

# A HOUSE FOR HIS NAME

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Expositional Study – “The Book of Hebrews -#07

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Text: Hebrews 6:1-12

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## ***A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER***

***INTRODUCTION:*** As there are no chapter divisions, the writer continues with his theme of warnings. Although there is great controversy and differing opinions as to whom these sections of scripture speak to, I am of the opinion that the present theme is a warning to those prospective believers on the fence between Judaism and Christianity. Taking that stance, let's look at the Scriptures to see if that holds spiritual “water.” We begin by looking at . . .

### **I. THE APPEAL – A Full & Faithful Acceptance (1-3)**

### **II. THE APOSTASY – A Final Falling Away (4-8)**

### **III. THE APPLICATION – A Fragrant & Fruitful Affirmation (9-12)**

***CONCLUSION:*** The “clear and present danger” these gatherers of faith faced was, - “Have you really believed in Jesus Christ as the Christian faith teaches?” There can be no salvation apart from receiving Jesus Christ, which actually means not you receiving Him, but Christ receiving you! The conditions and standards are clearly spelled out. God does not pardon rebels who harbor and maintain any element of their rebellion. The vanquished enemy to remain alive is full surrender. These Jewish followers who professed Christ, needed to embrace Him not only as their Savior, a High Priest, but as their Lord God and Creator. To whom does your heart and life belong? Have you ever surrendered it to Jesus Christ? Failure to do so is the “clear and present danger” fallen sinners face. For without surrender, there remains only an eternity in the “Lake of Fire.”

## **BIBLE TEXT FOR MESSAGE**

*The New International Version 2011*

### **Hebrews 6:1-12 (NIV)**

1 Therefore let us move beyond the 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.

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.

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.