

## NON ASSEMBLY, A WILLFUL SIN

*Hebrews 10:26-27*

## INTRODUCTION:

A. We have learned some valuable lessons

- 1) We should draw near
- 2) We should hold fast
- 3) We should consider
- 4) We should assemble

B. Is non-assembly a sin?

- 1) If so, what kind of sin is it?
- 2) Is it a serious sin?

## I. Non-Assembly Is A Willful Sin

A. *"For if we sin willfully..." vs 26*

- 1) *"willfully"* = εκουσιως = "of free-will", "voluntarily",  
The same word is used in *I Peter 5:2* - *"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind."* "intentionally", "deliberately"
- 2) *"sin"* = αμαρτια = "miss", "failure from prescribed law or duty"

B. *"...after that we have received the knowledge of the truth..."*

- 1) *"received"* = λαμβανω = "to take hold of", "to apprehend", "to receive, pointing to an objective reception"
- 2) *"knowledge"* = επιγνωσις = "clear and exact understanding", "the insight which manifests itself through understanding the subjects with which it meets and in the conduct determined thereby"
- 3) *"truth"* = αληθεια = "the veritable essence of a matter" The thing upon which all good things rest.



## C. "...there remaineth no more sacrifice from sins,"

- 1) "remaineth" = απολειπω = "to leave off", "to leave behind", "to remain"
- 2) "no more" = ουετι = "no longer", "no further"
- 3) "sacrifice" = θυσια = "the act of killing and offering in sacrifice"
- 4) "sins" = αμαρτια = "failure", "miss"

## D. The Old Testament principle

- 1) Numbers 15:27-31
- 2) "presumptuously" = To know absolutely that an act is wrong, and then with arrogance, deliberation and impudence to do that act with an attitude of rebellion.

## E. A New Testament affirmation

- 1) I John 5:16 - "There is a sin unto death..."
- 2) "...I do not say that he shall pray for it."
- 3) "There is such a thing as deadly sin..."  
"...I advise no prayer for that" BER

## F. A Bible example

- 1) Jeremiah 7:1-20
- 2) God's people can go too far!

## II. Willful Non-Assembly Should Bring Fear

## A. "But a certain fearful looking for of judgment..." vs 27

- 1) "certain" = τις = "a certain one", "the only thing"
- 2) "fearful" = φοβερος = "fearful"
- 3) "looking" = εδοχη = "expectation"
- 4) "judgment" = κρισις = "the act of pronouncing sentence"
- 5) "Only a terrifying prospect of judgment" WMS

## B. "...and fiery indignation..."

- 1) "fiery" = ζηλος = "zeal", "fervour", "zeal of fire"
- 2) "A fire that will eagerly destroy the rebellious" KNOX

C. "...which shall destroy the adversaries."

- 1) "which shall" = μελλω = "to be on the point of", "eagerly"
- 2) "destroy" = εσθιειν = "consume"
- 3) "adversaries" = υπεναντιος = "contrary", "adverse",  
"enemies"

### III. The Willful Sin And It's Affect Upon The Assembly

A. It is, if adopted by all, a death sentence

- 1) Other sins a hurtful
- 2) This sin is destructive

B. It is aimed directly at the body of Christ

- 1) It is not aimed at another member
- 2) It is not aimed at the Pastor

C. It is immediate in it's effect

- 1) The damage is done the day it is done
- 2) Does not act like poison but it is on the same level  
as terrorism.