

# Digging for God Bible Study Notes

based on the New International Version (2011)

These interactive Bible Study Notes are designed to encourage youngsters of upper primary and lower secondary school ages to read and learn from the Scriptures. Our aim is to establish a pattern of reading and interacting with the Scriptures that will, God willing, stay with them into adult years.

Parents of younger children have also made use of these study booklets to read and discuss the Scriptures with their children.

These study booklets have also been found useful in Africa in encouraging people of all ages, whose first language is not English, to study the Scriptures for themselves.

You will, no doubt, have many questions about what you read in the Letter to the Hebrews that these notes do not answer. If you are unable to find someone to help you, please e-mail us at [studynotes@gracechurch.org.uk](mailto:studynotes@gracechurch.org.uk) and we will be happy to try to help answer your questions.

# The Letter to the Hebrews

We don't know who wrote the letter to the Hebrews. Some people think it was the Apostle Paul, some Barnabas and some Apollos.

We do know that the author is writing to Christian who are facing persecution. Life would be much easier for them to go back to the Jewish religion. The writer wants them to understand what a disaster that would be. They would be betraying Jesus and showing that they were never really his disciples in the first place.

The Old Covenant was God's gracious way of dealing with his people before Jesus came. Now Jesus has come, the old way is no longer any good. It has been replaced by something much better.

The Christian gospel is much better because Jesus Christ, God's Son, is utterly superior to the angels, to Moses and to Aaron:

***"Because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them."***

Hebrews 7v24, 25

These study notes belongs to:

## Day 1: HEBREWS 1v1-3 God Has Spoken

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

By whom had God spoken in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

In the past God only spoke just a few times. ✓ X

In the past God spoke in lots of different ways. ✓ X

Where can we read what God said in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

We are told that *in the last days* God has spoken to us in an even better way. Who is this better way? \_\_\_\_\_

Because he is the Son of God, he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the whole creation. (v2) In fact God \_\_\_\_\_ the whole \_\_\_\_\_ through him. He is the one who holds \_\_\_\_\_ together and keeps everything going.(v3)

universe  
heir  
everything  
created

What two things are we told about what the Son is in v3?

① The Son is the \_\_\_\_\_.

② The Son is the \_\_\_\_\_.

When we see what Jesus Christ is like, we see what God is like!

Read: **John 14v9**

What great thing did the Son do?(v3)

He made \_\_\_\_\_ for sins.

How did he do this? Read: **Philippians 2v8**

By his \_\_\_\_\_

What did he do after his death and resurrection?(v3)

He sat down at the \_\_\_\_\_

(*At the right hand* is the place of greatest honour.)

(Only someone equal to a king could *sit* in his presence.)

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Has God spoken to me through Jesus? Have I listened?**

## Day 2: HEBREWS 1v4-6 Greater Than Angels(1)

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

Angels are awesome beings. When angels spoke people listened!

The Son of God humbled himself to become a man but now he is sitting at God's right hand, above the angels.

What is the answer to the questions in v5?

**No angels   One angel   Many angels   All angels**

In v5 we have a quote from Psalm 2. Read: **Psalm 2v7-12**

Psalm 2 is all about the great K\_\_\_\_\_ who is God's S\_\_\_\_\_.

We also have a quote from 2 Samuel. Read: **2Samuel 7v12-14**

This is a promise to King David that he would have a great son - pointing towards the coming of Messiah\* to rule over God's people.

Together these tell us the awesome truth that the Lord Jesus Christ is both God (S\_\_\_\_\_ of God) and man (S\_\_\_\_\_ of David).

We are now told that Jesus is greater than the angels because at his birth the angels worshipped him. Read: **Luke 2v13,14**

What did the angels say?

\_\_\_\_\_ in the highest heaven and on earth to \_\_\_\_\_

How is Jesus described in v6?

He is God's \_\_\_\_\_.

The idea of *firstborn* is a son who is his father's 'spitting image' and who inherits all that his father owns.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**The angels worship Jesus. Do I?**

\* 'Messiah' (Hebrew) means the same as 'Christ' (Greek)

### Day 3: HEBREWS 1v7-14 Greater Than Angels(2)

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

God speaks about angels in a different way from the way he speaks about his Son. Angels are his \_\_\_\_\_(v7)

What are angels? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Why are angels sent to earth?(v14)

To serve those who \_\_\_\_\_

What does God call his Son?(v8) \_\_\_\_\_!!!

What does God say about the throne of his Son?(v8)

① It will last \_\_\_\_\_. ② Its rule is one of \_\_\_\_\_.

