



Hebrews

Six Week Bible Study

Part I



Prayer, Praise & Proclamation
CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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The Purpose of Hebrews

The writer of Hebrews made a passionate effort to persuade Christ followers to maintain their faith in Jesus. He urged them to affirm the superiority of Christ above everything and everyone they had read about in the Old Testament.

He encouraged them to consider God's perspective in their decision to possibly walk away from their faith in Christ. Seeing themselves through God's eyes, they would surely understand why He would hold them accountable for misguided acts of disobedience and rebellion.

Finally, He challenged them to hold fast the gospel, no matter the circumstances.



Lesson 1: Who is Jesus? - Hebrews 1:1-4

As God's Son, Jesus revealed God finally and without equal.

God Speaks (Hebrews 1:1-2a)

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

Discussion Questions

- ***How does Colossians 1:15-18 & John 1:1-4 coincide with Hebrews 1:1-2a?***

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.”

Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”

John 1:1-4 NKJV

- ***What do verses 1-2a teach us about God's desire and ability to communicate with His people?***

Hebrews 1:2b-4

2b whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;
3 who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4 having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Discussion Questions

- Have you ever felt persecuted for your faith?
- In what ways did that persecution challenge your beliefs?

Conclusion:

Jesus is the full revelation of God to humanity. Through Him, we can understand God's character and the gospel message. As God reveals Himself to us, we can share that truth with others.

“How has God revealed Himself to you recently?”

Scripture Verse To Remember

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

II Timothy 2:15 NKJV

Lesson 2: A Great Salvation - Hebrews 2:1-3, 4-8

Believers must diligently guard against drifting away from their confession of Jesus.

Hebrews 2:1 (Listen)

1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Discussion Questions:

- **Have you ever been tempted to let tough times have a negative impact on your faith?**
- **What warning signs exist to help believers avoid drifting away from Christ?**

Hebrews 2:2-3 (The Danger of Neglect)

2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,

3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him,

Discussion Questions:

- **How do you demonstrate to others that the gospel of Christ is a cherished treasure in your life?**
- **When the gospel message was first spoken to you, how did you know you were hearing the truth?**

Hebrews 2:14-16 (To Destroy the Devil)

14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

Discussion Question:

- **Read Colossians 2:12-15 and 1 John 3:8. How do these verses explain Jesus' defeat of the Devil?**

“In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” **Colossians 2:11-15 NKJV**



Lesson 2: A Great Salvation - Hebrews 2:1-3. 4-8 cont.

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

John 3:8 NKJV

Hebrews 2:17-18 (Tested)

17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Propitiation: that by which God is rendered propitious, i.e., by which it becomes consistent with his character and government to pardon and bless the sinner. The propitiation does not procure his love or make him loving; it only renders it consistent for him to exercise his love towards sinners.

Conclusion:

Believers must guard against drifting away from the truth of the gospel. We can have confidence in the validity of the gospel.

Scripture Verse To Remember:

“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.” **Hebrews 2:1 NKJV**

Lesson 3: Watch Out - Hebrews 3:7-15

Believers must encourage each other to firmly hold on to Jesus.

Hebrews 3:7-15 (Know Your history)

7 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,

8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,

In the day of trial in the wilderness,

9 Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,

And saw My works forty years.

10 Therefore I was angry with that generation,

And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,

And they have not known My ways.’

11 So I swore in My wrath,

‘They shall not enter My rest.’ “

Discussion Questions:

- **When you read scripture, what helps you know that God is speaking to you through it?**
- **How can difficult situations become times of significant spiritual growth?**
- **What blessings in life can we miss because of disobedience?**

Hebrews 3:12 (Heed the Warning)

12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

Discussion Question:

- **Has the enemy ever tried to throw seeds of doubt at you in times of hardship? How can you resist the temptations of doubt.**

Hebrews 3:13-15 (Encourage Each Other)

13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

15 while it is said:

“Today, if you will hear His voice,

Discussion Question:

- **Has God worked through fellow believers to encourage you during difficult times?**

Hebrews: 3:16-19

16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses?

