



TITLE:

Summary of Hebrews

TEXT:

Hebrews 8:6

Before the destruction of the Temple in 70 A.D., Paul wrote the Epistle of Hebrews to the Jewish believers in Judea who were in danger of turning back because of persecution and suffering.

TWO-FOLD THEME: Jesus Christ and Apostasy

SUMMARY:

Chapter 1 (PROPHETS AND ANGELS) - v.1-2, 4

- God had formerly spoken to Israel by the prophets but Jesus Christ is better than these prophets.
- Jesus Christ is better than the angels.
- Paul quoted Old Testament Scripture to prove the superiority of Jesus Christ over the angels.

Chapter 2 (PAY ATTENTION AND CAPTAIN OF SALVATION) - v.1-3, 9-10

- We need to strictly pay attention to the words spoken by Jesus Christ and His apostles. We should not let these words drift away without paying attention.
- The reason why Jesus came into the world was to die on the cross for man's sins. He came to make atonement for man's sin and that atonement was made in His death.

Chapter 3 (MOSES AND UNBELIEF) - v.2-3, 12-13

- Jesus Christ was counted worthy of more glory than Moses.
- Paul entreats the believers not to harden their hearts against God, as the Israelites did.

Chapter 4 (REST AND HIGH PRIEST) - v.1, 11-12, 14-16

- Salvation is a rest. The Old Testament sabbath is a picture of New Testament salvation.
- Jesus Christ is our High Priest in heaven.

Chapter 5 (HIGH PRIEST AND DULL OF HEARING) - v.1-2, 11-14

- Jesus Christ is a better High Priest than the Levitical high priests.
- Paul wanted to say many things that were hard to explain. But the problem, these Jewish believers are dull (nōthros - sluggish, lazy, or stupid) of hearing.

Chapter 6 (APOSTASY AND PROMISE) - v.1-2, 4-6, 10, 19-20

- A person who apostatized is impossible to renew again unto repentance.
- God is not unrighteous to forget believers' work and labour of love.
- God made promises between Him and His people.
- Jesus Christ is the anchor of the soul. He is sure and steadfast (firm or stable). He enters into the veil (presence of God) as our High Priest.

Chapter 7 (MELCHISEDEC AND BETTER PRIESTHOOD) v.1, 25

- Christ has a better priesthood because He was made a priest after the order of Melchisedec.
- The perfection is not by the Levitical priesthood.
- The Lord Jesus Christ has a better priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Chapter 8 (HIGH PRIEST AND NEW COVENANT)- v.1, 6, 7, 10-11

- We have a High Priest who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens.
- The Old Covenant can't make men righteous instead it could only condemn them.
- God will establish the New Covenant with Israel when the Messiah comes and saves the nation Israel. The church-age believers are associated with the New Covenant because of Jesus Christ.

Chapter 9 (TABERNACLE AND NEW TESTAMENT) - v.1-2, 9, 11, 15

- The tabernacle system is insufficient. Christ's Tabernacle is greater and more perfect.
- Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Testament.

Chapter 10 (SACRIFICES AND APOSTASY) - v.1, 8-10, 26, 29, 31, 35-36, 38

- The Ceremonial Law is the shadow of good things to come or "the heavenly things". Not the very image of the things.
- Since it was impossible that the blood of animal sacrifices should take away sin, Christ came into the world to make arrangements for a better sacrifice.
- Knowing that the believers have the boldness to enter into the presence of God, Paul exhorted the believers.
- Paul exhorted them not to apostatize because of much sorer or severe punishment which is the judgment and fiery indignation.
- The just shall live by faith.

Chapter 11 (FAITH AND THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS) - v.1, 2, 39

- Faith is the substance, the sure confidence, the ground of the things a person is HOPING FOR IN GOD'S WORD.
- Faith is tested and proven evidence, argument, certainty, conviction, proof of THINGS NOT SEEN WHICH THE WORD OF GOD AFFIRMS AS FACT OR TRUTH.
- The Old Testament saints obtained a good report through faith.

