

Hebrews 6:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

Analysis

The continuation of verse 4's description adds 'tasted the good word of God' (Greek 'rhema theou'—the spoken word) and 'powers of the world to come' (miracles and gifts characteristic of the messianic age). These individuals had extensive exposure to Christianity's realities without exercising saving faith. Tasting without swallowing pictures proximity without possession.

Historical Context

The early church witnessed miraculous signs and the Spirit's powerful work. Some, like Simon Magus (Acts 8:9-24), observed these realities without true conversion, desiring the benefits without submission to Christ.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. Are you merely tasting or have you fully received Christ and His word?
2. How can you move from experiencing God's power to genuine relationship with God?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	καλὸν	γευσάμενους	θεοῦ	ῥῆμα	δυνάμεις	τε
And	the good	have tasted	of God	word	the powers	and
G2532	G2570	G1089	G2316	G4487	G1411	G5037
μέλλοντος	αἰῶνος					
to come	of the world					
G3195	G165					

Additional Cross-References

Luke 8:13 (Word): They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

1 Peter 2:3 (Parallel theme): If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Hebrews 2:5 (Parallel theme): For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

2 Peter 2:20 (Parallel theme): For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.