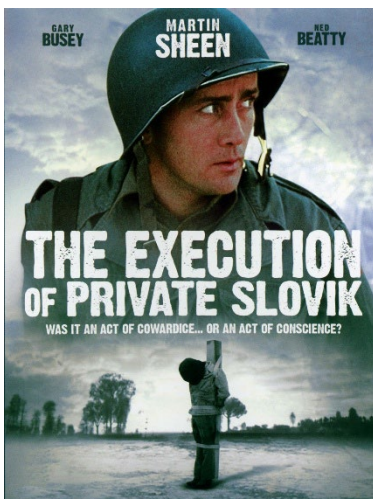


Warnings and Encouragement Hebrews 10:25-39

Hebrews 10:25-39 (NIV)

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 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. Therefore do not away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.



I. We should Guard against Spiritual Desertion

The Four Warning Signs:

- **Neglecting the People of God**

Verse 25 – “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...”

- **Ignoring the Will of God**

Verse 26 – “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left...”

II Samuel 12:7-9 (NIV)

“Then Nathan said to David, ...Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? “

- **Disregarding the Son of God**

Verse 29 – “How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace”

- **Expecting the Judgement of God**

Verse 30, 31 – “For we know him who said, ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ and again, ‘The Lord will judge his people.’ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

1 John 2:19 (NIV)

“They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”

II. We should Grow towards Spiritual Devotion

Verse 36 – “You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”

- **When life knocks you down – Get up!**

Verse 32 – Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering.



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Proverbs 24:16

“Though a righteous man falls, ...he rises again.”

- **When things look bleak – Cheer Up!**

Verse 35 – “So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.”

John 16:33 (NKJV)

“In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

- **When the road is hard - Look Up!**

Verse 36-37 – “You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while, “He who is coming will come and will not delay.”

- **When the race seems long – Do not Give up!**

Verse 34, 39 – “You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.”