

Let's Study Hebrews Together; *Heb 1:1-14*

Many have endeavored to determine who the author of Hebrews was; some say Paul, some Peter, but most likely neither of these as they always identify themselves in their epistles. It could be any of the biblical names we find in the new testament, but in reality, it does not matter as the real author is the Lord.

The Epistle to the Hebrew is by far the most important and useful of all the apostolic writings; all the doctrines of the Gospel are in it. It is a history of the dispensations of God to man, from the foundation of the world to the advent of Christ. It is not only the sum of the GOSPEL, but the sum and completion of the LAW, on which it is also a most beautiful and luminous comment. Without this, the law of Moses had never been fully understood, nor God's design in giving it.

These are the things we will find illustrated in this great treaties; Jesus of Nazareth is the one true God. Christ is superior to the angels, He is superior to Moses and Aaron.

1. Please put **V1-4** in your own words; **In the past God spoke to us through His patriarchs, prophets, and devoted kings, but in these last days He has spoken to us through Jesus, who is as superior to these others as the heaven is above the earth. His coming was for our redemption, God loves us more than we are capable of even imagining.**
 - a. How did God in various times and ways speak in the past to the fathers and prophets? **Through their words and deeds, and often by the consequence of their ministries.**
 - b. How does He speak to us in these last days? **He speaks to us through His Word, who is Jesus Christ. All is understood by the Holy Spirit.**

- c. Respond to all that **V3-4** tells us; **Jesus is all I need, He is all anyone needs. If we have Jesus we have all that this life can give us.**
2. Put **V5-14** in your own words that make these verses speak to you; **this is about the deity of Jesus Christ, where God even calls Him God. If we don't understand the deity of Jesus Christ we can't comprehend creation, redemption, sanctification, and final justification.**
- a. Who is the Son and how was He begotten? **The son here is the incarnate Jesus Christ, we know this because Jesus was with God from the beginning, and even is God. In His physical form Jesus was begotten by God the Holy Spirit.**
- b. How is Jesus the first born? **There is one else in physical form that was or ever will be conceived by God the Holy Spirit.**
- c. Give the significance of **V8-9**; **in these two verses God the Father and God the Son refer to one another as God. It is made clear the power of all the universe are in Christ's hand.**
- d. What does **V11-12** tell us Jesus did? **He is the creator of all things and they will perish with time, but Jesus is the eternal God and will never parish.**
- e. Now place **V13-14** in their proper place in this narrative; **this is speaking of the final victory of our salvation by God the Son. He is in heaven as one day we will join Him there.**

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **Heb 2:1-9**

1. What are **V1-4** telling us? It is easy to drift away if we take our eyes off Jesus. He has verified His Word in so many ways it is impossible to neglect. People obeyed by the witness of Prophets and angles, but we have the sure Word of God, we have heard Jesus.

- a. How can we, and what is drifting away? **Drifting is not talking about losing your salvation, but drifting from your first love, allowing the world to take priority over the things of God.**
- b. share the power of verses **2-3**; **We have an eternal salvation that was offered to us freely by Jesus Christ and to turn aside to the security of the world is such a disregard to the greatest thing mankind has ever received, and it is free.**
- c. How does God bear witness and what does it mean?
Through signs and wonders, various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will.

2. Put **V5-9** in your own words; **As amazing as it seems, God has put us in charge of this world, something He did not put under the authority of angels. He made Jesus a little lower than the angels in human form that we might be redeemed to take the place in glory He has prepared us for. There is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ.**

- a. What is the world to come, and the present world? **The world to come is the new heaven and earth, the home of righteousness, as compared to this present world that is under the sway of the wicked one.**
- b. Who is the Son of man, and how is He made lower than the angels, and how is He lifted up then? **The Son of man is Jesus, and through the incarnation He was humbled to that of a man, lower than the angels. But this Jesus was lifted up**

on a cross to win redemption for all who call upon His Name in Him all man can be justified and sanctified.

- c. How many things are put in subjection to Jesus, and what does it all mean? Everything was and is in subjection to Jesus who is the creator of all things. What this means to us is salvation. Any, not a select few who call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.
3. Considering all we have studied so far in your own words how is the full plan of salvation portrayed here, from redemption to glorification? It is portrayed in such a manner that it becomes obvious to all who read, that it is a free-gift, offered to all, that anyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved. This gives us the power to live a life of obedience to the very moment we are glorified.

