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Hebrews 10 - Part III

Read Hebrews 10:28-31:

1. How could a person “tread under foot” the Son of God today, and why is it worse than not keeping the law of Moses? 1st part of the question - Mk 13:5-6; 2nd part - Gal 3:21

2. How could a person manifest that the blood of the covenant is unholy? Zech 9:11; Heb 9:14

3. When a person despises the Spirit of grace, who is being despised? Jn 1:14, 17; 1Jn 2:22-23; Mk 3:29

Read Hebrews 10:32-33:

4. What do you recall from early experiences after becoming a Christian? Can you see the possibility of levels of separation?

5. Give examples of afflictions, outward & inward, you may have had after deciding to walk with the Lord.

6. As a Christian, with whom do you see yourself as partnered with? A religious organization, or Jesus Christ? Remember, you cannot serve two masters, Mt 6:24.

Read Hebrews 10:34-39:

7. From verses 34-37, what impressions do you get of the experience then, and what the writer meant by *an enduring substance*?

8. In verse 36, what is the promise awaited? Gal 3:14-18, 22

9. The just (righteous) shall live by what/whose faith? Gal 2:16; KJ or YLT; Php 3:9

10. From verse 39, what things come to mind as to why people might *draw back* into destruction? 1Tim 6:9-12

1a. {To teach a false Christ is to tread him under foot, figuratively. Only following the law as it reads (letter of the law, 2Cor 3:6) one cannot inherit the next world, Rom 4:14. Paul made reference to Gentiles, who did not have the law, but did by nature the spirituality of the law written in their hearts. Life is not in the law, but only in Christ. In verse 29, *hagiazō*^{g37}, *sanctify, set apart*, is contrasted with *koinos*^{g2839}, *common, defile*. Idol worship is common with those living a worldly life. To accept Jesus as a personal Savior, sets one apart from the world.}

2a. {To not walk in the truth is to leave the means whereby we can obtain eternal life, 1Jn 1:5-7, which is defined as knowing the Father & Son, Jn 17:3. Figurative language of Zechariah: Pit - earthly mind, Pr 22:14; clay - human nature, Job 33:6; Jn 9:15.}

3a. {In any way or any form where the Son of God is denied, the person is also denying the Father who sent him.}

4a. {The Lord separated Israel from Egypt, physically. But they had to remain in the wilderness 40 years to change their way of thinking. When I began keeping Christian practices, I noticed a distinct difference in work & personal relationships. My wife and most personal acquaintances separated from me. As I grew in my understanding of the Bible, I separated from organized religion. Because of spiritual growth, there have been other separations from people who were not willing to consider taking a step beyond the present.}

5a. {My outward afflictions came when my studies led to conflict with others of my own church. Inward afflictions were a result of the mental struggles, often questioning my conclusions & seeking the Lord to know if I was off track in my understanding. Fellowship with like believers helps in these circumstances.}

6a. No note.

7a. {It appears that the writer, I believe to be Paul, is referring to a time of persecution of the church, when he was being visited in prison. He encourages the readers to cling to their confidence, have patience & continue in the will of God. Except in 3 Bible versions, the last of verse 34 is rendered incorrectly. Here is the actual: *knowing* (by experience) *that ye have in yourselves a better substance in (the)*

heavens, and an enduring one. YLT. Paul is speaking of a spiritual/heavenly understanding, possessed by those to whom he is writing.}

8a. {The promise to possess the Spirit was to Christ & Abraham, handed down to us through Jesus. Spiritual life, which is eternal, is received by hearing the word of God through Jesus, Jn 5:24; Rom 8:10; 10:17. It is also the *enduring substance* in the heavens, Isa 55:7-9.}

9a. {Faith, from the Greek *pistis* ^{g1402}, is from the root *peitho* ^{g3982} meaning *to convince, to persuade one to believe by using words*. Cf Rom 10:17. All things come from the Father, Jam 1:17-18, to the Son to humanity. Jesus uses apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors & teachers to spread the truth, Eph 4:10-12. By believing, we become one with the Father & Son, even as they are one, Jn 17:20-21, in the spirit of the truth.}

10a. {The verse & Timothy imply that it is a fight against temptations, inward & outward to stay on the right path. In time of the Apostolic Church, a common struggle for most became, “Who do I believe? Do I go with the majority who are following the Pharisees (church leaders of the day)? Or, do I listen to these that seem to be rebels & presenting some strange teachings?” Heb 13:9; Acts 17:18, 20. Where are you putting your trust today?}