

Tuesday, October 1

Introduction to Hebrews

Author: Unknown; Paul, Luke, or Apollos have been suggested as possible authors.

Date Written: Most likely during the mid to late 60s AD.

Theme of the Book: Superiority of Christ

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| I. Superiority of Christ's Person | (1-7) |
| II. Superiority of Christ's Work | (8-10:18) |
| III. Response of Faith is Perseverance & Obedience | (10:19-13) |

Key Chapters:

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| 1 | Christ the Son is God's full revelation; exalted above angels, enthroned as God, awaiting the subjection of the world |
| 2 | More revelation = more accountability; Christ was fully human and, because He endured temptation and partook of death, He is the Great High Priest |
| 3 | Christ is greater than Moses; beware of an unbelieving heart |
| 5 | Christ, a sympathetic High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek |
| 6 | Warning of apostasy; God's oath to Abraham; our sure hope through Christ |
| 7 | Melchizedek priesthood superior to inadequate Aaronic priesthood; Christ's priesthood is eternal |
| 10 | Animal sacrifices are not efficacious; Christ's sacrifice of lasting value; access to God guaranteed in Christ, but willful sinners are doomed; |
| 11 | Faith: defined and illustrated |
| 12 | The fatherly discipline of God; need of sanctification; Mt. Sinai and Mt Zion contrasted |
| 13 | Christian living: love, hospitality, marriage, doctrine, obey leaders; benediction |

Key Passages:

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| 3:7-19 | Do not harden your hearts |
| 4:12 | The Word of God is living and active |
| 4:15 | Christ tempted as we are |
| 6:1-8 | Press on to maturity vs. falling away |
| 9:11-15 | Superiority of Christ's sacrifice |
| 10:26-29 | Rejecting Christ results in willful sin |
| 13:7, 17 | Imitate the faith of godly leaders; obey them, for they are accountable to God |

Summary Statement: "Christ is greater than any angel, priest, or old covenant institution; thus each reader, rather than leaving such a great salvation, is summoned to hold on by faith to the true rest found in Christ and to encourage others in the church to persevere." – *The ESV Study Bible, Crossway, 2001.*

Prayer Category – My Family, Praises, and Thanksgivings

Hebrews 1:1-4

- Observation - Read & Review the provided outline of the passage

**"God, (after He spoke long ago)
to the fathers
in the prophets
in many portions
and in many ways, "
"in these last days
has spoken to us in His Son,
whom He appointed heir of all things,
through whom also He made the world."**

**¹³And He is
the radiance of His glory
and the exact representation of His nature,
and upholds all things by the word of His power.**

**When
He had made purification of sins,
He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
"having become as much better than the angels, as He
has inherited a more excellent name than they."**

○ Observations from verses 1-2

- # 1 - What did God do?
- # 2 - How did God do it?

○ Observations from verses 3-4

- # 1 - Who is Jesus?
- # 2 - What did Jesus do?

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- **Contextualization – Consider the passage in its context**
 - **What is the author’s original intended meaning for this passage?**
 - **What is the “timeless” truth communicated in this passage?**
- **Interpretation – Explain the meaning of the passage**
 - **What is the author’s original intended meaning for this passage?**
 - **What is the “timeless” truth communicated in this passage?**
- **Application – Explain the meaning of the passage**
 - **How can I apply this timeless truth to my walk with the Lord?**

- ***Verse of the Week:***

Romans 8:28 - “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - **Memorize the verse**

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month
Ernie Black

Ernie serves young men in juvenile detention and correctional facilities across the state of Texas

- **Pray that the gospel would be shared clearly & that the hearts of the young men would be open to hear & respond to God’s Word.**

- **What is the question that is being asked in this passage by the author?**

- **In what ways is Jesus, God the Son, superior to the angels?**

- **In verses 10-12 what is being contrasted? How should you respond to these verses and why?**

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- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - **From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative**
 - **Include the Category → *His Sovereign Care***

Friday, October 4

Hebrews 2:1-18

- **How was God's word and the deity of Christ confirmed?**

- **What does it mean in verse 9 when we read "*But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely Jesus*"?**
 - **How was Jesus made lower?**

 - **Why was Jesus made lower?**

- **Verse of the Week:**

Romans 8:28 - "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - **From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative**

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share w/ them!

Hebrews 3

- **After reading the entire chapter, go back and re-read 3:12-19 and then study those verses using the "T.A.N." method.**

- **THEN:**
 - ***What did the passage mean to the original author & audience?***
 - ***Tip --> how does the passage fit into the overall theme of the book and the context of the chapter?***

- **ALWAYS:**
 - ***What is/are the timeless truth(s) being communicated?***
 - ***Tip --> use the "THEN" and then relate it to how Christians should apply the "THEN" today***

- **NOW:**
 - ***How do I personally need to respond to the timeless truth?***
 - ***Is there something I need to be doing better or differently in order to apply the timeless truth?***

Prayer Category – The Church

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, October 6

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

Use the page at the back of the reading plan to pray for others in our church. Write down any prayer requests shared at church today to pray for.

