

SERMON OUTLINE

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Spiritual Danger Signs



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- I. **Heed Our Warnings**
- II. **What Are Our Warning Signs?**
 - A. Warning Signs in Hebrews
 1. **Hebrews 2:1** - Drifting away truth/God (distractions)
 2. **Hebrews 3:13** - Harden hearts (constant resistance)
 3. **Hebrews 5:11** - Dull of hearing (unimportant)
 4. **Hebrews 5:12** - My plate constantly needing to be spun
 5. **Hebrews 6:11-12** - Sluggish
 6. **Hebrews 10:23-25** - Forsaking our assembling together
 7. **Hebrews 10:26** - Go on sinning willfully
 8. **Hebrews 10:35-39** - Lacking confidence / faith
 - B. If We Don't Heed These Warnings
 1. The story of the worthless ground - **Hebrews 6:7-8**
 2. Fearful expectation of judgment - **Hebrews 10:26-27**
 3. How do you feel about standing before God right now?
- III. **The Source of the Problem**
 - A. Main Point in Hebrews: **Heb 8:1,6** - Christ's Superiority - Why?
 1. When we fail to see the value of Christ - lose motivation
 2. When we try to find fulfillment, satisfaction, and righteousness on our own - we will burn out - lose our passion
 3. When we place our trust somewhere else - discouraged
 4. **Hebrews 13:8-9** - grace vs. food
 - B. With What Do We Occupy Ourselves (Thinking It Will Save Us)?
 1. I have my grandmother's religion - she was godly (angels, prophets, and Moses)
 2. I know the truth of the Bible (following Moses and the Law)
 3. "We" are doing well (the priest took care of it)
 4. Everything looks good in my life (law and food)
 5. I'm a Christian (Israel, God's people)
 - C. What God Wants:
 1. Personal dedication from the heart: **Hebrews 8:10-11**
 2. A reliance on God's grace: **Hebrews 8:12**
- IV. **The Solution (Finding Christ Again)**
 - A. **Hebrews 10:22** - Rely on Christ - when we seek to do it ourselves we exclude ourselves from others
 - B. **Hebrews 10:23** - Give your heart time to catch up with your head - do what you know is right, even when it is challenging
 - C. **Hebrews 10:24** - Think like Jesus - considering others
 - D. **Hebrews 10:32** - Remember why you did this!!!
 - E. **Hebrews 12:12-13** - Focus on the hope NOT the hurting (see the finish line)
 - F. **Hebrews 12:14** - Practice grace (Peace comes at a price)
 - G. **Hebrews 12:15-16** - Forgive now - don't allow bitterness to grow
 - H. **Hebrews 12:28** - Give thanks to God for His blessings - What does that do to your relationship?

- I. **Hebrews 13:1** - Love the brethren (=family love) (True appreciation and care for each other)
- J. **Hebrews 13:2** - Be a hospitable person (Not selective - it is who you are)
- K. **Hebrews 13:3** - Empathize with those suffering for Christ (there are people dying for Christ) **Hebrews 13:23** - Timothy was in prison for Christ
- L. **Hebrews 13:4** - Treat your family right (relationships are the way Jesus would live them) - Does your marriage reflect Christ???
- M. **Hebrews 13:5-6** - Trust in God to provide
- N. **Hebrews 13:7** - Look at life as a whole - know that it is worth serving God

V. Be Motivated By Grace

- A. **Hebrews 13:8-9** - grace NOT food (or whatever)
- B. NOT hell, heaven, reward, punishment
- C. BUT that Jesus LOVES you, DIED for you, wants you in heaven
- D. BECAUSE - you CANNOT do it without Him - Put Him at the center of your life.