Chapter 12 (PATIENCE AND MT. SION) - v.1-2, 5, 11, 18, 22

- While the suffering the believers are experiencing, Paul exhorts them to patiently endure these times.
- Paul says that the believers are not under the Old Covenant but the New Covenant.

Chapter 13 (CHRISTIAN LIVING AND SACRIFICE OF PRAISE) - v.1, 4, 5, 7, 17, 15

- Paul exhorted the believers about brotherly love, marriage, contentment, relationship to the church rulers, and false doctrines.
- Paul exhorted the believers to offer the sacrifice of praise.
- Paul requested a prayer from the believers.
- Paul prayed for the believers.

KEY WORDS:

FAITH and BELIEVE (36 times) -- Heb. 3:18; 4:2, 3; 6:1, 12; 10:22, 23, 38, 39; 11:1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 39; 12:2, 7

BLOOD (20 times) -- Heb. 2:14; 9:7, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 10:4, 19, 29; 11:28; 12:4, 24; 13:11, 12, 20

ETERNAL, EVERLASTING, FOREVER (16 times) -- Heb. 1:8; 5:6, 9; 6:2, 20; 7:17, 21; 9:12, 14, 15; 10:12, 14; 13:8, 20, 21

BETTER (13 times) -- Heb. 1:4; 6:9; 7:7, 19, 22; 8:6; 9:23; 10:34; 11:16, 35, 40; 12:24

ONCE (11 times) -- Heb. 6:4; 7:27; 9:7, 12, 26, 27, 28; 10:2, 10; 12:26, 27

HOPE, CONFIDENCE, ASSURANCE (11 times) -- Heb. 3:6, 14; 6:11, 18, 19; 7:19; 10:22; 36; 11:1

PERFECT (10 times) -- Heb. 2:10; 5:9, 14; 7:19; 9:9, 11; 10:1; 11:40; 12:23; 13:21

LEST (10 times) -- Heb. 2:1; 3:12, 13; 4:1, 11; 11:28; 12:3, 13, 15, 16. The word “lest” is usually used in Hebrews in the context of exhortation and warning.

LET or LET US (16 times) -- Heb. 4:1, 11, 14, 16; 6:1, 10:22, 23, 24, 12:1, 13, 28; 13:1, 5, 13, 15

OBSERVATIONS:

- Hebrews provides powerful Christology:
 - Heir of all things (1:2)
 - Firstbegotten (1:6)
 - God (1:8)
 - Captain of our salvation (2:10)
 - Merciful and faithful High Priest (2:17)
 - Apostle (3:1)
 - Son of God (4:14)
 - Author of eternal salvation (5:9)
 - Forerunner (6:20)
 - Surety of a better covenant (7:22)
 - Mediator (8:6)
 - Author and Finisher of our faith (12:2)
 - Mediator of the new covenant (12:24)
 - Great Shepherd of the sheep (13:20)
- There are at least 99 references to the Old Testament in Hebrews.