Hebrews 4:1-13

- **Re-read Hebrews 4:11-12. How is God's word living, active, and sharper than any 2-edged sword?**
 - **How have you seen this about God's word in your life?**

- **Re-read Hebrews 4:13. As Christians how should we respond to this verse?**

- ***Verse of the Week:***

Isaiah 41:10 – "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."
- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - **Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it**
 - **Remember the Category → *His Strength***
 - **Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse**

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

- **How has this passage cause you to have a heart of thankfulness to the Lord?**

- **We know that high priests came from the lineage of Aaron and were specifically called by God. How does Christ fit as our High Priest? What proof does the author provide in this passage?**

- ***Verse of the Week:***

Isaiah 41:10 – “Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- **Write out the verse**
- **Recite the Category → *His Strength***

Hebrews 5:11-14

- **Observation - Read & Review the provided outline of the passage**

¹¹ Concerning him (*Melchizedek*)

we have much to say,

and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

¹² For though by this time

you ought to be teachers,

you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God,

and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

¹³ For everyone who partakes *only* of milk

is not accustomed to the word of righteousness,

for he is an infant.

¹⁴ But solid food

is for the mature,

who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

- From verse 11 → What is the “problem” that the author pinpoints?
- From verse 12 → What is the “effect” of the problem on the readers?
- From verse 13 → What is the “source” of the problem?
 - Hint # 1: What type of people are “not accustomed to the word of righteousness?”
 - Hint # 2: What does it mean to be an “infant” in this verse?
 - Use Galatians 4:3 to help.
- From verse 14 → What does “solid food” and being “mature” represent?

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- **Contextualization – Consider the passage in its context**
 - **What is the author’s original intended meaning for this passage?**
 - **How does Heb 6:1-3 help you understand Heb 5:11-14?**
 - **What is the “timeless” truth communicated in this passage?**
- **Interpretation – Explain the meaning of the passage**
 - **What is the author’s original intended meaning for this passage?**
 - **What is the “timeless” truth communicated in this passage?**
- **Application – Explain the meaning of the passage**
 - **How can I apply this timeless truth to my walk with the Lord?**
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- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - **Memorize the verse**

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month
Ernie Black

Ernie serves young men in juvenile detention and correctional facilities across the state of Texas

- **Pray that Ernie would be able to raise additional support so that he can continue serving full-time**

Hebrews 6

- **What are verses 1-8 referring to when it mentions those who were “once enlightened” or those that have “fallen away”? What warning is in this passage?**

- **Hebrews 6:12 encourages us to not be sluggish in our walk but be to be “imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises”. How and who would you imitate in your life to demonstrate this truth?**

- *Verse of the Week:*
Isaiah 41:10 – “Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

- *Task(s) for Today:*
 - **From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative**
 - **Include the Category → *His Strength***

Hebrews 7

- **Who was Melchizedek king of Salem? What is his significance in this passage?**

- **List at least one way below that Jesus Christ as our High Priest is superior to the Levitical priesthood that existed before Christ.**

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- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - **From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative**

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

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Saturday, October 12

Hebrews 8

- **What is the theme of this book? How can you see that theme in the passage that you just read?**

- **Who does the New Covenant apply to? Explain your answer below.**

- **Re-read verse 10. What is significant here about the New Covenant?**

Prayer Category – The Church

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Sunday, October 13

Review Day

Catch up on any readings, study questions, or memorization that you may have missed.

Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

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Hebrews 9:1-14

- **In order for the High Priest to enter the Holy of Holies, what had to take place?**

- **Whose blood was required for the New Covenant? How many times was it required?**

- **As Christians, why should this passage cause us to rejoice?? What are you thankful to God for from this passage?**

- ***Verse of the Week:***
Lamentations 3:22-23 - "The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - **Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it**
 - **Remember the Category → *His Steadfast Love***
 - **Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse**

- Prayer Category – My Family, Praises, and Thanksgivings

Wednesday, October 16

Hebrews 10:1-18

- **How does the Law and the continual sacrifices prove that it was not enough and that a Better sacrifice was needed?**

- **What does it mean to be "sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all?"**

- *Verse of the Week:*
Lamentations 3:22-23 - "The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

- *Task(s) for Today:*
 - **Memorize the verse**

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month
Ernie Black

Ernie serves young men in juvenile detention and correctional facilities across the state of Texas

- **Pray specifically for all the men at Gainesville and Teen Life Challenge, and the new guys at Hope Inn Christ; that they will come to know the Lord as Savior**

