

**THE STUDY OF HEBREWS—YEAR 2**  
**LESSON 4—QUESTIONS**  
**HEBREWS 10:26-39**  
**A TERRIFYING WARNING and ENDURING MEMORIES**

As you begin your study this week pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal truth and wisdom.

**Read Hebrews 10:26-39**

1. Using a Bible dictionary or computer, what is the definition of apostasy?

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2. Review Hebrews 3:12 and 6:4-6. In light of these verses, what kind of sin is addressed in verses 26-31? \_\_\_\_\_

How do verses 26 and 27 define apostasy and what is its result?

Apostasy: \_\_\_\_\_

Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you recall or cite any acts of apostasy in scripture? \_\_\_\_\_

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Can a true believer in Christ become an apostate? Explain and cite verses to back up your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. By willfully sinning and refusing to repent after receiving knowledge of the true gospel, one turns his back on the only means of forgiveness. In these cases, only the fearful expectation of judgment awaits. Why does the author relate this warning to the Old Testament cases of people setting aside the Mosaic law? (See Lev. 24:13-16; Deut. 17:2-7.) How does the punishment for disregarding the Mosaic law compare to the punishment for disregarding the New Covenant (Heb. 10:26-31; Heb. 2:2-4)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What three deliberate or “*willful*” actions characterize the sin the writer warns against in verse 29? He who has:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how these would characterize apostasy? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What attribute of God will be experienced by those who reject the truth (10:30-31)?

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6. The Hebrews are called to remember their former days and Godly qualities in verses 32-34. What do you learn about their past circumstances and attitude?

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Why do you think the author exhorts them to remember the former days? Is there a benefit to remembering? If so what? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How have memories of former days taught you joy, strengthened your faith or helped you to face a current situation? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is our responsibility to sisters who are struggling with their faith? What do you learn from the apostle Peter's example in 2 Peter 1:12-15? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. We are told in verse 34 that the Hebrews knew that they had a "*better possession and a lasting one.*" What is the "*better and lasting possession*"? 1 Pet. 1:3-4; Heb. 12:22; 13:14.

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8. Even though the writer had solemnly warned the Hebrews, he was mindful of the great trials and persecutions they endured and was hopeful they would renew their devotion to follow Christ. What two things did he exhort them to do in verses 35 and 36? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is our confidence, especially in the midst of persecution and suffering?  
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How is our confidence related to our endurance?  
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9. Does your future reward (v. 35) and promised inheritance (v. 36) help you persevere in times of stress? What have you learned in this lesson that might help you in this regard?

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How does the author use the prophecy from Habakkuk 2:3-4 (quoted in Hebrews 10:37-38) as motivation? \_\_\_\_\_

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Based on the context of the chapter, what does “*shrink back*” (v. 38) mean to you?

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In verse 39, what is the alternative to shrinking back?

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