

Hebrews “Lose Your Salvation” Passages

	<u>2:1-4</u>	<u>6:4-8</u>	<u>10:26-31</u>	<u>12:25-29</u>
Certain Judgment	“How shall we escape”	“It is impossible ... to renew them again unto repentance”	“There remaineth no more sacrifice for sins”	“Much more shall not we escape”
Conditional Fault	“ <u>If</u> we neglect so great salvation”	“ <u>If</u> they shall fall away”	“ <u>If</u> we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth”	“ <u>If</u> we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven”
Honest Arminians	You can surely lose eternal life.	You can surely lose eternal life.	You can surely lose eternal life.	You can surely lose eternal life.
Modern Arminians	You accepted Jesus; OSAS.	You accepted Jesus; OSAS.	You accepted Jesus; OSAS.	You accepted Jesus; OSAS.
Traditional Calvinists	These are only false professors.	These are only false professors.	These are only false professors.	These are only false professors.
Fourth Alternative	Hypothetical and impossible.	Hypothetical and impossible.	Hypothetical and impossible.	Hypothetical and impossible.
Proof of Eternal Life	Paul included himself in “we” Paul used “holy brethren” (3:1)	Renewed earlier to repentance; Numerous descriptive phrases	Sanctified by covenant blood; The Lord shall judge <i>his</i> people	Paul included himself in “we”; Assumes fatherly chastening
O.T. Comparison	“For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast”		“He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses”	“For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth”
Warning to Persevere	“Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard”	“But beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation”	“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward”	“See that ye refuse not him that speaketh”

Paul wrote Hebrews shortly before God destroyed Jerusalem (Heb 13:10,24; 10:25). His audience of Jewish believers had followed Jesus Christ at great cost, and they were persecuted by the Jews (Heb 10:32-34; 13:13). They were tempted to return to temple religion, for they knew it was God’s worship from Moses (Heb 3:1-6; 10:38-39). For positive persuasion, Paul detailed the superiority of Christ and the gospel to anything in the O.T. For negative persuasion, he warned them that backsliding to animal sacrifices would put them under Israel’s curse and subject to the horrific judgment coming on those murderers by the Romans (Heb 3:7-13; 4:1,11). These four passages from Hebrews have nothing to do with losing eternal life but rather a generational warning for Jewish believers before 70 A.D. (Matt 3:7; 22:7; 23:36; 24:34; Luke 19:41-44; 23:28-31; I Thes 2:15-16; Acts 2:40). Such a warning is what actually happened at the church of Corinth (I Co 11:29-32).