- **How can you have confidence and full assurance in your salvation through Christ?**

- **What strong warning is in verses 26-31? How should we as Christians respond to this warning?**

- ***Verse of the Week:***

Lamentations 3:22-23 - "The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

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 - **Include the Category → *His Steadfast Love***

Friday, October 18

Hebrews 11:1-7

- **How is faith defined in this passage? Do you share in this? Why or why not?**

- **Why does it take faith to understand creation as described by God in Genesis 1?**

- **Is salvation possible apart from faith? Why or why not?**

- *Verse of the Week:*
Lamentations 3:22-23 - "The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

- *Task(s) for Today:*
 - **From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative**

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

Pray for our nation and our leaders. Think through specific people that you know and pray for their salvation. Ask God to give you the boldness to share w/ them!

Pray for tomorrow's teachers, services, and events at our church, pray for our church leadership, and pray for the persecuted church throughout the world.

Sunday, October 20

Review Day

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Prayer Category - The Church Prayer Page

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- ## Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

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Hebrews 11:23-29

- **In what way did Moses consider the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt?**

- **Moses left Egypt two times in Scripture. What was different about the second time he left Egypt?**

- **How is the goodness and power of God to His people on display in this passage?**

- *Verse of the Week:*

Isaiah 26:3 - "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You."
- *Task(s) for Today:*
 - **Write out the verse**
 - **Recite the Category → *His Peace***

Wednesday, October 23

Hebrews 11:30-40

- **Review the names listed here of those that lived by faith. Pick out one and explain below how they lived by faith.**

- **There are two groups of people being described in this passage. Those that lived by faith before Christ, and those that live by faith after Christ's 1st coming. How is the faith described the same but manifested differently? (*Hint, re-read v39-40*)**

- *Verse of the Week:*
Isaiah 26:3 - "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You."

- *Task(s) for Today:*
 - **Memorize the verse**

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month

Ernie Black

Ernie serves young men in juvenile detention and correctional facilities across the state of Texas

- **Pray that Ernie will be able to work with those who would like to do Bible study in Gainesville on a weekly basis. Currently, he is only allowed to go in once per month**

Overview of Chapter 11

- **Read through Chapter 11 in one sitting and then answer the following questions:**
 - **How did reading smaller portions of this chapter over several days help you understand the chapter as a whole?**
 - **What benefit do you see from reading the entire chapter in one sitting?**

- **What are some points of 'application' that you took from this chapter and are you actively trying to apply those to your walk with the Lord?**

- *Verse of the Week:*
Isaiah 26:3 - "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You."

- *Task(s) for Today:*
 - **From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative**
 - **Include the Category → *His Peace***

Friday, October 25

Hebrews 12:1-11

- **How has your obedience to God been this past week? Who should we look to as the perfect example? Why?**

- **How should we respond to the discipline of our earthly father? From our heavenly Father?**

- **Write out a verse that really stood out to you from the passage. Why did this verse stand out to you and how will you apply its truth to your life?**

- *Verse of the Week:*
Isaiah 26:3 - "The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You."

- *Task(s) for Today:*
 - **From memory, say the verse out loud to a friend/relative**

Prayer Category – Our Nation & the Advance of the Gospel

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Saturday, October 26

Hebrews 12:12-29

- **Re-read verse 15. What does it mean when it says, “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God”? How are we to do this?**

- **How is Mount Sinai described in this passage? How is Mount Zion described? Which mountain can we (Christians!) come before and why?**
 - **Description of Mount Sinai:**

 - **Description of Mount Zion:**

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Review Day

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Hebrews 13

- **What does this passage teach us about practically living out our lives in Christ? How are you carrying this out day to day?**

- **What are we called to do and also called to not neglect? Please give an example below of how you are doing this.**

- ***Verse of the Week:***

1 Corinthians 10:13 - "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***
 - **Read the verse to familiarize yourself with it**
 - **Remember the Category → *His Help in Temptation***
 - **Realize the importance of why we are memorizing this verse**

Prayer Category – Purity and Spiritual Growth

Pray for your own Purity and Spiritual Growth in Christ-likeness.

Hebrews Overview

- **Without looking at the introduction page, try to answer the following questions about the book of Hebrews....** *(when done, check your answers!)*
 - **Who is the author?**
 - **What is theme of the book?**
 - **Which chapter is referred to as the "Hall of Faith?"**
 - **Who is Jesus listed (or illustrated) as "superior to?"**
 - **Why is Hebrews 4:15 a key verse?**
- **How faithful were you this past month in reading? What were some application points you learned and how faithful were you to apply those to your walk with the Lord?**
 - **If you struggled, think through some obstacles to your time, and work and commit to remove those obstacles in the future.**
- **Verse of the Week:**

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- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - **Write out the verse**
 - **Recite the Category → His Help in Temptation**

Wednesday, October 30

Introduction to Philemon

Author: Paul

Recipient: Philemon

Date Written: ~60-62 AD.

