



## Lesson 29

**Theme:** Babies to Teachers (Part 3)

**Scripture:** Hebrews 6:4-6

**Pressing Forward into 2022** (Handout Discipleship Homework)

**For whatever things were written before were written for our learning,  
that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have  
hope.**

(Romans 15:4)

**A Difficult Portion of Scripture** (Hebrews 5:11-6:12)

### Warnings in the Book of Hebrews

- ① **DANGER** of Neglect (Hebrews 2:1-4)
- ② **DANGER** of Unbelief (Hebrews 3:7-4:13)
- ③ **DANGER** of Not Maturing (Hebrews 5:11-6:20)
- ④ **DANGER** of Drawing Back (Hebrews 10:26-39)
- ⑤ **DANGER** of Refusing God (Hebrews 12:25-29)

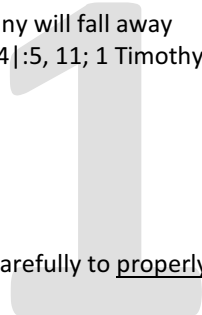
### A Warning for Us

- Jesus warned that there would be **MANY** who truly believe they are saved when in fact they are not. (Matthew 7:21-23; 24:29; 13:18-22, 24-30, 36-43)
- We are told that during our days, the last days, many will fall away from the faith. (2 Thessalonians 2:3; Matthew 24|:5, 11; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 4:3-4)

**God Permitting** (Hebrews 6:3)

### Difficulties In Understanding?

- Most “difficult” Scripture comes from a failure to carefully to properly interpret.



- We are commanded to make every effort to rightly divide the Word of Truth.
  - 2 Timothy 2:15 “Study” (KJV) or “Do your best” (NIV or ESV) or “Be diligent” (NASB) or “Make every effort” (NET).
    - σπουδάζω (spoudazo) – “hasten, be diligent, make every effort”
    - **IMPERATIVE – a command - NOT as suggestion or recommendation. If ignored, disobeyed, excused it becomes sin against God.**
  - “to present ourselves before **GOD**” – we STUDY (work) to God’s standard NOT man’s.
  - “as a workman” – we are **WORK** at properly interpreting the Word.
  - “rightly dividing (to cut straight) the Word of Truth.” – we are to do our work (study) in a RIGHT MANNER because we are dealing with the **TRUTH** and there cannot be TWO interpretations of the TRUTH.

## The Warning

- (v. 4) **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE** for those who fall away to renew them unto repentance!
- **IMPOSSIBLE** by the DECREE of GOD! (See Matthew 15:14)

## Who Is This Warning For?

- SOME SAY this warning is to **REGENERATED (born-again)** person. But these ignore numerous Scriptures such as John 5:24; 10:27-29; 17:11; 6:37-39; Romans 8:29-30, 35-39; Philippians 1:6; 1 John 3:9-10; 5:4, 18; Jude 1, 24; 1 Peter 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24. See part 2, What Happens At Rebirth?
- This warning, like many in the New Testament, are “targeted” to MERE PROFESSORS. These are those who SAY they are Christians but by their “works” (“works” is defined by anything the “Boss” or “Lord” says to do), their priorities, obedience, and life style show that they never received eternal life and God’s Holy Spirit.
- This warning is to UNBELIEVING HEBREWS who had MANY ADVANTAGES. BUT it certainly can be applied to those who have sat under the teachings and preaching of God’s Word but are not **doers** of what they hear! (James 1:22; Hebrews 2:1-3)
- This is an “EITHER OR” warning. Either these Hebrews GO ON to the full knowledge and acceptance of faith in Christ Jesus OR they turn away and go BACK to the “dead works” of Judaism.

- This warning is to people who have had MANY ADVANTAGES and exposed to many truths. **MEDITATE!!!!** (Luke 12:28)

## Five Advantages (vv. 4-6)

**NOTE:** This passage speaks nothing about justification, sanctification, regeneration, being made holy, or being declared righteous.

❶ **ENLIGHTENED.** The Greek word is φωτίζω photizo {fo-tid'-zo} meaning “to give light by knowledge or teaching”.

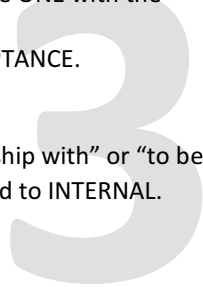
- When Jesus preached from Isaiah 9:1-2 in Matthew 4:12-17 He quoted “the people who were sitting in darkness saw a great light,” but all who saw and heard Christ were not saved.
- (John 12:35-40) Christ (THE GOSPEL personified; the Word of God; THE LIGHT) had personally come to the Jews, **but** many did not believe.
  - These had been **enlightened!**
- Peter speaks of the same warning in 2 Peter 2:20-21.

❷ **TASTED the HEAVENLY GIFT.**

- This gift is NOT the Holy Spirit since He is spoken about in the next advantage.
- THIS GIFT is Christ Himself (the “incredible: gift) and the salvation that He brings (Ephesians 2:8).
- The GIFT was only TASTED or SAMPLED but NOT RECEIVED.
- Consider Christ’s words spoken to the Samaritan woman in John 4:10-14. Those who DRINK – not sip or taste – THIS drink would receive the gift! Jesus uses the PRESENT TENSE signifying a continuous action.
- In John 7:37 - Jesus uses the IMPERATIVE and PRESENT TENSE for the verb “to come” and the IMPERATIVE and PRESENT TENSE for the ver “to drink”.
- Jesus speaks of Himself as the LIVING BREAD in John 6. Those who EAT (see John 6:35, 50-56 - Christ uses the PRESENT TENSE here as well) will live forever. Those who only TASTE will NOT.
- In EATING and DRINKING the substance become ONE with the one who is eating and drinking.
- In EATING and DRINKING there is a FULL ACCEPTANCE.
- Consider those in Matthew 13:20-22.

❸ **PARTAKERS of the HOLY SPIRIT.**

- μέτοχος metochos {met'-okh-os} – “to fellowship with” or “to be associated with” – it is EXTERNAL as opposed to INTERNAL.
- It is used in Luke 5:7 for fellow fishermen.



- This is a different word than that found in Colossians 1:12 and 2 Peter 1:4.
- These Hebrews had seen and been around the working of the Holy Spirit.
- These Hebrews were never “born of the Spirit” (John 3:6) or were indwelt becoming “temples of the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 6:19).
- Consider Christ’s words in Matthew 7:22-23 and Paul’s in 1 Corinthians 13:1-2.
- These Hebrews had witnessed the Spirit working signs and wonders through the Apostles.

#### ④ TASTED the GOOD WORD of GOD

- Again, tasting is NOT eating. To EAT the Word of God is to have IT become part of YOU and have it WORK in you.
- Consider Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 2:8-9; 3:1-3; Revelation 10:9-10.
- Herod was one who enjoyed listening (to John the Baptist) but did not put into practice what John had preached. (See Mark 6:20)

#### ⑤ POWERS of the WORLD to COME or the AGE to COME

- “the age to come” is the age that would be ushered in by the Messiah.
- In Hebrews 1:2 the writer uses the words “these last days” as opposed to the OT words “in those days.”
- These powers are mentioned in Hebrews 2:4.
- Consider those in John 11:47-48.