

Treasure Hunt

- Nate: What does it mean to “sin wilfully” (10:26)?
- Faith: What two kinds of sin did the OT distinguish?
- Michael: How does the writer relate willful sin to the the Lord’s table?
- How can we have both “full assurance of faith” (10:22) and fear (10:31)?
- Ben: What noun appears throughout Hebrews, but with difference references?
- Caitlin: How does its use change at 10:32?
- What two features suggest two internal divisions in the second half of the book?
- Elijah: What three words mark ch. 10-12?
- Which ones appear earlier, and to what do they refer?
- What is the relation among the three words?

The Warnings in Hebrews

Warning	Sin	Follows	Precedes
2:1-4	Neglect	1:1-14, Christ higher than angels	2:5-18, Christ lower than angels
3:7-4:13	Unbelief	3:1-6, Christ as faithful high priest (faith = belief)	4:14-10:25, Christ as merciful high priest
5:11-6:12	Stagnation	4:14-5:10, Christ is like other priests	6:13-10:25, Christ is unlike other priests
10:26-31	Willful Sin	1:1-10:25, The Person & Work of the Son of God	10:32-13:19, The Life of the Sons of God
12:25-29	Refusal to Obey	10:32-12:24, Life in the World	13:1-19, Life in the Church

The Background of 10:26-27

Heb 10:26 For if we sin **wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth **no more sacrifice for sins**, 27 But **a certain fearful looking for of judgment** and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

Num. 15:27 And if any soul sin **through ignorance**, then he shall bring **a she goat of the first year for a sin offering**. ... 30 But the soul that doeth ought **presumptuously**, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be **cut off** from among his people. 31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be **cut off**; **his iniquity shall be upon him**.

Some Helpful Parallels

10:29 trodden under foot

Is. 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase **trodden under feet**.

10:31 fear vs. 10:22 assurance

John 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing **ye might have** life through his name.

1John 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**. ... 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; **that ye may know** that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Epistle to the Hebrews