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **Heb 2:10-18**

1. Please put **V10-13** in your own words; The writer to the Hebrews is telling us the one who created all things, and He in whom all things consist can surely be trusted for our salvation. He suffered not only for our salvation, but also our sanctification.

a. Who is the captain of our salvation, and what has He done for us? Jesus Christ is the Captain of our salvation and he made a way where there was no way that our sins might be forgiven and we can be in full fellowship with the LORD.

William Ernest Henley; *Invictus (Lat for unconquered)* Is in direct contradiction to this verse.

b. How are those sanctified, and those being sanctified one? Those saved past, present, and future are all sanctified in the LORD as one body which will be united in eternity.

c. How are we as believers to declare His Name and sing His praises? By our life. It is obvious not only to others but our own heart when we live as believers. Our life testimony sings praises to His Name.

d. Who are the children God has given us? Those we have had the privilege of leading to the LORD are our children in the sense that God used us to plant the seed of truth in their heart.

2. Please put **V14-18** in our own words; Because men are sinners unable to bring redemption to his own soul, being a son of Adam, there had to be a second Adam, one who was flesh and blood but would never fall to sin that as a sacrifice, the perfect Lamb of God He would be able to pay the full price of atonement for all men.

- a. How did Jesus take part in flesh and blood and win power over death that came by the devil. **He was born of woman like any man, He had the DNA of a human, with all its frailties, and fleshly temptation, as only a being fully human could He defeat the work of Satan by being a man who never fell to sin, or temptation of the devil.**
- b. How have we been freed from the fear of death? **Fear of death has to do with sin and punishment where in Jesus Christ sin is forgiven, and all fear of punishment removed.**
- c. What do you make of; V16; For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. **First the seed of Abraham simply means those who live by faith, you and I who believe, but to the fallen angels he does not provide a chance to repent because they experienced all the glory of God and heaven and rebelled.**
- d. How does being made like His brethren make Him a faithful and merciful High Priest? **A priest is one who stands the gap between man, and God, for the purpose of reconciliation, and only Jesus full of mercy can do this. Mercy because we do not deserve it.**
- c. We are told that Jesus was tempted, and therefore is able to help us who are tempted, what does that mean? **Simply put He understands causing Him to have pity on us, giving us the power of the Holy Spirit to have victory.**

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **Heb 3:1-11**

1. Put the powerful message of **V1-6** in your own words; **Jesus is the builder or creator of all things including us. As a builder of a house is worthy of honor, Jesus is worth more. He not only built us, but dwells in us, he is the builder of the house and the resident as well. Remember Jesus is the apostle and High Priest of our confession.**
 - a. What is the heavenly calling? **We are called to dwell in heaven not by anything we have earned, but by the call of Jesus Christ who paid our way to heaven.**
 - b. How is Jesus the apostle and high priest of our confession? **He is the one who called us, and the one who offered the sacrifice of Himself for the forgiveness of sin.**
 - c. What does all of it mean about Jesus being the builder of the house, and greater than the house itself? **Jesus not only created the world, but also the human race, and He condescends to take up dwelling by the Holy Spirit in the heart of those who call upon His Name in confession of sin.**

2. Do a serious reading of **V7-11** and then attempt to give your understanding of those verses; **when it says the Holy Spirit tells us to hear His voice it is because He did not come to testify of Himself, but to testify of Jesus. The Holy Spirit encourages us not to harden our hearts like the unbelievers of the past and present, but to confess Him as our Lord and Savior.**
 - a. Why is it the Holy Spirit speaking to us, rather than the other two persons of the singular God head? **God is one, but three persons, and each person of the Godhead works in a different way; God the Father sent God the Son, and God the Son sent God the Holy Spirit. God's love sent Jesus, and**

Jesus love sent the Holy Spirit, and the Spirits love guides and directs us, not leaving us even with all our frailties' and sin.

- b. Why does it say in **V7**, if you hear His voice? God speaks to everyone, but some think it is thunder and others hear His voice. It is not only hearing but listening.
- c. How can our hearts be like the children of Israel wondering in the wilderness? The children of Israel believed enough to leave Egypt, but not enough to follow Him when it became difficult.
- d. How can we as believers test and try the LORD? When our heart is full of unbelief, and when we continue to fall to our besetting sins.
- e. How might people today not enter His rest? When we refuse to surrender any part of our life, it will be a place of unrest for us. Pray for the strength and power of the Holy Spirit to have complete victory.

