

For the Week of January 18, 2026

“Falling Away”

✿ Hebrews 6:4-8

⁴It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, ⁵who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, ⁶if 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.

⁷Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. ⁸But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned.

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

✿ Opening Questions:

- If your spiritual life over the last month was a plot of land, what would be growing there right now—flowers, vegetables, thorns, or thistles?

✿ The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.

- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

The Flow

1. How does the historical context of persecution of Jewish Christians and the temptation to revert to Judaism help us to understand the warning found in our passage?
2. How does Hebrews 6:4–8 flow out of the warning about spiritual immaturity in Hebrews 5:11–14?

Verses 4-6

3. In one sentence, how would you summarize the warning of Hebrews 6:4–6 in light of its audience and intended effect?
 - According to verses 4–5, who exactly is being warned?
 - What response does the author intend to produce in his hearers by issuing this warning?
 - How does the description in verses 4–6 differ from the experience of someone who is repentant but struggling? What danger is the author trying to confront or prevent?
4. What kind of experiences are described in verses 4-5? Can any of these experiences occur within the visible church without necessarily implying true regeneration? (Ex. Parable of 4 soils)
 - Can someone who has experienced what is described in verses 4-5 fall away?
5. If people who have experienced the realities described in verses 4–5 then “fall away,” what does that action communicate about their thoughts of Jesus and the gospel?
6. How does verse 6 interpret the meaning of their falling away?
 - Why do you think it is “impossible” for them to be brought back to repentance?

Verses 7-8

7. In verses 7–8, what similarities and differences exist between the two pieces of land?
 - What is the point the author is making in describing the two kinds of lands?

✿ Living the Word/Application:

- Where do you sense the need to move from exposure to obedience?
- What does fruit-bearing faith look like in your life right now