(v9) Through the whole of his life Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness and \_\_\_\_\_ wickedness. Now he reigns in \_\_\_\_\_ where his companions (his courtiers, the \_\_\_\_\_) look up to and worship him.

glory  
loved  
angels  
hated

[This is a quotation from **Psalm 45v6,7**]

Then we have a quotation from **Psalm 102v24-27**.

To whom are these words addressed?(v10) The \_\_\_\_\_

**LORD** stands for God's name **Yahweh**, it speaks of God's covenant faithfulness. In **v10** Jesus is called **LORD!!!**

The Lord Jesus Christ is not an a \_\_\_\_\_ but is G \_\_\_\_\_ himself!

But he is not God the Father, he is God the Son.

Both God the Father and God the Son are completely and fully God

In **v13** we have a quotation from **Psalm 110v1**

(The whole psalm is a wonderful picture of Jesus Christ God's Son.)

What does the Son do in **v13**? Sits at \_\_\_\_\_ until

God the Father makes his \_\_\_\_\_ a footstool for his \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**How wonderful to have this person as my Saviour!**

### Day 4: HEBREWS 2v1-4 Listen Up!

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

We are we told to do in the light of **Hebrews 1**.

We must \_\_\_\_\_.

to what we have \_\_\_\_\_.(That is good news about Jesus.)

The words in **v1** come from the world of ships. A ship's captain has to be careful not to let his ship drift off course or he will miss his intended harbour. '*Drifting away*' was also used to describe a ship slipping its moorings and drifting onto rocks. Something that could happen without the sailors even noticing, until it was too late.

The message from God spoken by angels was \_\_\_\_\_ and every violation received its \_\_\_\_\_

This is about God's law given at Sinai. **Read: Galatians 3v19**

How much more important it is not to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel message of \_\_\_\_\_(v3) that was first announced by

\_\_\_\_\_ and was confirmed by those who

\_\_\_\_\_.(The Apostles)

Will we escape if we ignore this great gospel? **YES NO**

Where can we especially read the teaching of the Lord?(v3)

In the

**The Gospels    The Letters of Paul, John, Jude, James & Peter**

Where can we especially read the teaching of the Apostles?

In the

**The Gospels    The Letters of Paul, John, Jude James & Peter**

How did God testify to the message of Jesus and his Apostles?(v4)

① \_\_\_\_\_, ② \_\_\_\_\_, ③ \_\_\_\_\_

④ Gifts off the \_\_\_\_\_ given as he willed.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Do I pay careful attention to God's word?**

**Day 5: HEBREWS 2v5-9 Jesus - Made A Little Lower Than the Angels**

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The writer now considers the question of rule and authority.

*The world to come (v5)* is God's kingdom, begun here on earth, but coming to its fullness in the coming age.

Do angels rule over God's kingdom? **YES NO**

In **v6-8** we have a quotation from Psalm 8 written by King David.

Read: **Psalm 8v1-5**

When he sees the greatness of God's creation David asks why God should bother about human beings. Yet he has given mankind dominion (= kingly rule) over the whole earth!

Read: **Genesis 1v26**

Do we see mankind exercising this dominion over everything today?

**YES NO**

Who **do** we see exercising this dominion?(v9) \_\_\_\_\_

Read: **Matthew 8v16, v26-27**

Is there anything that is not subject to Jesus? **YES NO**

What can we see? Jesus crowned with \_\_\_\_\_

not just as the Son of God but as the Son of Man.

Why? What did he do?(v9) \_\_\_\_\_

He *tasted death* (the awful bitterness of dying on the cross) so that people like us might be saved from spiritual death by God's grace.

Jesus became a little lower than the angels so that as his brothers and sisters we might regain the dominion over God's world that we lost through sin and rebellion against God.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**How is this working out in my life?**

**Day 6: HEBREWS 2v10-13 Jesus - the Author of Salvation**

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

Who are the people that God saves?(v10)

Many \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

How did everything that exists come about?(v10)

\_\_\_\_\_

Everything that exists, exists for \_\_\_\_\_.

How was Jesus, the author of salvation made perfect?(v10)

\_\_\_\_\_

(The Son of God was **always** perfect in himself but he only became the **perfect Saviour** of his people by dying on the cross.)

**v11** Who is the one who makes holy? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the ones made holy? Those for whom Christ \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is father of them both? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus is happy to call Christians his brothers and sisters. **YES NO**

Jesus makes Christians holy by sharing his life with them. **YES NO**

In **v12** we have a quotation from **Psalm 22**. (Looking forward to the coming of the promised Messiah.) **Read: Psalm 22v18-22**

Jesus shows the glory of God (his name) to those who trust in him.

