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"THE PERIL OF WALKING AWAY"

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HEBREWS 10:19-39 (NASB)

TRUTH: The Bible says God's heart is grieved when people make superficial commitment to Him and then bail.

I. THE CONFUSION OF DEFECTION (John 6:66; Matthew 7:21)

TRUTH: A person who claims to know the Lord but who turns from their faith or lives a life of iniquity will not be admitted to heaven.

TRUTH: There is always a great danger in defection, and it carries serious eternal consequences.

II. DEFECTION BRINGS SEVERE JUDGMENT (Deuteronomy 13:12-18, 17:2-5).

INSIGHT: Defecting from the Law of Moses is one thing; trampling the Son of God and His Cross is way worse.

III. TWO RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

TRUTH: There are only two responses to the gospel of Jesus Christ: a living faith to the end of life or defection.

TRUTH: Knowing the gospel is the greatest blessing on earth and through eternity, or it is the severest curse if it's rejected.

TWO OPTIONS BEFORE US THIS MORNING:

1. The invitation to receive (Hebrews 10:19-22)
2. The warning: Don't turn away (vv. 26-27).

CLOSING THOUGHT: If you have known the truth, heard the gospel repeatedly and yet turned away, gone into willful, unbroken sin...you have placed on Jesus a Judas kiss, and you shall receive what Judas received: a literal hell more terrifying than the one for those who never knew.