

“Persuaded Better Things of You”

Scripture reading: Hebrews 6:3-20

Let us look at Hebrews 6:3-6, *“And this will we do, if God permit. 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”*

What are we saying? I am going to put it in short words for you. If you reject the Holy Ghost, you are lost. If the Holy Ghost ever leaves you, you are finished. The Holy Ghost will never leave you unless you are totally condemned to hell. Have you ever seen anybody who was baptized with the Holy Ghost backslide? Yes, you have. We see them all the time. Well, the Holy Ghost will not leave him, unless he gets to the stage where he has totally, categorically, deliberately rejected God. If the Holy Ghost lifts from him, he will be an atheist and he will be happy, glad, free and no problem anymore. He is already in hell. Do we see the Word of God?

Verse 6 says, *“If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”* Verse 9, *“But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.”* In other words, we lay down principles and thoughts of what can happen, BUT we don't expect it to happen to you. I don't expect one person reading this article to come under the category of one who would reject the Holy Ghost, reject Jesus Christ, turn your back on Him and be lost.

Verse 10, *“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”* This is such a marvelous God that we serve, that He is not going to allow you to go to hell. He will kill you before you go to hell. Isn't He a wonderful God? Tell me now. Isn't He a wonderful God? He is a God Who would rather let your body perish and your soul live, than to allow you to go down into hell. This is the confidence that you have in God, isn't it? So, why do you not understand God when you see some of us dying? God will destroy the body that the soul may live. You have made a commitment. You have made a covenant. You are part of God's Body and He said, *“If your right hand offend you, cut it off”* (Matthew 5:30). Yes, if a person is going to lose his life spiritually and go to hell, I would rather see him dead, see her dead. Whoever it is, I would rather see them dead and with the Lord than see them go into hell. Is that your consciousness, too? Praise be to God.

Verse 18, *“That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; 20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.”*

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Thought for today: He is a God Who would rather let your body perish and your soul live, than to allow you to go down into hell.