

Hebrews +

Hebrews-Great use of Moses, Psalms, prophets-connecting dots of scripture-First Century Apologetics-Case for Christ-Community of Hebrews, recipients?, circulated among Hebrew areas and churches. Community were primarily converts with number of unbelievers in group. Commentators notes:

Converts –suffering rejection and persecution, living by faith, trusting and valuing God

Intellectual Believers-Knew Christ was Messiah, not yet placed their faith in Christ

Bystanders-attracted by truths of Christ, yet not yet convinced He was Messiah

Word of Exhortation-Encouragement, under great pressure from unconverted Jews to withdraw from the Christian Faith. Under great persecution, dispersed, evidenced in Chapter 10

Verse 32- “Endured a great conflict of sufferings”

Verse 33- “being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations” “becoming sharers with those who were so treated.”

Verse 34- “showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property.”

Instruction to Today’s Church-This series of Bible oversight “Bridging the Gap”
Matthew Henry

“While Hebrews contains many things suitable to the Hebrew of early times, it also contains many which can never cease to interest the Church of God. For the knowledge of Jesus Christ is the very marrow and kernel of all the scriptures.”

Great beginning-Hebrews First Verse

“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” Hebrew 1:1 (Hab. 2:2, Num. 12:6, Joel 2:28)

Phrase last days-Jews- “When Messiah would come”, our sense, Deity of Christ, C.E vs A.D., “Extremely Obscure Figure”

Greater than Angels-Early worship of Angels, Qumran community near Dead Sea, great use of several O.T. scriptures...(apologetics)

“For to which of the angels did He ever say, “YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU” and again “I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME?” Heb. 1:5 (Psalm 2:7)

Christ the greater messenger, with the greater message, clear warning of not heeding the message

“For this reason, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation” Heb. 2:1-3

Greater than Moses-Jews high esteem for Moses---Chapter 3

Moses- “faithful in all His house as a servant”

Christ- “Faithful as a Son over His house” (Master, builder, Ruler of Church)

Once again, the warning-remembering those who hardened their hearts in the wilderness, did not enter

“Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. Heb. 3:12

“Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.” Heb. 4:1

“Therefore, let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.” Heb. 4:11

Greater than Abraham-Honored as Patriarch of Jews, paid tenth of spoils to Melchizedek, priesthood

“YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER ACCORDING TO THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK” Heb. 5:6 (Psalm 110:4)

Priesthood of Christ-Most precious understanding of our Lord, lengthy study, O.T. Refer

Melchizedek-name “King of righteousness, King of Salem(Peace)” Heb. 7, type of Christ

Greater than Levitical Priesthood

Levite

Christ

Tabernacle

**“Tabernacle not made with hands”
(Heaven)**

Holy of Holies behind the veil

“Right Hand of God”

Sacrifice of Animals, cleansing of blood

His Body, His Blood

“Offered continually year by year”

**“Once and for all”
Heb. 10) “one offering”**

“prevented by death from continuing”

“Priest Forever”

Minister of Old Covenant

New Covenant

Priesthood understanding-Scriptures of exhortation(encouragement)

“...so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take

hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor(*) of the soul, a hope sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” Heb. 6:18-20

“I have cast my anchor in the Port of Peace, knowing the present and future are in nail-pierced hands. Valley of Vision “Repose”

“Therefore, He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” Heb. 7:25 (also look up Heb. 10:19-22, I John 2:1

Begin here for second week at jail Old covenant –New Covenant-Covenant of Law vs. Covenant of Grace

“BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH....”

“I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE...” Heb. 8 quoting Jer. 31

“Thus says the LORD GOD, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations” —“I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean”...”I will cleanse you from your filthiness”...”Moreover I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you”...”I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes.” Ezek. 36

“God once wrote His laws to His people, now he will write His laws in them; He will give them understanding to know them and to believe His laws; He will give them memories to retain them; He will give them hearts to love them, courage to profess them, and power to put them in practice.” Matthew Henry

Covenant of Grace-God's Riches at Christ's Expense, God's Great Act, Granted by God, God's Great Gift

"For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." Eph. 2:8,9

Chapter 11-Faith, "Hall of Faith," Heroes of faith, importance of faith, acquired by faith

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" Heb. 11:1

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." Heb. 11:6

Exhortation of faith- Believing God vs. believing in God, witness of their lives,

"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith..." Heb. 12:1

Author and perfecter-Boice...Whatever Happened to the Doctrines of Grace-New Covenant-Grace **

Author – New Covenant, "I am about to act", same light-sin and cross, overcoming our rebellion, Leroy

"But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption." I Cor. 1:30

"In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures." James 1:1

Perfecter-Finisher, young Pastor, Father/God, "Perseverance of the Saints"
(Unsnatchable hands)

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” Phil. 1:6

“Therefore, He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” Heb. 7:25

“I tell you this, that the greatest theft in the history of the church is stealing the Doctrine of Perseverance, robbing people of the confidence of the everlasting salvation” Macarthur

Difficult passages –warnings of loving father, keeps us fixed on Him, what He has granted us in Christ

“Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who also made us as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter (Law) but of the Spirit (Grace); for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” 2 Cor. 2:4-6

“then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation” 2 Peter 2:9

Thread of Christ-Christ-Giver of Life(Author), King, Priest, Sanctifier, Father, Perfecter

“He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.” I John 5:12

“And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” I John 5:20

Discipline of the Father-Hebrews 12, validation of being His child (sonship, daughtership)

“MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES” Heb. 12:5,6 (Job 5, Prov.3, Ps.119:75)

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.” Heb. 12:11

“And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.” Is. 32:17

Explaining those who fail-Professors vs. Possessor, Unregenerate vs. Regenerate, jail, “saved from?”

“They went away from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us.” I John 5:19

“They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.” Titus 1:16

Appropriate Prayers for believer

“Save us from the delusion of those who fail to go far in religion, who are concerned but not converted, who have another heart but not a new one, who have light, zeal, confidence, but not Christ.” Valley of Vision “True Christianity”

“And let me not lay my pipe too short of the fountain, never touching the eternal spring, never drawing down water from above” Valley of Vision “Self-Knowledge”

Centered on Christ- “Fixing our Eyes on Jesus”, Evangelism focus- Proclaiming the truths of Christ—Paul “That you may know Christ”... Packer “Need of Him” “Don’t stop”

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith, examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you— unless indeed you fail the test?” 2 Cor. 13:5

“He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.” 1 John 5:12

Closing thoughts – two more verses of instruction (Time permitting)

“Remember those who led you, who spoke the Word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.” Hebrews 13:7

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.” Hebrews 13:17

Closing Prayer

Song

Benediction-Closing service (Last slide)

“Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing to His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever, Amen. Hebrews 13:20,21