

BEHOLD



A BETTER JUDGEMENT



²⁶ For if we go on sinning DELIBERATELY
after receiving the knowledge of the truth,
there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
²⁷ but a fearful expectation of judgment, and
a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

HEBREWS 10:26-31

²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant....

HEBREWS 10:26-31

by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? 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 fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

HEBREWS 10:26-31

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not
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7 “Will my Lord reject me forever? Will He never be pleased again? 8 Has His faithful love come to a complete end? Is His promise over for future generations? 9 Has God forgotten how to be gracious? Has He angrily stopped up His compassion?”

Selah

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“It simply means that we should ask hard questions about whether the version of Christianity we are following is consistent with the Scriptures, or with historic Christian beliefs through the centuries.”

“The Christian needs another Christian who speaks God’s Word to him. He needs him again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged, for by himself he cannot help himself without belying the truth. He needs his brother man as a bearer and proclaimer of the divine word of salvation.”

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4. The idea of judgement seems objectionable.

“It is absolutely basic to both Judaism and Christianity that there will come a time when the living God, the creator, will bring His just and wise rule to bear fully and finally on the world...”

Those who willfully stand out against His rule, live a life which scorns the standards which emerge in creation itself and in God's good intention for it, and spurn all attempts at reformation or renewal, will face a punishment of destruction.”

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5. The hidden benefit of persecution.

³² But **recall the former days** when, after you were enlightened, you endured a **hard struggle with sufferings**, ³³ sometimes being **publicly exposed to reproach and affliction**, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

HEBREWS 10:32-39

³⁴ For you had compassion on those **in prison**, and you joyfully accepted the **plundering of your property**, since you knew that you yourselves **had a better possession** and an abiding one.

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³⁵ **THEREFORE** do not throw away **YOUR CONFIDENCE**, which has a great reward. ³⁶ For you have **NEED OF ENDURANCE**, so that when you have **DONE THE WILL OF GOD** you may receive what is promised.

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³⁷ For, “Yet a little while, and **the coming one will come and will not delay**; ³⁸ but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he **shrinks back**, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

HEBREWS 10:32-39

³⁹ **BUT WE ARE NOT** of those who **SHRINK BACK AND ARE DESTROYED**, but of those who **HAVE FAITH AND PRESERVE** their souls.

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“I struggled to understand and fully embrace my faith amid an unbelieving, universalist, and multi-religious culture (when growing up in Durham, England). It was a journey to believe in the uniqueness of Christ, the Scriptures and the gospel story.

By the time I came through this, my faith was stronger, and I really wanted to write songs for the Church that brought the full, rich, life-giving story of the gospel into believers' hearts and minds.”

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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