

Hebrews Part Two

Lesson #1, Introduction to the Book

You are about to begin the adventure of the *Hebrews Part 2 Bible Study*, which covers Chapters 8-13 of the book of Hebrews. A hearty welcome back to those who already participated in the Hebrews Part 1 Bible Study on Chapters 1-7. Greetings to those of you who are joining us for the first time this year! I am so glad you are here and ready to study the incomparable, unfailing Word of God!

My goal with this lesson is to help you gain a working knowledge of the book of Hebrews before you dive into the lessons for Hebrews Part 2. It's important you see the book of Hebrews as a complete document written with specific goals to a particular group. The best way to do this is by reading the book itself, rather than books written about it! *Don't worry* if you find yourself skimming, rather than reading the chapters in your search for the answers. This is perfectly fine, since by the time you have completed this lesson you will have read the book sufficiently to gain an overall picture of its contents and structure.

1. Look for answers to the questions below by looking for clues from the text in Hebrews. See if you can discover anything from the chapters that will help you answer those questions. If you find a clue be sure to list the verse reference of where you found it. Once you've searched the book of Hebrews for your answers, you can consult your study Bible or some commentaries.
 - a. Who wrote the book?
 - b. To whom was it written?
 - c. When was the book written?
 - d. Where was it written?

- e. What is the spiritual condition of the people to whom the author is writing?

 - f. What is the author's purpose in writing this book?
2. Since this year's Bible study begins in the middle of the book of Hebrews, it's crucial that we know the contents and structure of Chapters 1-7. By reviewing the first 7 chapters of the book, we'll grow in our understanding of the flow of the book, which will guide us into a proper interpretation of the book. From Chapter 1 answer these questions:
- a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. What is the main point the author is trying to communicate to his readers in this chapter?
3. From Chapter 2 answer these questions:
- a. What are the contents of this chapter?

 - b. What is the connection between 1:14 and 2:1?

- c. What is the main point the author is trying to get across to his readers in this chapter?

4. From Chapter 3 answer these questions:
 - a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. Explain the connection between 3:1 and 2:17-18.

 - c. What does the author want to make sure his readers understand in this chapter?

5. From Chapter 4 answer these questions:
 - a. What are the contents of this chapter?

 - b. Explain the connection between 4:1 and 3:19.

 - c. What is the main point the author is trying to communicate to his readers?

6. From Chapter 5 answer these questions:
 - a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. What does the author want to make sure his readers understand in this chapter?

7. From Chapter 6 answer these questions:
 - a. What are the contents of this chapter?

 - b. Explain the connection between 6:1 and 5:11-14.

 - c. What is the main point the author wants to communicate to his readers in this chapter?

8. From Chapter 7 answer these questions:
 - a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

- b. What does the author want to make sure his readers understand from this chapter?

There is indeed, no book in Holy Scripture which speaks so clearly of the priesthood of Christ, which so highly exalts the virtue and dignity of that only true sacrifice which He offered by His death, which so abundantly deals with the use of ceremonies as well as their abrogation, and, in a word, so fully explains that Christ is the end of the Law. ~John Calvin