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **3;12-19**

1. **Heb12-15** require careful thought, please write down what you believe the Holy Spirit is telling us; **After we come to the Lord often the desires and enticements of this world strive to pull us away from our walk with the LORD. We need to encourage one another in our walk before that day comes when our life faith will be finalized. Sin can have a very strong influence on us so we must remember how it was at the beginning of our faith. If God is speaking to you right not don't harden your heart in rebellion.**
 - a. Why, is unbelief considered an evil heart? **Because, if we have unbelief in any area it will lead to us falling to sin. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.**
 - b. How do we exhort one another, and why is it called today? **The best way to exhort one-another is by example and encouragement. A day is coming when our work on earth will be completed so word while it is still today.**
 - c. How can the deceitfulness of sin harden our heart? **If you do something long enough you develop calluses, if you do a sin long enough the same thing happens.**
 - d. What does being steadfast, and today, have to do with our faith? **Don't wait for tomorrow to be steadfast or obedient, do it today, as how we live is the testimony of our faith.**
2. Now give your understanding of **V16-19**; **there were many who followed Moses because of the excitement of freedom but rebelled and complained when it came to living the everyday life of faith. In the same way we can be all excited about having all our sins forgiven, but then we are called to live a life worthy of our salvation. Jesus paid a high price for us to be justified,**

sanctified, and eventually glorified, therefore we must live each day in faith of all the promises of God.

- a. How can we hear the voice of God and yet rebel? Your parents or spouse can call you but it is your choice to respond.
- b. They all came out of Egypt, so why was He angry with them for 40 years? The propose of coming out of some place, is to go to another place. They came out of Egypt, like we come out of the world. They were called to the promise land we are called to personal holiness.
- c. How would you apply **V18** to today's world? You know a tree by its fruit, we who are saved are not called to perfection, but we are called to obedience.
- d. What prevents someone from entering His rest, and what can we do about it? The only thing that prevents us from entering His rest is an unwillingness to surrender, and all we have to do is change our mind and attitude and surrender.

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **4;1-10**

1. Study **V1-5** of chapter **4** and give your commentary of those 5 verses; **God made a promise of rest, but it is not by hearing the word alone but applying it to our life through faith. Knowing something is not the same thing as believing it. From the very beginning God promised rest to those who would believe, His nature is that of reconciliation.**
 - a. If this epistle is written to believers what is the rest that still remains? **Those who heard and have a head knowledge, but don't have a heart knowledge, applying it to their life in by faith. Faith is more sure than the tangible things we can see as they are often a fraud.**
 - b. How could the Word not profit some people? **You can hear the Word, memorize the Word, but without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith without works is dead.**
 - c. How have believers entered His rest, and who are those His wrath is going to come to? **Those who believe in their heart Jesus is Lord of their life enter His rest no matter how far they have to go. His wrath will come on the religious, those who know Christ only as a religious symbol.**
 - d. What is the correlation between God resting on the 7th day and those who would never enter His rest? **God rested on the seventh day because His word was completed, those who don't enter His rest are those who don't accept His finished work.**

2. Now put **V6-10** in your own words; **the law was given to the people to show them God's requirements to enter His rest. The problem is that no one can keep the Law, therefore their remains a rest for those who have the faith to accept the completed work of Christ. He is not like their High Priest who**

had to offer continued sacrifice but offered a sacrifice that was so perfect it never has to be repeated again.

- a. Who are those who did not enter His rest, and who are those who must enter? As mentioned those who don't enter His rest are those who are trying to do it on their own, those who must enter His rest are all of mankind.
- b. "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." What does this mean today? We can hear His voice but allow the cares, lusts and desires for this world to cause us to harden our hearts to His free gift. Today is the day of salvation, often those who wait until tomorrow, tomorrow never comes.
- c. Why couldn't Joshua give them rest, and what is the other day he was speaking of? Joshua couldn't give them rest for the reasons we have mentioned, no one can be saved by doing the right thing, but one would be coming the Christ who would do it for us.
- d. How do we cease from our work if we enter His rest? We cease from our work but not trying, but walking in the victory already won for us. We can't but He can.

