

So he stresses at this point the importance of the fact that He has special consideration for sins of ignorance though they do need to be atoned for.

B. Presumptuous Sins. 15:30-36. You notice how often here the Lord gives us one thing that is important and then lest you misunderstand He stresses the other side. And then lest you go too far there ^{maybe} perhaps he'll stress over here, and then lest you misunderstand that he will stress over here. So here we have sins of ignorance -- you had it stressed that though there must be atonement for them God is very considerate of sins of ignorance. He wants us to learn not to make them. But He is very considerate and merciful regarding them, but then we have vs. 30 - 36, Presumptuous Sins. (Reading text of vs. 30-31). It is so easy for us to go from one extreme to the other. Where there is mercy it is so easy for us to try to take advantage of it. And where we are told that sins of ignorance can be atoned for it is so easy ~~to~~ for us to become willfully-ignorant. All human beings fall into these errors, and the Lord wants to warn us in each direction. You remember in Ps. 19 where there is stress laid on the wonderful thing of the law of the Lord, but then there is the prayer, Keep us from presumptuous sins, Let them not have dominion over us. There is in every human being a heart of rebellion against God. Even though the Lord has changed our ~~standing~~ standing before God when we receive the atonement of Christ, and our sins are laid upon Christ, there is still that sinful heart within us and many years are taken to rid us of it. And it is so easy for our human pride, our human arrogance, our human unwillingness to submit to rightful authority, to show itself. It is so easy for us to fall into presumptuous sins. So in these 2 vs. the Lord speaks very, very strongly about presumptuous sins. Now the Lord of course sees the heart. And we don't see the heart, and that makes it very hard for us in dealing with others. If we are going to do any work for God, if we are going to accomplish much in life, we are going to have to deal with other people. And there'll be time and again when we have to decide whether something is an error of ignorance or whether it is a presumptuous sin. But we will find that all people commit both types, and we have to make the best judgment we can as to which and how to deal with them. There will be many times when we will want to be very very merciful, very very charitable, very very understanding of other people. But there will