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## Warning to Unbelievers and Encouragement to Believers **12: 12-29**

Throughout the letter to the **Hebrews** there were five specific warnings to *unbelievers* within the Messianic community (**to see link click [Ag](#) - The Audience of the book of Hebrews**), and the writer has emphasized the importance of the believers response to these lost Jews.

**[Ai](#) - The first warning is the danger of neglect: intellectually convinced Jews**

**[As](#) - The second warning is the danger of a hardened heart: unbelieving Jews**

**[Ba](#) - The third warning is the danger of dullness of hearing: unconvinced Jews**

**[Bb](#) - The fourth warning is the danger of falling away: hesitating Jews**

**[Ci](#) - The fifth warning is the danger of apostasy: apostate Jews**

Now that the Messianic believers understood the significance of **Messiah's** superior priesthood, they were implored to commit themselves to live by faith rather than going back to the Temple and the Levitical sacrifices that would only be useless.

But both the saved and the lost were undergoing persecution from the Jewish community for leaving the Temple and the Levitical sacrifices. The writer has already given some advise about how to respond to divine **discipline**. Show respect for **ADONAI** by obeying **Him** even when it's painful to obey (**12:9-11**). Don't give up, but **strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees** (**12:12**). But the writer has even more suggestions to offer to the believers. Suggestions that, if we follow them, will enable us to experience life as active citizens of **God's** unshakable Kingdom.