> *Proverbs 15:10 (ESV)*
>
> *“There is severe discipline for him who forsakes the way; whoever hates reproof will die.”*

God’s discipline is not uniform; it varies according to the individual and their relationship with Him. Many mistakenly believe that the greatest punishment will fall on the murderer or blatant sinner, rather than the believer who has knowingly turned away from God’s path. However, Scripture tells us clearly: it is severe punishment reserved for those who forsake the way.

Jesus Himself emphasized this truth in Luke 12:47-48 (ESV):

> *“And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and*

> *from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.”*

This passage teaches us a profound principle: knowledge increases responsibility, and with greater knowledge of God’s will comes greater accountability. Thus, believers who knowingly reject God’s commands face a more severe judgment than those who sin in ignorance.

Today, many claim with their mouths that they are saved, yet their lives tell a different story. They remain distant from Christ, living in sin. These are the ones Jesus refers to as having forsaken the way. They might know that indulging in pornography is displeasing to God, yet continue; they cohabit outside of marriage, knowing it is sinful, yet persist; they dress immodestly and engage in behaviors that the Bible condemns as sinful, yet these actions have become normalized among them.

Church leaders recognize these sins as grave offenses, yet sadly, these behaviors have become common in the church today. Jesus warns that such people face severe punishment in hell.

My dear friend, the torment of hell is beyond human comprehension. It is a place so dreadful that even those suffering there long to escape. To imagine you there is to imagine indescribable suffering (see Luke 16:27-29).

Because of this, Jesus said in Mark 9:43-48 (ESV):

> *“If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.*
> *And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.*
> *And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell,*
> *‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’”*

Jesus’ words are stark and sobering. He commands drastic action to avoid sin and its eternal consequences. Sin that causes us to stumble spiritually must be dealt with decisively.

When you hear the gospel and refuse to obey, that very gospel becomes a source of judgment for you. The more you hear and reject, the greater your punishment. Value your soul and the time you have—these are the last days, and no one knows when they will breathe their last. Death often comes unexpectedly (Hebrews 9:27).

How ready are you for eternity? How prepared are you to stand before God with the gospel you have heard?

It is better to surrender your life fully to the Lord today — to be saved by grace through faith, and to follow Christ without compromise. Set aside the temporary things of this world and pursue holiness earnestly, because the Bible says, “Without holiness no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14, ESV).

If you are ready to repent and start fresh with God, He is ready to forgive. The moment you sincerely pray this prayer with faith, your sins are forgiven:

Prayer of Repentance

> *“Father, I come before You in humility. I confess that I have rebelled and sinned for a long time. I deserve Your severe discipline because I knew Your will but did not obey it. Today, I (state your name) resolve to begin a new life with You. Please forgive me, Father.*
> *I renounce all my sinful ways, reject Satan and his works, and reject this world’s temptations. By the blood of Jesus Christ, cleanse me and make me pure.*
> *Thank You, Lord Jesus, for Your forgiveness. I believe Your promise that anyone who comes to You will never be turned away. I accept You now as my Lord and Savior. Help me live a victorious Christian life and remain faithful until the end. Thank You for Your grace and mercy. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”*

If you have prayed this prayer in faith, know that God sees your heart, not just your words. Just like the woman who was a sinner yet showed genuine repentance before Jesus and was forgiven (Luke 7:36-50), you too have received His mercy.

True repentance is marked by a heartfelt turning away from sin—whether that means ending sinful relationships, rejecting pornography, or abandoning any other sin. God’s forgiveness is

complete and immediate when accompanied by sincere repentance.

From today, begin living a life that reflects your salvation. If you haven’t been baptized, you should consider doing so as an outward testimony of your new life in Christ. If you need guidance or support, please contact us at +255693036618 or +255789001312, and we will gladly assist you by God’s grace.

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