

# Hebrews

## Lesson 6

### Advancing to Spiritual Maturity 6:1-20

#### LET US MOVE ON TO MATURITY!

How can believers in Jesus Christ advance to spiritual maturity?

Hebrews 6 shows how this can occur.

See outline below & take a look at the attached study chart.

#### **Spiritual maturity is possible by:**

- (1) Leaving elementary teachings, 6.1-3.
- (2) Heeding scriptural warnings, 4-8.
- (3) Being diligent in helping others, 9-12.
- (4) Believing & receiving God's promises, 13-15.
- (5) Taking hold of the hope set before us, 16-20

Hebrews 6:4-8 is difficult to understand. See my suggestions and observations concerning these verses and others on the study chart. God bless you in your study of His Word

***Help me, Heavenly Father, not to neglect my life of faith, but to imitate those who have gone before and have inherited what was promised. Anchor my soul, firm and secure in the hope set before us in Your eternal presence. Amen***

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ADVANCING TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Figures & Metaphors:



Leaving Elementary Teachings

>Lose one's salvation?  
>Professor, but not saved?

Heeding the Warning

>Hypothetical?  
>Best: Believers who abandon the faith.

Showing Diligence

Receiving the Promises

Taking Hold of the Hope

Not laying again...	6:1—THEREFORE let us MOVE BEYOND the Foundation ELEMENTARY TEACHINGS about CHRIST and be taken FORWARD to MATURITY, NOT LAYING again the FOUNDATION of REPENTANCE from ACTS that LEAD to DEATH, and of FAITH in GOD, 2 INSTRUCTION about CLEANSING RITES, the LAYING on of HANDS, the RESURRECTION of the DEAD, and ETERNAL JUDGMENT. 3 And GOD PERMITTING, we will DO so.	Building & Teaching
Land in danger of being cursed	4—It is IMPOSSIBLE for THOSE who have ONCE been ENLIGHTENED, who have TASTED the HEAVENLY GIFT, who have SHARED in the HOLY SPIRIT, 5 who have TASTED the GOODNESS of the WORD of GOD and the POWERS of the COMING AGE 6 and who have FALLEN AWAY, to be BROUGHT BACK TO REPENTANCE. To their LOSS they are CRUCIFYING the SON of GOD all over AGAIN and SUBJECTING HIM to public DISGRACE. 7 LAND 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. 8 BUT LAND that PRODUCES THORNS and THISTLES is WORTHLESS and is in DANGER of being CURSED. In the END it will be BURNED.	Light, Gift, Falling, Farming, Fire
Hoped for fully realized	9—Even THOUGH we SPEAK like this, DEAR FRIENDS, we are CONVINCED of BETTER THINGS in your case—the THINGS that have to do with SALVATION. 10 GOD is NOT UNJUST; he will NOT FORGET your WORK and the LOVE you have SHOWN HIM as you have HELPED his PEOPLE and CONTINUE to HELP them. 11 We want each of you to SHOW this same DILIGENCE to the very END, so that what you HOPE for may BE fully REALIZED. 12 We do NOT WANT you to become LAZY, but to IMITATE those who through FAITH and PATIENCE INHERIT what has been PROMISED.	Memory, Work, Inheritance
Surely bless	13—When GOD made his PROMISE to ABRAHAM, since there was NO one GREATER for him to SWEAR by, he SWORE by HIMSELF, 14 saying, "I will SURELY BLESS you and GIVE you MANY DESCENDANTS." 15 And so after WAITING PATIENTLY, ABRAHAM RECEIVED what was promised.	Swearing
We have this hope as an anchor	16—Men SWEAR by someone GREATER than THEMSELVES, and the oath CONFIRMS what is said and puts an END to all ARGUMENT. 17 Because GOD wanted to MAKE the UNCHANGING NATURE of his PURPOSE very CLEAR to the HEIRS of what was PROMISED, he CONFIRMED it with an OATH. 18 GOD did this so that, by TWO unchangeable THINGS in which it is IMPOSSIBLE for GOD to LIE, we who have FLED to take HOLD of the HOPE set before us may be greatly ENCOURAGED. 19 WE have this HOPE as an ANCHOR for the SOUL, FIRM and SECURE. It enters the INNER SANCTUARY behind the CURTAIN, 20 where our FORERUNNER, JESUS, has ENTERED on our behalf. HE has become a HIGH PRIEST FOREVER, in the ORDER of MELCHIZEDEK.	Oath, Heirship, Anchor, Priesthood

- Important verbs:**
- 1>move >be taken
  - >lay >lead
  - >do >permit.
  - 4>taste >enlighten
  - >share >fall >bring
  - >crucify >subject
  - >drink >produce
  - >farm >curse
  - >burn.
  - 9>speak >convince
  - >forget >show
  - >help >continue
  - >want >hope
  - >realize >imitate
  - >inherit.
  - 13>make >swear
  - >bless >wait
  - >want
  - >receive.
  - 16>swear >confirm
  - >put >make
  - >promise >lie
  - >flee >take hold
  - >enter >become



(1) Hebrews 6 shows how a believer can advance to spiritual maturity by leaving elementary teachings, heeding warnings, helping the saints, receiving God's promises & by exercising hope. (2) The warning of 6:4-8 is against complacency that can move a believer toward unbelief and apostasy. (3) The best interpretation of 6:4-8 is that if a believer comes to the place of abandoning his position as a true Christian by showing an unrepentant, hardened heart, he will be reprov'd and disqualified for participation in Christian ministry and lose his rewards at the Judgment Seat of Christ. (4) It is not a question of eternal security but rather of one's advancement and consecration toward Christian maturity and obedience to the Word of God to avoid the danger of a spiritually useless, perpetual existence, and though saved, will finally result in one's loss of God's blessing and future reward. (5) Concerned about this possibility, Paul in 1 Cor. 9:27 made his body his slave to avoid such a harsh disqualification. (6) Interesting to note that despite the strong warning of 6:4-8, the author was optimistic: we are confident of better things in your case—things that accompany salvation (6:9). (7) Father in Heaven, help me not to neglect my life of faith, but to imitate those who have gone before and have inherited what was promised them. Amen