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## **Intro to Hebrews 10:26-39**

It is a great reality that once a person is saved, they are always saved. The Bible unequivocally teaches that all those whom God calls to Himself will come to Him and He will not cast them out (John 6). However, those whom God has genuinely called to Himself, those who are truly “saved” are those who persevere in faith until the end. That is why, despite affirming the glorious reality of our eternal security because of our Great High Priest, Hebrews also issues warnings to those who might assume that they are in good standing with God but might be on the brink of falling away.

These warnings aren’t meant as some sort of manipulation tactic to scare us into believing. They are solemn reminders of what is at stake when we talk about matters of faith in Jesus. The reality is: it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. It is inescapably true that the Lord will exact vengeance on all those who have not trusted Christ and walked with Him by faith in this life. These may be realities that are not palatable for many in our culture, but that does not change their truthfulness. We must be firmly committed to the truth of Scripture and not shrink back—even, perhaps especially, when the culture rejects it.

### **Context**

Having expounded the glorious realities of the gospel—both in terms of Christ as our high priest and as the perfect sacrifice—the author has now moved to explaining the necessary response to this truth. Because Jesus is high priest and because it is only in Him that our sins can be forgiven and we can receive eternal life, the author wants us to know that we cannot shrink back from Him. Rather, we must hold fast to Him and persevere in faith. Thankfully, there is a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us who have done just that (11:1-12:2).

**Read and Reflect** *(Use this section to write down any thoughts you had on the sermon. Make sure to note any questions you had about something in the passage or in the sermon.)*

Read Hebrews 10:26-39

“The Just Shall Live by Faith”

The Danger of Leaving the Faith

- What we can expect
  
- Explanation

The Importance of Living by Faith

- Looking back
  
- Looking ahead

Faithfulness increases when unseen realities become priorities in our lives.

## Discuss

- 1) What do you think are the greatest threats to our faith today? What are the things that tempt us to abandon Christ?
  
- 2) How can you know the difference between an honest intellectual objection to Christianity and a heart that simply does not want to believe it's true?
  
- 3) How would you describe the tone of this passage?
  
- 4) What does it mean to live day-to-day by faith? How is that different than faith that you will be saved in the end?
  
- 5) How does reflecting on evidence of grace in our lives in the past help motivate us to persevere in faith both now and into the future?