1:1-10:25, The Person and Work of **the Son**

1:5-2:18, His Person: the Son & the Angels

3:1-10:25, His Work: the Son & the Priests

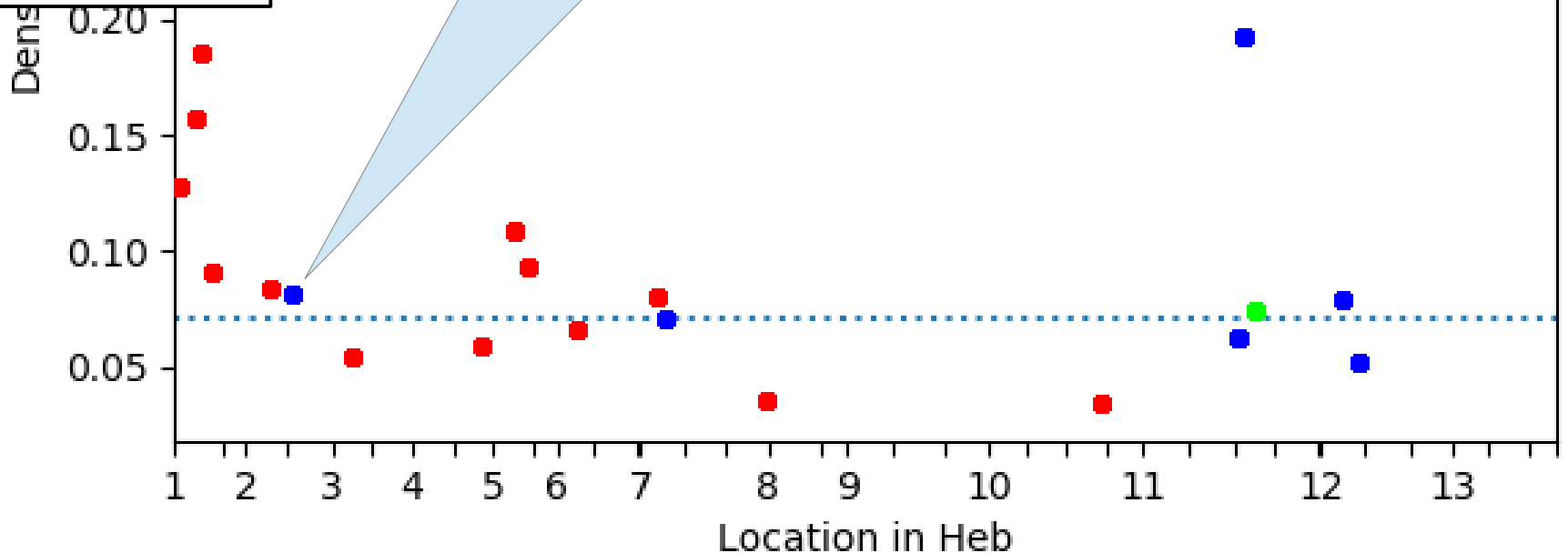
10:26-31, Warning

10:32-13:19, The Life of **the Sons**

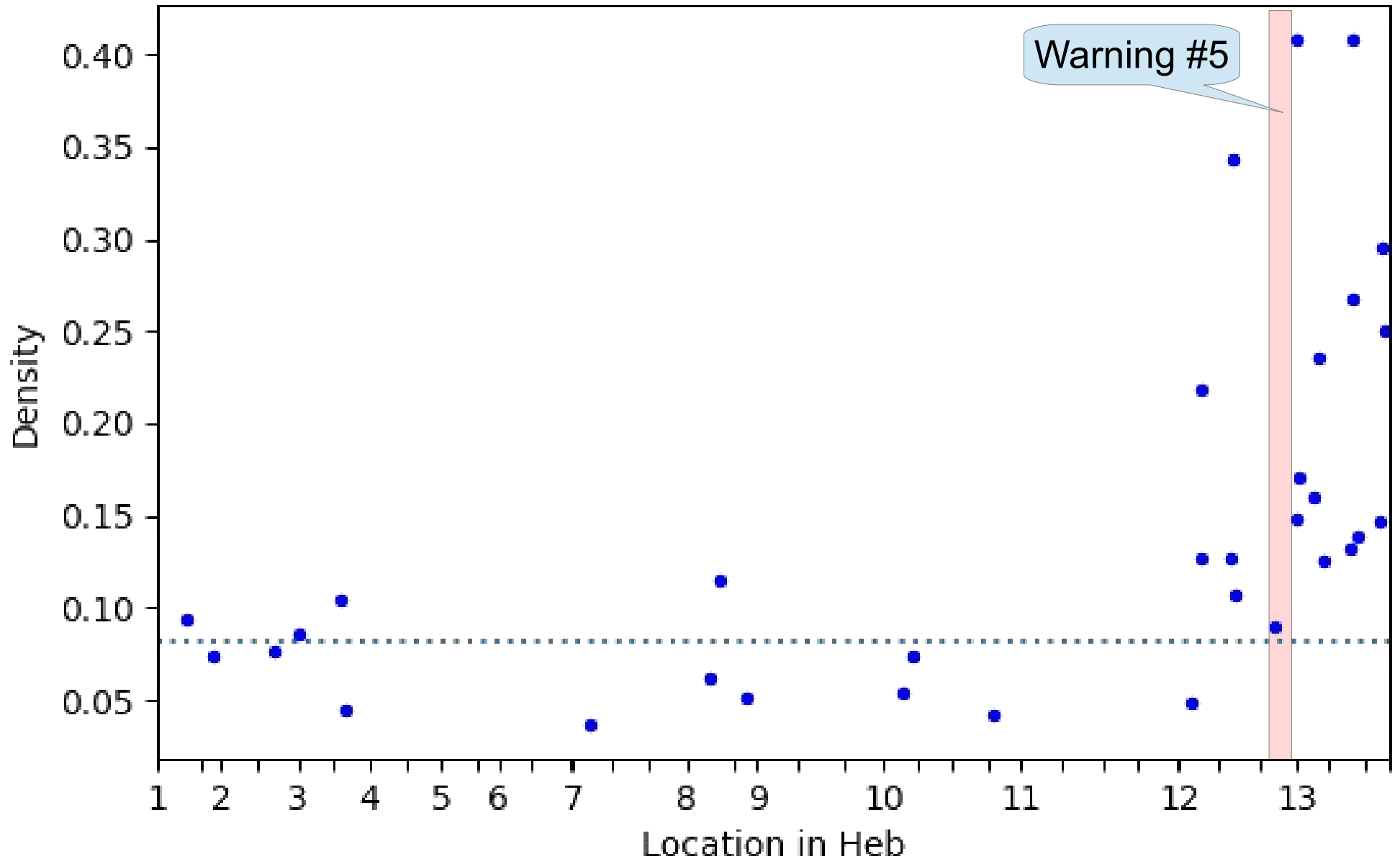
13:20-25, Close

"Son" in Hebrews: **Christ**, believers (**plural**, **singular**)

Heb. 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing **many sons** unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.



Imperatives in Hebrews



Structure of Hebrews 10:32-13:19

10:32-13:19, The Life of the Sons of God

10:32-12:24, Living in the World

10:32-39, Example & Exhortation

11:1-40, Examples (indicative)

12:1-24, Exhortation (imperative)

12:25-29, Warning

13:1-19, Living in the Church