Theme of the Book: Manual on Forgiveness

Outline of the Book:

- I. Prayer (1-7)
- II. Petition (8-16)
- III. Promise (17-25)

Key People:

Philemon Christian slave owner

Onesimus Slave who receives Christ under Paul's ministry and must now return to his master, Philemon

Summary Statement: Philemon develops the transition from bondage to brotherhood that is brought about by Christian love and forgiveness. Just as Philemon was shown mercy through the grace of Christ, so he must graciously forgive his repentant runaway who has returned as a brother in Christ. Paul wrote the letter as his personal appeal that Philemon receive Onesimus even as he would receive Paul. This letter was also addressed to other Christians in Philemon's circle, because Paul wanted it to have an impact on the Colossian church as a whole. – *Talk Thru the Bible, Thomas Nelson, 1983.*

Verse of the Week:

1 Corinthians 10:13 - "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

- **Task(s) for Today:**
 - **Memorize the verse**

Prayer Category - Missionary of the Month
Ernie Black

Ernie serves young men in juvenile detention and correctional facilities across the state of Texas
Pray that the Lord will continue to use Ernie to work with these youth & young men

Philemon

- **How did Paul appeal to Philemon? Why is this important?**

- **Does Paul order Philemon to release Onesimus? Why or why not?**

- **What timeless truth did you learn from this passage that can be applied to your life?**

- ***Verse of the Week:***

1 Corinthians 10:13 - "No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

- ***Task(s) for Today:***

- **From memory, text/e-mail/write out the verse to a friend/relative**
- **Include the Category → *His Help in Temptation***

November Reading Schedule

- 1 Introduction to Psalms**
- 2 Psalm 1**
- 3 Catch up on missed reading**
- 4 Psalm 2**
- 5 Psalm 3-4**
- 6 Psalm 5-6**
- 7 Psalm 7**
- 8 Psalm 8-9**
- 9 Psalm 10-11**
- 10 Catch up on missed reading**
- 11 Psalm 12-13**
- 12 Psalm 14-15**
- 13 Psalm 16-17**
- 14 Psalm 18**
- 15 Psalm 19**
- 16 Psalm 20-21**
- 17 Catch up on missed reading**
- 18 Psalm 22**
- 19 Psalm 23-24**
- 20 Psalm 25**
- 21 Psalm 26-27**
- 22 Psalm 28-29**
- 23 Psalm 30-31**
- 24 Catch up on missed reading**
- 25 Psalm 32-33**
- 26 Psalm 34**
- 27 Psalm 35**
- 28 Psalm 36-37**
- 29 Psalm 38-39**
- 30 Psalm 40-41**

Church Prayer Page

HEALTH

The following people have health issues. Pray that through their trial they will bring glory to the Lord and be a blessing as they submit themselves to understand His will. Pray for the Lord’s healing power and their continued sanctification in the circumstance.

Cynde Barrett	Shelley Hillyard	Maureen Personius
Sue Boydston	Will Hutchinson	Tom Prohaska
Don Boyer	Mike Johnston	Judy Reed
Emily Brabon	Diana McCann	Anna Rhone
Paul Butcher	Ted Lyon	Pat Routen
Karen Cote	Cathy Mason	Nelda Seals
Crystal Dix	Ken McEntire	Darryl Shelton
Dinah Fernandez	Mitchell Miller	Wei Tan Shore
Elaine Flory	Jean Pendrich	Michael Treat
Sandy Foute	Annie Perdido	Denise Tyler
Amy Gomez		

MILITARY

Roxy Alexander – Coast Guard	Luke Lanham – Navy
Brooks Alexander – Air Force	George Medina – Army
McKenna Baker – Air Force	Marissa Medina – Air Force
Brandon Barnett – Marine Corps	Leighton Moncada – Army
Jonathan Beauford – Air Force	Jon Morse – Air Force
Nico Bourgeois – Army	Amara Mwesigwa – Air Force
Cameron Caudle – Army	Blaine Paul - Army
Chris Cordes (H. Marquez’s brother) – Army	David Pearson – Army
Luke Day – Navy	Tyler Ramos – Army National Guard
Jordan Garcia – Army	Christopher Ryan – Marine Corps
Austin Grimes – Navy	Stephanie Ryan – Navy
Peyton Halaby - Army	Wendy Schrank – Army
Dirk Hayhurst – Army	Tom Spears – Navy
Lizzy Klynman – Coast Guard	Dan Szilagyi – Army
William Knight – Army	David Weathers – Air Force
Don Koomar – Marine Corps	Simon Whiting – Air Force
Michael Koomar – Army	