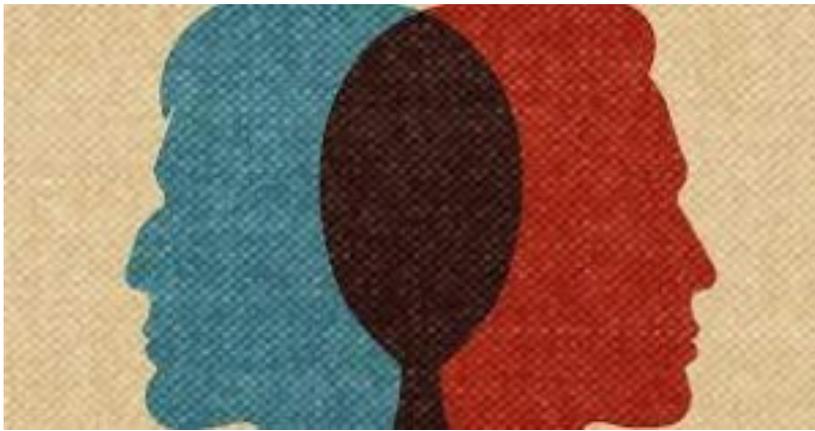


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Unbelievers and Believers in Messiah 5:11 to 6:20



The book of **Hebrews** does not teach about two kinds of messianic believers – one immature and the other mature. Rather, the writer, under the inspiration of **the Ruach Ha’Kodesh**, describes the differences between the unbelieving Jews and Jewish believers. The writer had barely begun his consideration of the Melchizedek priesthood when he felt compelled by **the Spirit of God** to pause and give two warnings to the unbelieving Jews within the Messianic community (**5:11 to 6:8**), warning them of the grave dangers of rejecting **God’s** revelation and grace. These **third** and **fourth warnings** were directed to the same group of unbelieving Jews who knew much about the gospel but who had not embraced it personally. Some had probably made a half-hearted profession of faith without really crossing the line from knowledge to faith. They had been warned of the danger of not entering into the blessing of **God’s** rest, apart from which they could not have eternal life. They were so close, yet so far away from true salvation.

Next, he addresses the righteous of the TaNaKh (**6:9-20**), reminding them of the certainty of **ADONAI’s** promises. The divine assurance is that all who come to **Him** through **His Son** will be saved. **YHVH** has never failed to deliver on one of **His** promises, and **He** never will. It is impossible for **Him** to be unfaithful. Consequently, it is impossible for anyone who believes in **Christ** not to be saved or to lose salvation once it is secured (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Ms - The**



Eternal Security of the Believer). How freeing to know that we can trust **the LORD** because **He** has no capacity for deception or failure in **His** nature! This is the wonderfully reassuring truth for those who have faith in the gospel.¹³⁸