

# HEBREWS 6 vs 4

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**4 For those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit,**

**5 And have tasted the goodness of God's word, and the powers of the world to come** / for those who know these experiences...

**6 If they fall away** / if they will fall off the path...and fall from the way of faith. Remember, the writer is reminding us... Jesus is the better way; if they carelessly drift away, or negligently wander from the path of that great salvation,



**If they fall away it is impossible to renew them again to reconsider** / to **metanoia** not to squalling and bawling! **meta** = **change** + **noia** = **mind**; in other words, **change our mind** ... until we think correctly. We might have to relearn some things. We might have to unlearn some things. We disciples of Christ might have to learn again... learn afresh some things. And that's okay!

In the Old Testament, God our heavenly Father... more than anybody else... is found repenting! And if our FATHER can **reconsider**, or **rethink** something, then certainly, so can !!

## **If they fall off the path**

**it is impossible** / this word is used 4 times in this book to the Hebrews. So, listen...

1. **it is impossible**... to renew them again to reconsider
2. **it is impossible**... for God to lie
3. **it is impossible**... that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins
4. **it is impossible**... without faith... to please God

We see not that it is highly unlikely -- as if there still was an unplanned opportunity; but rather, it is impossible: **it ain't gonna happen!**

This Greek word is: **adunatos**; and recognize the word: **dunamis** meaning: **power** which has the same root as the word: **dynamite**. The **a** in this word, reverses its meaning and puts it into **the negative: no power!**

1. There is **no** power... without faith... to please God
2. There is **no** power... for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins
3. There is **no** power... for God to lie
4. There is **no** power... for those... who have tasted the goodness of the Word of God; who were made partakers of the Holy Spirit; who have tasted the heavenly gift; who were once enlightened... **to reconsider,**

**since they re-crucify in themselves the Son of God, and would put Him to an open shame** / they are of the same mind of those who crucified him, and would do it again if they had the opportunity, making mockery of His death; exposing to ridicule His reason for coming; making His suffering a public disgrace.

Next, the writer is inspired by the Spirit of God... to give us a very familiar illustration...

**7 For the earth that drinks in the rain... which often covers it, and yields useful green plants... for those who cultivate it... it receives... good words from God!** / in other words, if the land was fruitful, and did its job, then the Creator says: It is all good! It's working the way I planned it!

**8 But if it bears thorns and briers and is rejected** / if the land yields a tangled mass of prickly plants... then all that effort was worthless... / it is reprobate which means it can't seem to pass its test, **and it is near to cursing** / it makes you want to cuss! It is near being God doomed! God damned!

So, this earthy illustration about the farmland... if it is properly doing its work... and being valued and praised; especially if juicy apples are growing on the apple trees; and delicious grapes on the vines; and flowers of all sorts and kinds are blossoming in the garden; then, there won't be a gardener, land-owner, or passer-by on planet earth who wouldn't appreciate it, and say: Wow! Isn't that beautiful!

If we know these things -- and we do! And the Creator God knows these things -- and He does! then these 2 verses tell us... don't play stupid games with the living God. He's not playing with the lives He has given us; and we shouldn't be either. A terrible price has already been paid... and it was paid in full that we might live. For those who were once enlightened... who drifted away; who fell off the path... and all they produce is... worthless thorns and briers; they are near being God damned: **we would not think twice to rake up all those prickly tumble weeds, thorns and briers for the garbage dump; or the fire pit;**

**whose sorry end is to be burned** / which makes good sense, because briers make good fuel for the fire, don't they? It's not a matter of will they be God damned. It's only a matter of when!

And how do we know if we've fallen from the better way? Well, if someone is wearing weird pointy hats, dressed in long white robes bedecked in ornately embroidered stuff, and some screechy, hocus pocus music is being sung in the background, then you might be... nearing the entrance of the God doomed!