Hebrews	O.T. Reference	Hebrews	O.T. Reference	Hebrews	O.T. Reference
Heb 1:5	Psa 2:7	Heb 9:14	Num 14:36	Heb 11:29	Exd 14:22
Heb 1:5	2Sa 7:14	Heb 9:20	Exd 24:8	Heb 11:30	Jos 6:20
Heb 1:6	Psa 97:7	Heb 10:5-7	Psa 40:6-8	Heb 11:31	Jos 2:1
Heb 1:7	Psa 104:4	Heb 10:11	Exd 29:38	Heb 11:31	Jos 6:17, 23
Heb 1:8, 9	Psa 45:6, 7	Heb 10:12, 13	Psa 110:1	Heb 11:32	Jdg 6:4, 11, 15
Heb 1:10, 11, 12	Psa 102:25, 26, 27	Heb 10:16, 17	Jer 31:33, 34	Heb 11:32	1Sa 7:1-17
Heb 1:13	Psa 110:1	Heb 10:27	Isa 64:1	Heb 11:32	2Sa 2:1-32
Heb 2:6-8	Psa 8:4-6	Heb 10:28	Deu 17:6	Heb 11:33	2Sa 8:1-18
Heb 2:12	Psa 22:22	Heb 10:30	Deu 32:35, 36	Heb 11:33	Jdg 14:1-20
Heb 2:13	Isa 8:18	Heb 10:37, 38	Hab 2:3, 4	Heb 11:33	Dan 6:1-28
Heb 2:13	Psa 18:2	Heb 11:3	Gen 1:1	Heb 11:34	Dan 3:1-30
Heb 2:13	2Sa 22:2	Heb 11:4	Gen 4:4	Heb 11:35	2Ki 4:20
Heb 3:2	Num 12:7	Heb 11:5	Gen 5:24	Heb 11:35	1Ki 17:1-24
Heb 3:7-11	Psa 95:7-11	Heb 11:7	Gen 6:8, 14	Heb 11:35	1Ki 19:1
Heb 3:15	Psa 95:7-11	Heb 11:8	Gen 12:1, 2	Heb 12:5, 6	Pro 3:11, 12
Heb 3:17	Num 14:35, 36	Heb 11:9	Gen 12:5 &c	Heb 12:9	Num 27:16
Heb 4:3	Psa 95:11	Heb 11:9	Gen 27:11, 12, 14	Heb 12:12, 13	Isa 35:3
Heb 4:4	Gen 2:2, 3	Heb 11:11	Gen 18:1-33	Heb 12:12, 13	Pro 4:26
Heb 4:7	Psa 95:7, 8	Heb 11:12	Gen 22:17	Heb 12:15	Deu 29:18
Heb 5:4	1Ch 23:13	Heb 11:13	Gen 47:9	Heb 12:16	Gen 25:31
Heb 5:5	Psa 2:7	Heb 11:13	Psa 39:13	Heb 12:18	Exd 19:16
Heb 5:6	Psa 110:4	Heb 11:13	Gen 23:4	Heb 12:20	Exd 19:12, 13
Heb 6:14	Gen 22:16, 17	Heb 11:14	Hsa 14:2	Heb 12:21	Deu 9:19
Heb 7:1	Gen 14:18	Heb 11:17	Gen 22:1	Heb 12:26	Hag 2:6
Heb 7:17, 21	Psa 110:4	Heb 11:18	Gen 22:12	Heb 12:29	Deu 4:24
Heb 8:5	Exd 25:40	Heb 11:20	Gen 27:28	Heb 13:2	Gen 18:2
Heb 8:8-12	Jer 31:31-34	Heb 11:21	Gen 47:31	Heb 13:5	Deu 31:8
Heb 9:2	Exd 25:1-40	Heb 11:21	Gen 48:15	Heb 13:5	Jos 1:5
Heb 9:2	Exd 26:36	Heb 11:22	Gen 50:24	Heb 13:6	Psa 118:6
Heb 9:2	Exd 40:3	Heb 11:23	Exd 2:2	Heb 13:11	Lev 4:12, 21
Heb 9:2	Num 17:10	Heb 11:25	Exd 2:11	Heb 13:11	Lev 16:27
Heb 9:7	Exd 30:10	Heb 11:27	Exd 2:15	Heb 13:11	Num 19:3
Heb 9:13	Lev 16:14	Heb 11:28	Exd 12:11, 18	Heb 13:14	Mic 2:10

- It is not possible to understand the Old Testament properly apart from the book of Hebrews.
- Hebrews clearly and powerfully teaches the doctrine of eternal security.
- Hebrews teaches us that it is possible to come near to genuine salvation without experiencing it.