

THE MEANING OF HEBREWS 6:4-6

Hebrews 6:4-6 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace.

The nation Israel was enlightened by the Word of God delivered by Moses. Israel tasted the heavenly gift of deliverance from Egypt. Israel shared in the glory of the Spirit of God as He indwelt the Tabernacle and Temple. Israel tasted the goodness of the Word of God because when they were obedient to the Word they were blessed. The powers of the coming age preserved Israel to fulfill God's covenant with Abraham even though the Nation failed time and again.

In the day of spiritual deliverance from bondage to sin (the Cross), Israel was enlightened by the very Word of God (Jesus), who spoke truth and did miracles to prove His Messiahship. As in the time of Moses, much of Israel willfully stayed in the dark spiritually through stubbornness and pride. Israel tasted the heavenly Gift in that they heard the Gospel of the Kingdom preached by Jesus. Israel shared in the glory of the Spirit as Pentecost fell upon the believing Jews. Israel tasted the goodness of the Word (Jesus), yet they rejected Him as a Nation and they have received bitterness due to the missed blessing and protection.

As Peter took the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection to Jewish people, the same decision had to be made as to whether they individually would crucify the Son of God all over again by rejecting Him or believe and receive Him as Savior. As always, there is no way to be brought to repentance other than to cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and allow the Spirit to bring one to saving faith in Jesus. When a Jewish person falls back to Judaism, which rejected Jesus, there is no way for repentance and personal salvation to be attained. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life Eternal.

