

WILLFUL NON ASSEMBLY, A TRIUNE SIN

Hebrews 10-28-31

INTRODUCTION:

A. Members of the assembly must not forsake it vs 25

- 1) *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves..."*
- 2) *"...exhorting one another..."*

B. Such an act is a willful sin vs 26

- 1) *"For if we sin willfully..."*
- 2) *"For if we sin deliberately..."*

C. Such a sin brings certain judgments vs 27

- 1) *"...a certain fearful looking for of judgment..."*
- 2) *"which shall devour the adversaries"*

D. There is no offering for such a sin

- 1) *"there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins..."*
- 2) *I John 5:16 "There is a sin unto death..."*

I. The Fatal Nature Of Willful Non-Assembly

A. *"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:"* vs 28

- 1) *"despised" = ἀθετεω = "to place aside", "to reject"*
- 2) *"The man who showed contempt for Moses' law dies without mercy, on the witnessing of two or three."*

B. The Old Testament basis of Paul's argument

- 1) *Numbers 15:27-36*
- 2) There was an offering for a sin that was committed ignorantly. vs 27-29
- 3) The presumptuous sin had no offering vs 30-31
- 4) An example of such a sin *Exodus 35:2-3*
- 5) God's judgment vs 32-36 (*Numbers 15:32-36*)

II. The Three Sins Of Non Assembly

A. *"Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy..." vs 29*

- 1) "sorer" = χειρων = "worse", "more severe"
- 2) "punishment" = τιμωρια = "vindication of one's honor"
- 3) "worthy" = αξιω = "to regard as deserving", "suitable", "proper"
- 4) "How much worse punishment will he be held to deserve..."

B. *"...who hath trodden under foot the Son of God..."*

- 1) κατα = down πατω = "to trample on", "to tread down"
- 2) "...who has trampled under foot the Son of God..."

C. *"...and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing..."*

- 1) "counted" = ηγεομαι = "to lead the way", i.e., "to view", "to regard as being so", "to esteem"
- 2) "unholy" = κοινον = "a common thing"
- 3) "...and treats the blood of the agreement by which he has been purified as an ordinary or profane thing..."

D. *"...and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"*

- 1) "despite" = ενυβριζω = "to use wanton insults towards anyone", "to treat with utter contempt"
- 2) "And unto the Spirit of favor hath offered wanton insult"
RHM He has insulted the very grace that saved him because we are, "created unto good works" Eph 2:10

III. God Will And Does Judge His People

A. *"For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. . . . "* vs 30

- 1) *"vengeance"* = εκβικησις = "execution of right and justice"
- 2) *"recompense"* = ανταποδιδωμι = "to give back", "repay"

B. *"...And again, The Lord shall judge his people."*

- 1) *"judge"* = κρινω = "to judge"
- 2) *"...will judge and determine and solve and settle the cause and the cases of His people."* AMP

IV. God's Judgment Can Be Fearful

A. *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."*

- 1) *"fearful"* = φοβερος = "terrible", "frightful"
- 2) *"It is dreadful to fall into the hands of the ever-living God."*

B. We are in His hands!

- 1) He will never cast us away
- 2) He will protect us from all evil
- 3) In His hands, we may provoke Him
- 4) His hands can be chastening hands

