

God's judgment "...fiery indignation... 1. Either purifies... (Lk 3:16; Acts 2:3); 2. ...or destroys (Mt. 3:10, 12; Rev. 20)!

His "...fiery indignation..."

"...raging fire..." (NIV);
"...a fury of fire..." (ESV);
"...fiery indignation..." (KJV/NKJV);
"...a fury of fire..." (NASB);
"...καὶ πυρὸς ζῆλος (...and fiery zeal...)

His "... fiery indignation ...

... is not an act of a dispassionate God! Rather, it just the opposite! He is a God who truly loves each of you so very much that He passionately, with a fierce fiery zeal, moves to protect you from all that threatens you!!!

What's the result of His "...fiery indignation..."

...it will soon DEVOUR (utterly destroy) all of your Lord's adversaries...those who willfully, deliberately, definitely oppose His Son, your Lord Jesus Christ!

So, now...the Explanation of "Willful Sin"

"Anyone having set aside the Law of Moses, without mercies on the basis of two or three witnesses, he dies" (my translation).

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"...the Law of Moses..." (Dt. 17:2-7)

לא תרצח לא תנאף לא תננכ לא תקנה לא תקנה

אנבי יהוה לא יהיה לא תשא את ןכור את יום ככר את אביך

YOU SHALL HAVE <u>NO</u> OTHER GODS BEFORE MY FACE!

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WILL FUL, UNREPENTANT SIN AGAINST GOD IS APOSTASY, WHICH ... IS PLACING <u>ANYTHING</u> OR <u>ANYONE</u> OVER AND ABOVE GOD!

THE VERDICT?

The Contrast

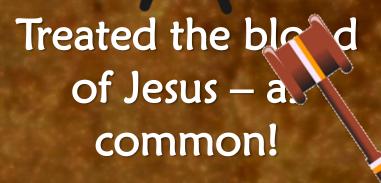
"Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?"



Has treated Jesus with contempt; brazenly dishonors Jesus and subjects Him to public shame!

Hebrews 10:29

The Judgment Innocent



Desecrates His most Holy gift, His saving Blood as something despicable! They are sacrilegious by renouncing their salvation!

Hebrews 10:29

The Judgment Innocent

GUILT

Insults the Spirit of Grace

By their insolent rejection of the gift of the Holy Spirit! Their rejection "ejects" the Holy Spirit from their evil hearts.

Hebrews 10:29

The Judgment GUILT

GUILT

God the Judge

Verse 30: The Scriptural foundation of God as Judge (Deut. 32:1-43) + Dt. 32:35-43

Verse 31: The conclusion... "It is a fearful thing to <u>fall</u> into the hands of the living God!" $\rightarrow \hat{\epsilon}\mu\pi\epsilon\sigma\hat{\epsilon}\nu$ - to be overwhelmed/entrapped!

Hebrews 10:30-31

The Great Reward!

Verses 32-34: The First Instruction + Remember in your persecution that you ARE baptized; + You will suffer...Public ridicule & imprisonment; + Confiscation of property (gov't/false means).

The Great Reward!

Verses 35-38: The Second Instruction + Warning not to forfeit your freedom of speech w/it's reward! + Endure to the end and your reward will be great! + God's promise of eternal life for the faithful and warning of displeasure against those who shrink back from Jesus Christ.

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WE ARE NOT OF THOSE WHO SHRINK BACK AND ARE DESTROYED, BUT OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE AND ARE SAVED.

HEBREWS 10:39