
Hebrews

The book of Hebrews is a letter designed to show Jews how Christ fulfilled and replaced the Old Covenant with a better one.

The book of Hebrews is a New Testament guide to the Old Testament. It proves Jesus is better. He is better than angels. He is a better priest and sacrifice. He offers a better covenant.

Outline

Heb 1:1-4:13	the Superiority of the Person of Christ
Heb 4:14-10:18	the Superiority of the Priesthood of Christ
Heb 10:19-13:25	the Superiority of the Life of Christ

Audience

1. Hebrew Christians: Persecution had shaken their faith. They were in danger of confusing and blending the gospel with Jewish ceremony and legalism.
2. Hebrew non-Christians Intellectually Convinced: They knew who Christ was, but would not accept Him as Savior.
3. Hebrew non-Christians Not Convinced:

Two Great Warnings

1. Pay attention to what Christ speaks.
2. Don't depart from the living God.

Personal Reflection and Application

Who does God the Father say that Christ is ([Heb 1:8](#))?

Small Group Conversation Guide

Discuss what it means to rest in God ([Heb 4:3](#), [Heb 4:10-11](#))?

Discuss why it is important to be active in a local church ([Heb 10](#))?

Which of the heroes in faith from [Hebrews 11](#) are most meaningful to you and why?

What types of sacrifices please God ([Heb 13:15-16](#))?

Leadership Principles from Hebrews

Greater Than

Make a list of the ways that Christ is greater than any human leader. Use [Hebrews 1](#) as your source.

In [Hebrews 2:10-18](#), look for ways that Jesus behaves as a leader. In the space, note why He does those things:

called believers brethren	
became a man	
endured temptation	

Are You Teachable?

Jesus is the perfect leader and perfect High Priest. According to [Hebrews 5:5-8](#), He learned obedience by the things He suffered. All good leaders learn from experience, especially those experiences that involve suffering. Reflect on what you have learned from your own trials.

Simile and Metaphor

One thing that can make or break a leader is communication skills. An excellent place to learn about effective communication is in the Scriptures. You'll see frequent use of similes and metaphors to explain things in terms that are understandable to the listeners. Notice the comparison of Christ to Melchizedek in [Hebrews 7:1-22](#). Think about something you want to explain to others that is unfamiliar to them. Find something that is familiar to them that has similar characteristics. Then compare the two things as you explain it.

Follow the Strongest

People naturally follow the strongest leader. By that standard, we should follow Jesus. Read [Hebrews 3:1-6](#) which compares the leadership of Moses to Jesus. Next compare yourself to them as a leader.

Moses	Jesus	You
faithful to God	faithful to God	
honor, glory	more honor, more glory	
the house	the builder of the house	
servant	Son	
testimony to truth	the Truth	

Marathon

To finish well, you need perseverance. Consider these aspects of perseverance:

- ▶ Hold fast without wavering ([Heb 10:23](#))
- ▶ Don't cast away your confidence ([Heb 10:35](#))
- ▶ Endure ([Heb 10:36](#))

These suggest more of a marathon than a sprint. What changes to your schedule, health habits, relationships, and Bible reading would make you more fit for a marathon? What will help you endure to the end?

Faith and Sacrifice

Moses made choices that appeared ridiculous to the Egyptians. Read [Hebrews 11:23-29](#) noting the connection between faith and willing sacrifice. Moses became one of the greatest leaders in history because he was willing to sacrifice pleasure to follow God's purpose. Consider how your faith factors into your willingness to sacrifice some of the world's pleasures to follow the plan God has for your life. How does this affect your influence as a leader?

Worthy of Followers

People tend to follow leaders who have lives they admire. To be a leader worthy of followers you must welcome God's discipline ([Heb 12:5-11](#)) and discipline yourself ([Heb 12:12-13](#)). By leading yourself in this way, you produce a life worth following. What improvements will you make in welcoming God's discipline and in disciplining yourself?

Remember Leaders from Before

Read [Hebrews 13:7-8](#). Remember the leaders who have gone before you. Think about how they demonstrated faith and how God worked through them. What God did for those leaders, He can do for you. If God has called you to be a leader, the factor that will most determine your success is your faith in Him.

Mirror Effect

Followers tend to reflect the attitudes and behaviors of their leader. It's the mirror effect! Whether you realize it or not, those around you notice your attitude and behavior. Over time, they will model your leadership example, good or bad! ([Heb 13:7-8](#))

Would you be pleased to see those around you reflect your behaviors and attitudes?

Something to Find in Each Chapter

01. What Christ is better than	02. Why Jesus took on the form of human flesh
03. How unbelief is limiting and dangerous to you	04. What it means for a believer to enter Christ's rest
05. How God expects all believers to teach or mentor others	06. What God promised not to forget
07. How Jesus' priesthood is better than the Jewish one	08. How the new covenant is better than the old covenant
09. Why Christ's sacrifice is better than any other sacrifice	10. Why it is important to assemble with a local church
11. What is impossible to do without faith	12. Why we should not despise any discipline from God
13. Why we don't have to fear what people may do to us	