

# HEBREWS

A series of 13 studies in the book of Hebrews  
[Chapter by chapter.]

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# Study #1<sub>13</sub> of HEBREWS.

# Christ's approval by God.

Ask God to bless His Word to you and then read through the questions to see what to look out for as you read the passage.

## Reading: Hebrews 1:1-14. Greatness & Glory of Christ Jesus!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 1 : 2.**

1. In what way did God speak to our forefathers in the past?

What superior way has He used to speak to us now in these "last days"?

2. List the qualifications of Jesus Christ that show He is superior to prophets and angels?

3. What did Jesus do after having made purification for sins that underlines His words from the cross – "It is finished!"

4. What did God say about His relationship with Jesus Christ that He never ever said of any of His angels?

5. Does Acts 13:33 shed any light on what is meant by God saying "today I have become Your Father"?

6. What did God say about the majesty of His Son?

7. What contrast is made between Christ and His creation?

8. The work of Creation had its beginnings in Christ. How will the created universe end?

9. Jesus is **L.O.R.D.** Find verses to support the truths that Jesus is:

- L** Living
- O** Originator
- R** Redeemer
- D** Divine

10. Having had the glories of Christ Jesus revealed to us how does His ministry to God's people contrast with that of angels?

# Study #2<sup>13</sup> of HEBREWS.

# Holy God to our rescue!

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## Reading: Hebrews 2:1-18. God becomes man & becomes sin!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: 2 CORINTHIANS 5 : 21.**

1. Why should the message of Salvation that we have today from God be given very careful attention?
2. How did we receive the message of Salvation that we have today?
3. God's message of Salvation and the Gospel of His Kingdom is glorious. Who is it for?
4. Why is it so surprising when we discover who God's attention is directed towards?
5. We are left in no doubt that it really is mankind that God is reaching out to.  
Who is identified as a representative of mankind? And how did He relate to mankind?
6. What objective did the all-powerful Creator God have in mind? And how did He authorise His great plan of Salvation for mankind?
7. What had the great Eternal God to do in order to identify with mankind and with the curse mankind was under?
8. What is the source of mankind's troubles?  
And what is the awful fearful consequence?
9. What role are we told Jesus fulfils in order to rescue and help us?
10. Why can sinful mankind have great confidence and assurance to trust in the Person and work of Christ Jesus?

# Study #3<sub>13</sub> of HEBREWS.

# God's house and home.

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## Reading: Hebrews 3:1-19. Deprived of the "rest" of "home"!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 3:19.**

1. Who or what are the "holy brothers" this epistle is addressed to?
2. In Old Testament times who was the faithful and respected leader of "God's house" – the Jewish nation?
3. How does Jesus Christ's role compare to the role of Moses in the past?
4. "God's house" in the Old Testament was the nation of Israel. Who or what is God's house today?
5. In "God's house" how does the role of being a servant (Moses) differ from being a Son (Christ)?
6. Who is said to be speaking when quotations are made from the Old Testament? Why?
7. What were some of the sins listed against the members of God's house in days of Moses?
8. What is the important lesson we must learn from the experience of the house of God in the O.T.?
9. What steps can we take to avoid the devastation experienced by the original house of God?
10. Having been saved out of bondage in Egypt what else should the house (people) of God have sought?

# Study #4<sup>13</sup> of HEBREWS.

# God promises rest!

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## Reading: Hebrews 4:1-16. Entering God's promised rest now!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 4 : 11.**

1. Here the experience of Israel's transition from Egypt's slavery to Canaan's freedom is used as a parable – an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Can you think of any stages in their journey that reflect the Christian pilgrimage? Why should we not consider Canaan as a picture of Heaven?
2. What did the Israelites miss out on that God had intended His people to enjoy and benefit from as they progressed with God? Which verses indicate that it is something we are meant to experience today?
3. Why did the Israelites miss the “rest” that God promised and planned in advance for them? Could history repeat itself with God's people today? Give reasons for your answer.
4. What well known Biblical “rest” is matched with the rest available for the Christian?  
Is **that** the only rest that we are being exhorted to enter into today?
5. “Sabbath” is NOT a word that just means the weekly rest day. Can you identify the special occasions that are called “Sabbaths” in Leviticus 16:29-31 and in John 19:31?
6. What “Sabbath rest” could Hebrews 4:9 be referring to that is available to us today?
7. Why do we need to be so very careful in our attitude and response to the Word of God?
8. What do you learn about the power and purpose of the Word of God from Ps. 19:7-11. & 2 Tim. 3:15-17?
9. What great position are we told that Jesus the Son of God holds?  
Why can we be sure of His sympathetic response to our weakness and sinfulness?
10. What do we need to do in order to enter into the glorious rest of enjoying God's mercy and grace in our time of need?

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## Reading: Hebrews 5:1-14.

Learning obedience!

Christ our High Priest!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: 2 PETER 3 : 18.**

1. What is the role of a high priest?
2. As high priests are fellow-human beings how does that affect their relationship with us and with God?
3. Who appointed the family of Aaron to be the priestly family?  
And who appointed Christ as a High Priest?
4. How did Christ, the God-appointed Messiah, relate to God when He came to earth as "Jesus"?
5. Christ Jesus was not of the family of Aaron.  
How is His High Priestly ministry superior to that of Aaron's family?
6. What can this God-Man High Priest, Christ Jesus, do for sinners like us?
7. What do we learn about the people this letter was first written to?
8. What should be expected of believers as evidence of maturity in the Christian life?
9. What do you think distinguishes "milk" from "solid food" in the Christian life?
10. How can you and I develop the ability to distinguish between good and evil?

# Study #6<sub>13</sub> of HEBREWS.

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A firm foundation!

## Reading: Hebrews 6:1-20.

An unshakable position!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 6 ; 19-20.**

1. The writer is eager to progress from supplying “milk” to providing “solid food”. How does he summarise the “milk” – ie. the elementary teachings?
2. You should only build on a firm foundation! What future is there for those with whom the laying of the “foundation” seemed to have been done but who end up being seen to reject foundational teachings?
3. How does God reward the farmer who has cultivated his ground well?  
  
From the parable in Matthew 13:1-9 what precautions are implied that the sower should take?
4. What if the land only produces thorns and thistles?  
  
For Believers, what do you think ends up destroyed and what ends up cleansed? 1 Corinthians 3:10-15.
5. What “crop” or “harvest” was already evident in the lives of those to whom this book was written?
6. What blessing did God promise to Abraham? How did God confirm that this promise would be fulfilled?
7. How did God emphasise His eternal plan and doubly confirm it to Abraham?
8. “Abraham’s heirs” does not only refer to his physical heirs. What wider significance has this promise?  
See Romans 4:9-25.
9. In the light of this how secure is our hope said to be – we who believe in Jesus?
10. What glorious role has Jesus Christ taken on for us “behind the curtain” in the very presence of God?

# Study #7<sub>/13</sub> of HEBREWS.

# A Priest forever!

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## Reading: Hebrews 7:1-28. Our permanent and perfect Priest!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 7 : 25.**

1. Who and what was Melchizedek?
2. What do we learn from Melchizedek's name, titles and genealogy?
3. How did Abraham respond or react to Melchizedek?
4. How many reasons can you give that help us to see Melchizedek as a very useful "type" that points us to Christ Jesus?
5. How did the tithe given to Melchizedek show him to be greater than Levi who also received tithes?
6. Where was Abraham's future generation, such as that of Levi the great grandson of Abraham, said to have been?
7. What differences can you find between the priests in the order of Aaron and the priest Melchizedek?
8. What was it that could not be attained through the Aaronic priesthood that meant a superior priesthood was necessary? What else needed to be changed as well as the priesthood?
9. What are the listed qualities Jesus Christ possesses that declare Him to be far superior to the Aaronic priesthood?
10. How does the writer summarise the differences between the imperfect and the perfect priesthoods?



# Study #8<sub>13</sub> of HEBREWS.

# The New Covenant!

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## Reading: Hebrews 8: 1-13

## Written in our hearts!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: ACTS 13 : 38-39.**

1. In chapter 7 we discovered the need of a superior priesthood and a change in the Law. What indications are there here in chapter 8 that we also need to shift our focus to a superior “sanctuary”?
2. What is every high priest appointed to do?
3. Where did the idea and the details of the earthly sanctuary (Tabernacle) originate?
4. There is also a superior “covenant” made possible through all these changes. How was this new covenant introduced?
5. How had the “first covenant” proved to be weak and inadequate?
6. What “fault” had God found “with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah” and it is still a fault that would condemn all mankind?
7. God’s Law had been written on stone but they had been powerless to keep it! What major difference would there be with this superior covenant agreement?
8. This wonderful covenant agreement would bring those who avail of it into an intimate relationship with God. How would that be evident in their lives?
9. What explanation can you give for this intimacy & knowledge of God? (Note: the writer has repeatedly referred to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in revealing God’s message.) Also see John 14:26. 16:12-15.
10. What conclusion is arrived at that shows us clearly which of the two covenants spoken of is relevant for us today?

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It is finished!

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## Reading: Hebrews 9:1-28.

## His blood offers forgiveness!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 9 : 28.**

1. Can you describe the set-up of the earthly Tabernacle interior?
2. What were the articles that the priest had to attend to regularly in the Holy Place?  
Who was the only person to enter the Most Holy Place? And how often was he to enter there?
3. What did the high priest have to take into the Most Holy Place? (see Leviticus 16:12-14.)
4. How can we know what lesson all these things have for us today?
5. What did the coming of Christ Jesus do with respect to all the Tabernacle duties?
6. How did what Jesus offered differ from what the other priests had been offering?
7. Can sinners who deserve the death penalty be declared worthy for the service of Holy God?
8. Why are we hearing so much about "the blood" in this chapter?
9. Why is there no longer the annual repetition of the sacrifice for our sins?
10. So has our great Priest-King done all that has to be done for those who believe in Him?

# Study #10<sub>/13</sub> of HEBREWS.

Christ gave all for me!

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**Reading: Hebrews 10:1-39**

**Ready & willing to follow Christ!**

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 10 : 36.**

1. What evidence is there to show that the Law is inadequate for our need? What could it not do for us?
2. What was the purpose of those annually repeated sacrifices for sin?
3. Endless sacrifices were unacceptable to God. How could the coming of Christ to our aid be acceptable?
4. What was to happen to the procedures of the Law now that Christ Jesus had come?
5. What evidence is there that Christ's sacrifice fully satisfied God on our behalf?
6. What prophecies had the Holy Spirit made to us concerning the effectiveness of Christ's work for us?
7. With our High Priest accepted by, and seated with God how does that affect our relationship with God?
8. How does our new standing with God affect our relationship with those around us?
9. Knowing we are accepted in Christ, "shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase?" (Rom. 6:1-2.)
10. Although you don't pay to become a Christian what is the cost in being a Christian?

# Study #11<sub>13</sub> of HEBREWS.

# Our Blessed Hope!

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## Reading: Hebrews 11:1-40.

## Enduring for the hope before us!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 11 ; 6.**

1. What definition are we given here for "FAITH"?

2. How was the Universe formed? Also note Hebrews 1:2.

Can you list some of the evidences of Christ Jesus' creative power as recorded in the N.T.?

3. What is required of us in order to please God? Why is that?

4. Why was God not ashamed to be called the God of men like Enoch, Noah and Abraham etc.?

5. Which of the "ancients" are we told had faith to hope for one of the following:

The resurrection of the dead: ..... / To be raptured from earth into heaven:.....

Salvation from coming judgment:...../ God will restore the Jews to their homeland:.....

God will send a "no ordinary" deliverer:.....

Have YOU faith to believe God promised to do all these things **again** and are you hoping for them? .....

6. What choices did Moses make showing that his focus was on something outside of this world?

7. What were some of the **great things** people who had faith in God saw Him do for them?

8. What were some of the **terrible things** people who had faith in God experienced?

9. Which of the two groups of people in questions 7 and 8 would you say had greater faith in God?

10. What "better thing" is ours today that all of these only saw in the distance but never received?

# Study #12<sub>/13</sub> of HEBREWS.

# The joy set before us!

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## Reading: Hebrews 12:1-29.

## Disciplined for our own good!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 12 : 2.**

1. "...We are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses." How does that thought challenge you?
2. As participants in the "race" of life what advice are we given to improve our performance?
3. Why would God allow hardships and discouragements to interfere in our "race"?
4. So, God permits hardships and trials to come into our lives. Why does God discipline us?
5. Does God want us to deliberately inflict ourselves in order to improve?
6. We are called to be holy. (1 Peter 1:13-16.)  
What are some things the writer to the Hebrews says should identify us as being set apart for God?
7. The LORD .. the great God, is mighty and awesome...(Hebrews 10:31.) How was this displayed at Mount Sinai when God spoke with Moses?
8. To try to approach God via Mount Sinai (the Law) is frightfully awesome! What is the alternative welcoming awesome approach to God?
9. What would be the consequence of refusing to heed God's warning of awesome judgment?
10. Who or what will not be shaken by the awesome display of God's judgment and wrath?

# Study #13<sub>/13</sub> of HEBREWS.

Love and obey!

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## Reading: Hebrews 13:1-25.

## Sacrifices to please God!

**SUGGESTED PASSAGE TO MEMORIZE: HEBREWS 13 ; 15 - 16.**

1. What do you think is the main hallmark of those who belong to “the Church of the Firstborn” – the true followers of Jesus Christ, the Firstborn from the dead (Revelation 1:5.)?
2. What practical ways are listed as areas where we are to manifest genuine love?
3. Why should the Believer be able to have and maintain such love and contentment?
4. What particular leaders are we told to consider and imitate? Why is one Leader highlighted?
5. How do you think we would be able to identify “all kinds of strange teachings”? (v. 9.)
6. What are some of the things that religious people will put their confidence in instead of “grace”?
7. What “sacrifices” can those who trust in Jesus offer that are acceptable to God?
8. What things are mentioned that would be examples of how we can “do good and share with others” by easing their burden?
9. What prayer and benediction does the writer leave with us?
10. So, who does the writer finally commend the readers to for their salvation and sufficiency in the will of God?

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