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **4;11-16**

1. Please put **V11-13** in your own words; **first we notice there is an effort on our part to enter into His rest. It is not magic to live the holy life any more than losing weight, or building muscle is magic, there must be some effort on our part. We are told the best thing we can do is study and believe the Word of God.**
 - a. What can we do to be diligent in entering His rest? **Take our faith seriously, taking note of those things in our life that are contrary to the Word and with the help of the Spirit making apococate changes.**
 - b. **V12** is one of the most powerful verses in the Bible, give your full understanding of this verse; the word can't just be part of our faith it must be the center. To many churches are about religion rather than teaching the Word of God.
 - c. How are all things open before the eyes of God? **What do we think we can hide from God, He sees all things. You can hide from others, even hide from yourself, but you can't hide from God.**

2. Now put **V14-16** in your own words; **in order to be an offering to God, Jesus had to become one of us, but without sin. As our high priest, and also being God He is able to offer the sacrifice for our sin in heaven.**
 - a. How is Jesus our High priest and how has He passed through the heavens. **He is our high priest as being the only one that could offer a true sacrifice for sin, and in heaven His blood remains our atoning sacrifice.**
 - b. What is the confession we are to hold fast to? **Simply Jesus is LORD. Also that His sacrifice was and is complete never needing to be offered again.**
 - c. Why is it that Jesus can sympathize with our weaknesses?

Jesus being in the flesh experienced all the temptations we experience, all the emotions and desires we feel, therefore Jesus knows and sympathizes.

- d. How can Jesus being tempted in every way as we are allow us to come boldly before the throne of Almighty God? This demonstrates that temptation is not sin, but following through with or commission is the sin. But also realizing that although we all fall short His sacrifice is efficient.

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **5;1-11**

1. Give your understanding of **V1-4**; a priest must recognize his own sin and weakness, not lording it over others. **Also we see in these verses that this is not the calling of man but of God. Anyone who takes this honor upon himself is guilty of pride and arrogance.**
 - a. How are high priests taken from Men? What does that mean? **Although a priest is called of God he is just another man, called of God. The Pastor is not born special, he is called which makes him responsible to God in ways others aren't.**
 - b. How is it, these earthly High Priests understand our weakness? **They understand our weakness because they have the same weaknesses. Unless you have experienced something it is hard to fully understand it.**
 - c. What does it mean that no man is to take the honor of the priesthood upon himself? **It is not an education, a career choice, it is a calling form, not call no ministry.**

2. Now give your understanding of **V5-6**; Christ's primary calling was not to be a high priest but the incarnate Son of God. Not as an earthly high priest but in the order of Melchizedek.
 - a. Who was Melchizedek? **Gen 14:18-19: Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; Ps 110:1-4: The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be**

volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. **4** The Lord has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." **Heb 7:1-8:** For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, **2** to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," **3** without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. **4** Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. **5** And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; **6** but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. **7** Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. *(Its important as His order is God appearing as man.)*

- b. How is it that glorified Jesus to be High Priest? He offered the final sacrifice of the sin of the world.
- c. How is He, Jesus in the order of Melchizedek? Simply as God appearing in the form of man for the proposes of

3. Now finish up by putting **V7-11** in your own words; Jesus suffered on the cross when He bore our sins, but being a man He also suffered physical pain, but He endured it all for our salvation.

- a. How did Jesus in the flesh offer up prayers and supplications? **Just like any man He went to God humbling Himself to pray for the needs of the world.**
- b. What does it mean that Jesus learned obedience by His suffering? **Obedience is only demonstrated when it is difficult, He, Jesus suffered the greatest difficulty, beyond what any man can experience.**
- c. How could Jesus be perfected? **He experienced the temptation of Adam, flesh and Spirit but He chose Spirit perfecting holiness for all of us.**
- d. How are we dull of hearing? **We know all these thing but so often fail to practice them.**

