SCORN THE WARNING

Several translations ... 6:4-6

Hebrews 6:4-6

✓ Impossible for those enlightened ✓ If they fall away ✓ To be brought back A) BECAUSE B) WHILE ✓ Treating Christ shamefully

TRADITIONAL INTERPRETATIONS

- 1. Impossible to lose
- 2. Possible to lose but impossible to regain
- 3. Possible to lose and regain but not while **living** in **rebellion**

Hebrews 6:7-8 (illustration)

- Productive Land ...
 <u>receives</u> rain > returns <u>crops</u> (BLESSED!)
- Barren Land ...
 <u>receives</u> rain > returns <u>weeds</u> (CURSED!)

"Falling away" refers to a deliberate **disbelief**, a rejection of what had previously been **received**, a willful **disowning** or **divorce** of God.

No human is <u>capable</u> of <u>knowing</u> when GOD considers a person saved or lost.

- Other people = personal profession and outward manifestation
- Self = inward "witness" which gives a sense of <u>confidence</u> and <u>peace</u> OR a sense of <u>conviction</u>

Human feelings/emotions can be <u>deceptive</u>. I must therefore depend on God and trust in God to save and judge. He is not unjust! *(6:10)*

Spiritual laziness can lead to a **hardened** heart which may lead to a **defiant** heart. A severe loss may start with a simple **neglect**.