

Hebrews



Classroom Hours: 24 (minimum)

Description/Overview:

The rules as man knew them changed in the New Testament. Through study of the book of Hebrews students will learn the better things established under the New Covenant. The superiority of Jesus will be established as the new practices of sacrifice and worship are made plain.

Objectives:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- 1.) Identify the superiority of Jesus Christ above all else as the theme of the book of Hebrews.
- 2.) List the three ways in which the New Covenant is superior to the old one.
- 3.) State that Jesus is superior to the prophets, angels, Moses, and Aaron.
- 4.) Prove the futility of escaping a superior covenant for an inferior one.
- 5.) Establish the Melchizedekian Priesthood as better than the Aaronic one.
- 6.) Explain why the heavenly tabernacle is superior to the earthly.
- 7.) Compare Christ's sacrifice to the Old Covenant sacrifices, proving one as superior to the other.
- 8.) Restate that faith is our only approach to God.
- 9.) Emphasize how God disciplines His children.
- 10.) Provide examples of practical Christianity.

Topics / Concepts:

- Pertinent facts about the book of Hebrews pertaining to authorship, historical setting, purpose, style and structure, and original audience.
- The superiority of Jesus shown by His identity, message, and incarnation.
- The tragedy and consequence of unbelief, contrasted with the reward of belief.
- The priesthood – if the priesthood is changed then so is the law.
- The blood of the covenant, what it means, and the power it holds.
- Faith directly correlating with a grasp of Scripture.
- Biblical examples of people who portrayed great faith.

Recommended Primary Textbook(s):

Hebrews: Better Things (Volume 1) – Daniel L. Segraves

Recommended Alternatives:

Hebrews: Better Things (Volume 2) – Daniel L. Segraves

Hebrews – E.L. Holley

Overview of Lessons available in the Recommended Primary Textbook:

I. The Better Things of the New Covenant (1:1-10:39)

A. Jesus Is Better Than the Prophets (1:1-3)

B. Jesus Is Better Than the Angels (1:4-2:18)

1. His Superiority Is Shown by His Identity (1:4-14)

2. His Superiority Is Shown by His Message (2:1-4)

3. His Superiority Is Shown by the Incarnation (2:5-18)

C. Jesus Is Better Than Moses (3:1-6)

D. The Superiority of Jesus As the Ultimate Object of Faith (3:7-4:14)

1. The Tragedy of Unbelief (3:7-19)

2. The Consequence of Unbelief (4:1-6)

3. The Reward of Belief (4:7-10)

4. Holding Fast to Belief (4:11-14)

E. Jesus Is a Better High Priest Than Aaron (4:15-5:10)

F. It Is Fatal to Forsake a Superior Covenant for an Inferior One (5:11-6:20)

G. The Melchizedekian Priesthood Is Better Than the Aaronic (7:1-8:13)

1. Melchizedek (7:1-3)

2. The Superiority of the Melchizedekian Priesthood (7:4-7)

3. Levi Paid Tithes to Melchizedek (7:8-10)

4. If the Priesthood Is Changed, So Is the Law (7:11-12)

5. Jesus Is Not from the Priestly Tribe (7:13-17)

6. The Abrogation of the Law (7:18-19)

7. God's Oath and Jesus' Priesthood (7:20-28)

8. The Main Point: Jesus Is the High Priest of the True Tabernacle (8:1-5)

9. The New Covenant Established by Jesus Is Better Than the Old (8:6-13)

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H. The Heavenly Tabernacle Is Superior to the Earthly (9:1-28)

1. The Levitical Priesthood (9:1-10)

2. The Priesthood of Christ (9:11-14)

3. The Blood of the Covenant (9:15-28)

I. Christ's Sacrifice Is Superior to the Old Covenant Sacrifices (10:1-39)

1. The Law Was a Shadow (10:1-4)

2. The Messiah's Confession (10:5-9)

3. The Finality of the Cross (10:10-18)

4. Don't Draw Back from Christ (10:19-39)

II. Faith Is Our Only Approach to God (11:1-40)

A. Faith Described (11:1)

B. Faith Results in Justification (11:2)

C. Faith Grasps the Testimony of Scripture (11:3)

D. Examples of Faith (11:4-40)

1. Abel (11:4)

2. Enoch (11:5-6)

3. Noah (11:7)

4. Abraham and Sarah (11:8-19)

5. Isaac (11:20)

6. Jacob (11:21)
7. Joseph (11:22)
8. Moses' Parents (11:23)
9. Moses (11:24-29)
10. Joshua and Israel (11:30)
11. Rahab (11:31)
12. Various Heroes of Faith (11:32-40)

III. God Disciplines His Children (12:1-29)

- A. Follow the Example of Jesus (12:1-4)
- B. Those Who Are Chastened Are God's Sons (12:5-11)
- C. Proper Response to God's Chastening (12:12-17)
- D. A Contrast between the Old Covenant and the New (12:18-29)

IV. Practical Christianity (13:1-25)

- A. Love Others (13:1)
- B. Entertain Strangers (13:2)
- C. Empathize with Those in Prison (13:3)
- D. Avoid Moral Impurity (13:4)
- E. Avoid Greed (13:5-6)
- F. Follow Your Leaders (13:7-8)
- G. Avoid Judaism; Follow Jesus (13:9-14)
- H. Sacrifices of Praise and Doing Good (13:15-16)
- I. Obey Your Leaders (13:17)
- J. Pray (13:18-19)

V. Concluding Benedictions (13:20-25)

Languages Available:

Course Packet Resources:

Comments:

Date of Last Revision: