

Don't Go Back

S.R. Heb. 10:35 – 39

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Introduction:

- A. “But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.” (Heb. 10:39)

I. Theme: Pictures of Jesus

- A. Portrait of Jesus (1:1 – 12)
- B. Don't drift away (2:1 – 4)
- C. Jesus also suffered and won the victory (2:9 – 14)
- D. A multitude of quitters who forsook Jesus in the wilderness (3:7 – 4:2)
 - 1. (1 Cor. 10:1 – 4) “the rock was Christ.”
 - 2. This – quitting – was what you must not do.
- E. Draw near to God through Jesus (4:14 – 16)
- F. God remembers our sins no more (Hebrews 8)
- G. In Jesus: (7 – 10)
 - 1. We have the ultimate priest (7:28 – 8:1)
 - 2. He serves in the ultimate tabernacle (8)
 - 3. He offers the ultimate sacrifice (9 – 10:18)
- H. Heroes don't quit; they go on (10:19 – 12:2)
- I. Suffering makes you better (12:3 – 11)
- J. God's view of quitters (10:26 – 31; 12:12 – 17)
- K. A word of exhortation (13:22)

II. Discouraged? Listen to Jesus – The Son (1:5 – 2:4)

- A. Understand who the Son is in contrast to the angels
- B. Warning (2:1) “Pay much closer to attention to what we have heard.”
- C. Comparison and Contrast: Disobey what angels say vs. what the Son says.
- D. Judgment upon the faithless and disobedient (Heb. 4:1 - 13)

III. Discouraged? Grow Up and Appreciate (4:14 – 6:8)

- A. Jesus: Our high priest (4:14 – 16)
 - 1. High priest like Melchizedek, not Aaron. (5:1 – 10)

- B. Warning: Don't harden your hearts (5:11 – 6:6)
- C. Judgment (6:7 – 8) Burn the thorns
- D. Question: How would Jesus describe me?

IV. Convinced of Better things Concerning You. (6:9 – 10:39)

- A. If you are really in Christ there will be fruit that accompanies your salvation.
 - 1. God remembers what you have done in the past (6:10)
 - 2. Now keep serving the saints in the present and future.
 - 3. In fearful times we tend to stay home, play it safe and get sluggish (6:11 – 12).
 - 4. We forget about brethren for who Christ died that desperately need our care and encouragement in person.
- B. Teaching about God and Jesus: (6:13 – 10:39)
 - 1. God keeps His covenants. He promises to bless us in and through Jesus.
 - 2. Jesus is our mediator and High Priest (7)
 - 3. Main point (8:1 – 10:18) “We have such a high priest.”
 - 4. This high priest serves in the greater tabernacle in Heaven.
 - 5. He offers himself as the greatest sacrifice – “once for all time”
- C. Warning and Judgment (10:26 – 31)
 - 1. Don't sin deliberately (10:26 – 27)
 - 2. What do you think one will deserve? (vs. 29) (10:28 – 31)
- D. Remember the past and Don't throw away your future (10:32 – 39)
- E. We should think: How can I ever forsake Jesus?

V. Thinking about Giving Up? Learn from the distance runners (11:1 – 12:29)

- A. Historical reminders:
 - 1. Faithful don't go back – they go on.
 - 2. They are in the stands cheering you on as you run the race.
- B. Warning (12:1 – 24)
- C. Judgment (12:25 – 29)
 - 1. Disobedient do not escape when God speaks.
 - 2. Don't refuse to listen to God who has spoken (cf. 1:1-3).

VI. Do We See Jesus?

- A. Hebrews 2:9; 12:1 - 3