In **v13** we have a quotation from **Isaiah 8**. **Read: Isaiah 8v13-18**

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his Heavenly Father just as his followers must \_\_\_\_\_ him. They are the \_\_\_\_\_ that God the Father has \_\_\_\_\_ to him to \_\_\_\_\_.

given  
trust  
save  
trusted  
children

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Is God my Father?**

**Is Jesus the author of my salvation?**

## Day 7: HEBREWS 2v14-18 Jesus Shared Our Human Nature to Save Us

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

We now learn why the Son of God had to become a real man.

How are people described in **v14**?

Children with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (ie. human beings)

The Son became man so that he could

find out what it was like to be a creature. **YES NO**

die on the cross for his people. **YES NO**

Whose power did he destroy by his death on the cross?

The \_\_\_\_\_ power. (He brings death by luring people into sin)

Who did Jesus set free by his death on the cross?(**v15**)

Those who were in slavery by their \_\_\_\_\_.

(People show their fear of death by chasing after health, wealth, power and youthfulness. They want to shut death out of their lives.)

Who did Jesus come to help?(**v16**) \_\_\_\_\_

(Abraham was characterised by his faith in God.)

Why did Jesus have to become like his brothers (his people) in every

way?(**17**) To become their h\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_.

What sort of high priest is he? M\_\_\_\_\_ and f\_\_\_\_\_.

What did Jesus do when he died on the cross?

He made \_\_\_\_\_

(He *made atonement* by bearing God's just anger against sin.)

Because Jesus was a real man he experienced real

\_\_\_\_\_. He knows what it is like to be

\_\_\_\_\_ so he can sympathise with us and \_\_\_\_\_ us

when we are tempted.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**What a wonderful Saviour Jesus really is!**

## Day 8: HEBREWS 3v1-6 Jesus - Greater Than Moses

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

What should Christians do in the light of **Hebrews 1** and **2**?

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How are Christians described in **v1**?

❶ \_\_\_\_\_ brothers and sisters.

❷ Sharers in the \_\_\_\_\_ .

How is Jesus described in **v1**?

❶ Our \_\_\_\_\_ (sent one)

❷ Our \_\_\_\_\_ that Christians confess as Lord.

What was the **same** about Moses and Jesus?(**v2**)

They were both \_\_\_\_\_ in God's house.

Moses is part of God's house (God's people), just as all Christians are today.(**v6**)

In what way is Jesus worthy of **greater honour** than Moses?(**v3**)

He \_\_\_\_\_ God's house, Moses is part of the house.

Houses **just exist** **appear by magic** **are built by someone**

Where does everything come from? \_\_\_\_\_

Moses was a faithful \_\_\_\_\_ in God's house.(**v5**)

Moses looked forward to the future. **Read: Deuteronomy18v18**

Jesus Christ is the faithful \_\_\_\_\_ over God's house.

What is the evidence that someone is part of God's house?(**v6**)

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**Something to think about . . . .**

**Do you see how much greater Jesus is than Moses?**

## Day 9: HEBREWS 3v7-19 Don't be Unbelieving

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

We now have a quotation from Psalm 95. **Read: Psalm 95v6-11**

Who spoke these words? God the \_\_\_\_\_

(We are reminded that **all** Scripture is 'God breathed'.)

What time is the psalmist talking about?

\_\_\_\_\_.

What wicked things did the Israelites do?(v8,9)

- ① They hardened their \_\_\_\_\_ against God.
- ② They \_\_\_\_\_ against God. ③ They \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God.

How did God respond?(v10) He was \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

The whole generation died out in just 40 years.

What two things did God say were wrong with those people?

- ❶ Their hearts \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❷ They did not know \_\_\_\_\_.

(*know* in the sense of understand them and walk in them)

So God swore that they would not enter the promised rest.

What does a sinful, unbelieving heart do?(v12)

It \_\_\_\_\_.

What should Christians do **today** to stop this happening?(v13)

Encourage \_\_\_\_\_.

What is the evidence that a person is 'in Christ'?(v14)

Holding firmly onto our \_\_\_\_\_.

The Israelites were saved by God from slavery in Egypt.

God gave them godly Moses to lead them. God spoke his word to them.

Yet they failed to enter God's rest. Why?

