

March 30, 2025
HEBREWS 6:1-20
“Jesus, Our Anchor”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Listed below are four differing views regarding vv 4-6.

VIEWS ONE AND TWO ARE NOT BIBLICALLY SOUND

(1)View one suggest that one can lose their salvation, this view is NOT biblical. The Bible assures believers that salvation is a work of God which cannot be reversed. **John 10:27-29; Romans 8:35-39; Philippians 1:6; I Peter 1:1-5; Ephesians 1:13; and Ephesians 4:30** are some of the Scriptures that teach Once saved, always saved.

(2)View 2 held by some is also NOT biblical, this view suggests that a Christian can lose their salvation and what is more, if someone did, their would be no hope of repentance. No where does Scripture support this line of thinking.

VIEWS THREE AND FOUR DO HAVE SCRIPTURAL SUPPORT

(3)View 3 states that the warning is against mere profession of faith short of salvation, tasting but not genuinely partaking of salvation. An outline of this view is as follows; **Hebrews 5:11-6:8** is addressed to the lost among the readers.**Hebrews 6:9-12** is addressed to believers among the readers.

(4)View 4, a warning of danger to Christians who are moving from a position of true faith and life to the extent of becoming disqualified for further service, see **I Corinthians 9:27** regarding this possibility of becoming disqualified. One author who supports this view says that in his opinion the author of Hebrews was suggesting a deep hardening of their hearts against all efforts to win them back, not to Christian conversion, but to Christian commitment.”

Application: From this passage of Scripture have come many heretical doctrines. **Views one and two** are not biblical and anyone following such doctrine is absolutely, hopelessly lost in their sins. Here’s why; these two doctrines are built on the faulty foundation of a works based salvation. It is not by works that one is saved, I am reminded of the teaching of **Galatians 2:21**, “I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.” CSB Jesus is our anchor, He is the only source of eternal salvation., **Jn. 14:6**.

Views three and four are: viable, biblically based, doctrinally sound points of view. Good men differ on the interpretation of this passage by these two views but neither one is heretical. Another area of the Bible with similar biblical differences is in regard to the timing of the rapture, for example. Take time to study this passage and determine where you stand. It is good to know what the passage teaches and what it does not. This is the meat of the Word!