If that doesn't describe your experience, but maybe you're hanging around those zealously jumping for joy for Jesus... all the time; but can't park their carcass for nothing... to sit and hear the word of God -- then you might be near the God doomed!

If we didn't hear the blessed name of Jesus and what he did for us, mentioned once in the service...we might have stumbled into the synagogue of Satan -- we might be worshiping with the God doomed!

<sup>9</sup> But, beloved, though we said what we said, **we are persuaded of that better way... that accompanies your salvation.**

<sup>10</sup> For God is **not** unjust, He will not forget your love which you have shown toward His name, by your work serving the living saints and continue to serve them / which you showed when representing Him; God's saints are living, not dead people.

<sup>11</sup> And we desire that every one of you show the same diligence to be fully loaded abundant in hope to the end / Jeremiah wrote, **Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord negligently... who sits on his sediment... and refuses to be poured from vessel to vessel** -- Jeremiah 40, to become the fine wine in God's vineyard!

In this chapter, God has already planned ahead to use **HOPE**... as a carrot to keep us moving all the way **to the end**. He could have used a club; but that is not His preference.

<sup>12</sup> **that you be not sluggish, but followers of them who through faith and patient endurance are inheriting the promises** / can you be a follower of the Lord... just sitting around? Or do you have to join Him to be a follower? Were they sitting on their large derrières? Speculating on God's nature; or yapping about some end time theories; instead of finding the many promises, given by God?

<sup>13</sup> **For when God promised Abraham, because He could swear by no greater** / because there is no one greater than God so... **He swore by Himself,**

<sup>14</sup> **Saying, I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply you** / God was going to do Abraham good for his faith.

<sup>15</sup> **And so, after patiently endured, Abraham obtained the promise** / that is why Paul calls him the father of faith.

<sup>16</sup> **For people swear by what is greater than them: and for them a confirming oath ends all strife** / it ends all disputes; a promise spells out what is expected, settling any divisive doubts.

<sup>17</sup> **Because God wanted to show to the heirs of promise His unchangeable counsel, so He guaranteed it with an oath** / with the promise He made, it was confirmed:

<sup>18</sup> **that by two unchanging things** / what are those two unalterable things? **1.** The promise He gave, and **2.** The oath He made,

**in which it was impossible for God to lie** / God uses His power to do right; He has no need to use His power to lie,

**so that we who have fled to Him for refuge might have the courage to seize the hope set before us** / we like detainees and hostages escaping the concentration camp... running for our

lives... not looking back; we who ran like crazy, with all our might to seize, and not let go! This hope is not in ourselves; it is in front of us, already in view; we have a Mighty Voice on our side. God wants us to know: we have a greater Advocate and He will never forsake us.

Now, with that carrot set in place and in view, we read:

<sup>19</sup> **which we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast** / like an anchor, this hope is tethered to our hearts, this anchor of hope is unailing; this anchor is fastened and won't let us go.

**which enters within the veil** / it reaches all the way into the Holy of holies where our High Priest has gone before us... connecting us all the way to God... our heavenly Father.

<sup>20</sup> **where the Forerunner has entered** / where the First-goer... the Pace-setter of faith; like a marathon Champion, He already blazed the way for us. He expects us to keep running until we touch the finish line, too. So, keep looking for Him. And who is this Forerunner? He is our Great Advocate. Matthew says, His name is **JESUS, Yeshua** -- He will help His people.

**JESUS, made our High Priest forever** / and that is a long time!

**after the order of Melchisedec** / the orderliness **is not of Aaron**; **JESUS** will not look anything like Aaron; He will not look like any of those pontificating priestly pretenders... trafficking their self-righteous fads... fashioned after the faithless priesthood when Christ came the first time. He will not be like those peddling goofy superstitions and manmade traditions to the simple; **but with the unsullied love for God and His word**, something a child understands...

So ignore all those circus clowns and fools? The writer to the book Hebrews says:

**JESUS, made our High Priest forever, after the order of Melchisedec.**

**He is the King of Righteousness!**