17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.



Lesson 3: Watch Out - Hebrews 3:7-15 cont.

Conclusion:

If we trust in religious writings, religious leaders, or anything other than Christ for our salvation, we'll find ourselves deceived. Christ followers must encourage each other to remain faithful, reminding themselves and others that Christianity is a lifelong journey of faith.

Scripture Verse To Remember:

“but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” **Hebrews 3:13 NKJV**

**“The word that you find in the scripture from God is always the word today”.
There's never a tomorrow. The enemy is the one who comes and tell us tomorrow.
~David Jeremiah**



Lesson 4: Secured with Confidence - Hebrews 4:14-5:6

Through His sacrifice, Jesus secured our salvation.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (Confidence)

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Discussion Questions:

- How would you like others to see you live out your confession of faith in Christ?
- How does knowing that Jesus faced and overcame all temptation help you resist temptations?

Hebrews 5:1-6

1 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

2 He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.

3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.

4 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him:

“You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.”

6 As He also says in another place:

“You are a priest forever
According to the order of Melchizedek”;

Discussion Questions:

- How does knowing that Jesus sympathizes with our weaknesses help you approach the Father with your needs?
- How does knowing that Jesus is our Great High Priest forever impact your prayer life?

Conclusion:

Christ makes it possible for humans to approach the Father with confidence. He knows our limits and deepest needs, and is ready to give us His grace and strength. By showing God's grace and mercy to others, we demonstrate Christ to a watching world.

Scripture Verse To Remember:

“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” **Hebrews 4:16 NKJV**



Who was Melchizedek (Melchisedek)?

Melchizedek, whose name means “king of righteousness,” was a king of Salem (Jerusalem) and priest of the Most High God (Genesis 14:18–20; Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:6–11; 6:20—7:28). Melchizedek’s sudden appearance and disappearance in the book of Genesis is somewhat mysterious. Melchizedek and Abraham first met after Abraham’s defeat of Chedorlaomer and his three allies. Melchizedek presented bread and wine to Abraham and his weary men, demonstrating friendship. He bestowed a blessing on Abraham in the name of El Elyon (“God Most High”) and praised God for giving Abraham a victory in battle (Genesis 14:18–20).

Abraham presented Melchizedek with a tithe (a tenth) of all the items he had gathered. By this act Abraham indicated that he recognized Melchizedek as a priest who ranked higher spiritually than he.

In Psalm 110, a messianic psalm written by David (Matthew 22:43), Melchizedek is presented as a type of Christ. This theme is repeated in the book of Hebrews, where both Melchizedek and Christ are considered kings of righteousness and peace. By citing Melchizedek and his unique priesthood as a type, the writer shows that Christ’s new priesthood is superior to the old levitical order and the priesthood of Aaron (Hebrews 7:1–10).

Some propose that Melchizedek was actually a pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ, or a Christophany. This is a possible theory, given that Abraham had received such a visit before. Consider Genesis 17 where Abraham saw and spoke with the Lord (El Shaddai) in the form of a man.

Hebrews 6:20 says, “[Jesus] has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.” This term order would ordinarily indicate a succession of priests holding the office. None are ever mentioned, however, in the long interval from Melchizedek to Christ, an anomaly that can be solved by assuming that Melchizedek and Christ are really the same person. Thus the “order” is eternally vested in Him and Him alone.

Hebrews 7:3 says that Melchizedek was “without father or mother, without genealogy, without beginning of days or end of life, resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.” The question is whether the author of Hebrews means this actually or figuratively.

If the description in Hebrews is literal, then it is indeed difficult to see how it could be properly applied to anyone but the Lord Jesus Christ. No mere earthly king “remains a priest forever,” and no mere human is “without father or mother.” If Genesis 14 describes a theophany, then God the Son came to give Abraham His blessing (Genesis 14:17–19), appearing as the King of Righteousness (Revelation 19:11, 16), the King of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), and the Mediator between God and Man (1 Timothy 2:5).

