

## **Hebrews 6:4-8**

### The Tragedy of Rejecting God's Word

- I. Introduction:** The author warned his Jewish audience of their need to embrace the deep truths of God and commit themselves to Jesus Christ, so they would not fall away.
- II. The Tragedy of Rejecting God's Word (Heb 6:4-8).**
  - A. Their Spiritual Advantages (vv. 4-5).
    1. Enlightened by Biblical Instruction (v. 4).
    2. Tasted of the Heavenly Gift (v. 4).
    3. Partakers of the Holy Spirit (v. 4).
    4. Sampled the Word of God (v. 5).
    5. Experienced God's Power (v. 5).
  - B. Their Supreme Warning (vv. 6-8).
    1. The Impossibility of Repentance (v. 6).
    2. The Humiliation of Christ (v. 6).
    3. The Danger of Destruction (vv. 7-8).
- III. Conclusion:** The author warned his readers about becoming spiritual pretenders who fall away from Jesus because they had rejected the full revelation of God.

## **Study Questions: The Tragedy of Rejecting God's Word**

1. What are the different responses to God's word? (**Matt 13:1-9; 18-23**) Why were these Jews, in Hebrews, in danger of falling away from Jesus? (**Heb 10:32-39**)
2. What spiritual privileges did these Jews have? (**Heb 6:4-5**) Were these Jews saved? What does it mean that they were enlightened? (**v. 4**) How well were they taught? (**Heb 5:12**)
3. How had they tasted of the heavenly gift? (**Heb 6:4**) What was the heavenly gift? (**John 4:10**) How had they been partakers of the Holy Spirit? (**Heb 6:4**) Why does this not imply salvation?
4. How had they tasted God's Word? (**Heb 6:5**) What happens when Scripture is not believed? (**Matt 13:18-22**) How had they experienced the powers of the age to come? (**Heb 6:5**)
5. What does it mean to fall away? (**Heb 6:6-8**) Why is it impossible to renew them to repentance? (**v. 6**) Why is it impossible to lose one's salvation? (**John 10:27-29; Rom 8:35, 38-39**)
6. How do apostates crucify Jesus again? (**Heb 6:6-8**) What does it mean that they put Him to open shame? (**v. 6**) Why do those who reject Christ deserve severe punishment? (**Heb 10:29**)
7. What is the illustration that the author gave regarding salvation? (**Heb 6:7-8**) What does the rain represent? (**v. 7**) What are the two results of preaching God's truth? (**vv. 7-8**)
8. What does it mean that the ground will be burned? (**Heb 6:8**) How does this warning strike you? Who do you need to warn regarding salvation? Do you need to examine yourself?

### **Prayer**

1. Ask God to help you warn someone who might think they belong to Jesus but don't know Him.
2. Pray that Jesus might help you to have confidence that you are secure in your faith.