

Your Services Have Been Disconnected!

Hebrews 10:26-29 NLT – (26) Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins. (27) There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies. (28) For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. (29) Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us.

While writing this meditation, God reminded me about those times when I was financially irresponsible. He reminded me about those times when I would come home only to discover that my electric, cable or phone services had been disconnected! I asked myself, "How could this be?" (As if we never know the truth). The answer is simple! These bills were taken as a joke. I believed I could be irresponsible in handling them by taking care of them on my own terms. Yes, I called in and asked for an extension, but I was irresponsible there also. The results for not listening to the instructions, "Services disconnected!" No more mercy for me because the people had enough with my inconsistent, irresponsible ways! Can you imagine Jesus disconnecting Himself from us? Well, when we continue to habitually sin, we disconnect ourselves. Can you imagine calling our Heavenly Father and He is not responding because there is no connection.

This same scenario actually happened in the bible. Years after the prophet Samuel died, Saul was old, sick and alone. The Philistines gathered a huge army to fight against Israel. Saul was afraid and had no idea what to do. He asked the Lord, but got no answer. Saul learned that a psychic lived at Endor. She claimed to contact people who were dead. Saul wore a disguised and went to Endor at night. "Bring back the spirit of Samuel", Saul said. The psychic replied, "I see an old man wrapped in a robe coming up from the ground." God allowed Samuel's spirit to speak to Saul. "Why have you disturbed my rest?" He said. "What shall I do? The Philistines are at war and God won't answer me." The spirit of Samuel said, "I told you that God has ripped the kingdom from you. "Tomorrow you and your sons will be at death with me." Saul had been king of Israel for almost fifteen years. (**1 Samuel 28:3-19; 31:1-12 and 2 Samuel 1:1-27**)

To paraphrase what Samuel was saying to Saul; The fellowship between you and God no longer exist. Due to your continuing ways of being disobedient, the relationship has been disconnected. My brothers and sisters, true repentance consists of genuine change.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 PETER 5:9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Work becomes worship when done for the Lord.