If the description of Melchizedek is figurative, then the details of having no genealogy, no beginning or ending, and a ceaseless ministry are simply statements accentuating the

Lesson 4: Secured with Confidence cont.

mysterious nature of the person who met Abraham. In this case, the silence in the Genesis account concerning these details is purposeful and better serves to link Melchizedek with Christ.

Are Melchizedek and Jesus the same person? A case can be made either way. At the very least, Melchizedek is a type of Christ, prefiguring the Lord's ministry. But it is also possible that Abraham, after his weary battle, met and gave honor to the Lord Jesus Himself.

Activity: Names of God Word Search

Names of God

T	E	L	O	R	D	O	F	L	O	R	D	S	F
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L	O	E	P	G	A	B	B	E	F	D	D	N	T
I	O	M	N	I	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	S	H
O	I	Y	A	H	W	E	H	O	A	I	D	I	E
N	I	L	D	S	A	A	A	G	A	A	R	L	R
O	A	G	E	M	O	D	N	A	A	H	P	L	A
F	E	N	R	F	E	A	E	T	E	R	N	A	L
J	E	N	P	I	A	N	O	D	A	A	O	S	N
U	D	P	I	D	A	D	N	D	H	H	N	A	F
D	M	V	N	V	D	W	A	W	T	N	O	V	M
A	R	H	E	A	A	I	A	M	U	N	T	I	T
H	R	A	O	A	N	N	R	V	R	R	A	O	S
A	L	E	H	I	L	E	M	Y	T	O	E	R	N

BREAD AND WINE
TRUTH
VINE
ALPHA AND OMEGA
OMNIPRESENT
YAHWEH
LORD OF LORDS
LOVING
LION OF JUDAH
ETERNAL
FATHER
ADONAI
SAVIOR



Lesson 5: Don't Walk Away - Hebrews 6:1-8

Rejecting Christ leads to hopelessness.

Hebrews 6:1-3 (Grow in Faith)

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this we will do if God permits.

Discussion Questions:

How would you explain repentance and faith to a friend who doesn't know Christ?

How are obedience and faith connected? What does obeying the Lord teach you about faith in Him?

Hebrews 6:4-8 (Lest You Walk Away)

4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

6 if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God;

8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

Discussion Questions:

- How does the description of the believer in verses 4b-5 compare to your understanding of what it means to be a Christ follower?

Bible skill:

The question of whether a genuine believer can lose his or her salvation goes to the heart of the doctrine of salvation. Read the following Bible passages and take note of what they teach about salvation in Jesus: **John 10:27-29; Romans 8:1,38-39; Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:5.**

- How can you relate these passages to Hebrews 6:4-6?

Conclusion:

Believers must be diligent to demonstrate their salvation, ever moving toward greater maturity. Mature believers can warn others of the dangers of immaturity and disobedience. Believers can help one another understand that Christianity is a lifelong faith commitment that grows and produces spiritual fruit.

Scripture Verse To Remember:

"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,"

Hebrews 6:1 NKJV

Lesson 6: Only Jesus Saves - Hebrews 7:23-28

Jesus is the only one that can save us.

Hebrews 7:23-24 (A Permanent Priest)

23 Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing.
24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood.

Discussion Questions:

- How would you describe the limits faced by a Jewish Priest? How does each limit point to the need for a better priest.
- When you think about Jesus as your Great High Priest, what assurances does that reality give you?

Hebrews 7:25 (He is Able to Save)

25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Discussion Question:

- Do you view Jesus being the only way of salvation as limiting or freeing? Explain

Hebrews 7:26-28 (Because of His Character)

26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;
27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.
28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Discussion Questions:

- In your own words, how would you declare that Jesus is the High Priest you need?
- How can you express your gratitude to Christ for giving Himself as the sacrifice to secure your salvation?
- How would you explain to a friend that only Jesus is qualified to provide salvation?

Conclusion:

Only Jesus is qualified to save sinners from sin, death, and hell. Since salvation is based on Jesus' sinless life, atoning death, and victorious resurrection, those who believe in Him can live faithfully and share the gospel with confidence.

Scripture Verse To Remember:

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

Hebrews 7:25 NKJV