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **5;12-14**

1. Put **V 12-14** in your own words; when a baby is born it is assumed he/she will grow, they will eventually depart from baby food and start eating adult food. Now in the same way when we are born again we need baby food, the milk of the word, but it should also be assumed that we also will grow, and as we grow we will need more solid food. There are many today who come to know the LORD and 20 years later are still nursing at the breast of others rather than developing a strong personal relationship themselves.
 - a. What would prepare us to be teachers, and why would some not be prepared? Hard study of the Word and the practice of living a holy disciplined life is the only thing that can prepare us to be teachers. *(Reading and study are two different things; you can read a text book and yet not master the subject.)* If you are not prepared you have no business teaching others.
 - b. What is the difference between milk and solid food? Milk is simple euphemisms, learning basic tenants of the faith, and even bible characters, but not knowing the deep meaning of a life of faith.
 - c. Why would some walking with the LORD for a period of time still need milk? The bottom line is they are lazy. Another common reason for spiritual retardation is not being willing to pay the price of unconditional faith.
 - d. We ridicule people by calling them a baby, what does it mean at this time? When they are either unwilling or unable to stand for the faith, and or everything is more than they can handle.
 - c. What does it mean to be of full age? Those who know and practice their faith with full assurance, and a good degree of

consistency. They are also those who are unwilling to stay where they are but desire to continue to grow in the faith.

d. How are our senses exercised to discern both good and evil? Exercise requires hard work and consistency, which strengthens the muscles, and the in same way as we experience the difficulties of life and lift them to the LORD we grow in the strength of the LORD.

2. How would this all apply to you personally, and in your usefulness to the Lord? It is one thing to have the desire to be used of the LORD, but it is another thing to do something about it. I believe all of us many times come to the place of decision, and our decision must be to follow wherever He leads.

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **6;1-8**

1. Please put **V1-3** in your own words; there are elementary principles of our faith that must be taught and adhered to such as, repentance from dead works, faith toward God, the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. But we must move on to other things that instruct in our Christian walk.
 - a. What does it mean to go on to perfection? Perfection is not being without sin, that belongs to Jesus alone, but seeking God with all our heart, mind, and soul.
 - b. What is the foundation of repentance based on dead works? Trying to prove you salvation but what you do, rather than what He has done.
 - c. In **V2** talk about the doctrines mentioned; repentance is turning away for self and toward God, faith is living as if you believe all the promises of God, baptism is a public testimony of our faith before God and men, eternal judgment is believing that all who reject God will receive an eternal judgment, not a temporary judgment.

2. Now put **V4-6** in your own words; this is a very difficult portion of scripture, not to understand, but to not put personal doctrine in contradiction. I don't think there is any doubt this portion is speaking of a believer; enlightened, tasted the heavenly gift, have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
 - a. This portion seems to make it clear that a person who has walked away from the LORD it is impossible renew them to repentance again. Understanding that the conjunction if in **V6** is an inserted word and not in the original language, and the assumed word is when, how would you interpret this

portion. There is a security we have in our salvation but it is not to be taken lightly. Like the frog in a pot of cool water this happens gradually. No believer wakes up one day and says; I think I will turn from the Lord. *(I have known a few, not many, who were on fire for the LORD for a number of years, and have become opponents of the gospel either by outward denial of salvation, or by the life they live.)*

b. What does it mean; to crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame? Jesus already died for our sin, and if that sacrifice is rejected there is no other sacrifice for sin. *(Yet I don't know fully what this means.)*

3. Now put **V7-8** in your own words; if we are saved we are to produce fruit in keeping with repentance, if we only produce thorns and briars then where is the testimony of our faith.

a. What is the difference between those who cultivate a good crop and those who produce thorns? For a good crop to be harvested it requires the constant pulling up of weeds, crops not tended leads to either a poor harvest, or no harvest.

Let's Study Hebrews Together; **6;9-20**

1. Put **V9-12** in your own words; _____

a. How does this portion relate to the portion we covered last week? _____

b. What does it mean to minister to the Saints? _____

c. What is our full assurance of the hope to come? _____

d. What is the difference between those who become sluggish, and those who through faith and patience inherit the promises? _____

2. Now put **V13-20** in your own words; _____

a. Why was it that God could swear by no other than Himself?

b. How is it that Abraham's patient endurance led to him receiving the promise? _____

c. What is the importance of **V18**? _____

d. How is hope an anchor for our soul? _____

e. What does it mean to enter His presence behind the veil?

f. How is Jesus our forerunner and high priest? _____

g. High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.
What does this tell us? _____