- ① They did not \_\_\_\_\_ God.(v18)
- ② They did not \_\_\_\_\_ what God promised.(v19)

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Do I trust and obey God?**

## Day 10: HEBREWS 4v1-11 The Promised Rest

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The promised rest was not totally fulfilled when the Israelites entered the Promised Land.(v8) It still stands today.(v1)

So what should we **not** do? \_\_\_\_\_

Both those Israelites and we have had the good news preached to us.(The promise of forgiveness of sin and a home with God.)

Why didn't it do **them** any good?(v2) They lacked \_\_\_\_\_.

Those who have faith are in the process of entering the rest.

When did God enter into **his** rest?(v4) **Read: Genesis2v2**

On the \_\_\_\_\_

God's plan is for a vast number of people to share his rest when their earthly work is done.(v10) **Read: Revelation 7v9-10**

The Israelites who died in the desert are not included among them. Why not?(v6) They were \_\_\_\_\_.

The Holy Spirit spoke through David when he wrote **Psalm 95**.

"**Today**, if you \_\_\_\_\_ his voice, do not harden \_\_\_\_\_." That was a long time after God rescued those disobedient and ungrateful people from slavery in Egypt.

That shows that there still is a *Sabbath-rest* for God's people today.

So what should we do?(v11)

Make every effort to \_\_\_\_\_

Whose example must we **not** follow?

Those who were \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I being faithful to God's word?**

**Am I looking forward to being with God forever?**

## Day 11: HEBREWS 4v11-13

## The Word of God

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

In v7 we were told to listen to God and not harden our hearts against him. Now in v12,13 we are reminded why this is so wise.

God's word, the Bible, is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (v12)

It is *alive and active* because God is. Read: Hebrews 3v12

God speaks to us through the Bible to change the way we think and act.

What is God's word sharper than?

\_\_\_\_\_ (Not something to play around with if you don't want to get hurt!)

God's word is able to penetrate your inmost being. **YES NO**

We often have difficulty understanding our inner

\_\_\_\_\_ but God's word can. It distinguishes between what is purely emotional and what is truly \_\_\_\_\_.

spiritual inner feelings outward
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God's word can distinguish between our \_\_\_\_\_ actions (our joints) and our \_\_\_\_\_ motivations (the marrow in our bones).

God's word not only sees our inmost being but also judges our thoughts and attitudes. **TRUE FALSE**

### Something to think about . . . .

**Does God's word ever make me feel guilty?**

What do I do about it? \_\_\_\_\_

There are some things that are hidden from God's sight. **YES NO**

Why does this matter?(v13) We must g\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

### Something to think about . . . .

**The greatest thing about the word of God (the Bible) is that it reveals the Word of God (Jesus Christ) to us.**

## Day 12: HEBREWS 4v14-16 The Great High Priest

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

The *therefore* in v14 tells us that this is still about **listening** to God's word and **remembering** that God knows everything about us.

What do Christians have?(v14) A great \_\_\_\_\_

He is both human (J\_\_\_\_\_ ) and divine (the S\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_).

What has he done? Ascended \_\_\_\_\_

(He has completed his saving work and gone into God's presence.)

So what should Christians do?(v14)

Hold firmly to \_\_\_\_\_

(*The faith* means the Christian truths we have learnt.)

Jesus cannot sympathise with our weaknesses. **YES NO**

Jesus was tempted to sin in every sort of way. **YES NO**

Jesus was tempted to sin just like we are. **YES NO**

Unlike us, Jesus never fell into sin. **YES NO**

So what should Christians do?(v16)

Approach the \_\_\_\_\_

What for?

① To receive \_\_\_\_\_ . (Have our sins forgiven.)

② To find \_\_\_\_\_ .

(So that we won't keep on sinning.)

God's \_\_\_\_\_ is the place from which he rules as King of kings.

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for Christians, where God does not condemn us but shows his undeserved love to us.

### Something to think about . . . .

**Is God's throne a throne of grace to me?**

## Day 13: HEBREWS 5v1-4 Human High Priests

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

Jesus Christ is the great high priest of Christians.

The question is,

"How does Jesus compare with the old covenant high priests?"

What were they like?

❶ They had to be selected from among the \_\_\_\_\_.

Their job was to \_\_\_\_\_ human beings

before God by offering \_\_\_\_\_ for their sins.

God \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness for those who trusted in this way to be forgiven.

sacrifices  
beings  
promised  
represent  
human  
people

❷ They had to \_\_\_\_\_ with sinners.

They could do this because they were just the same - \_\_\_\_\_ and going \_\_\_\_\_ from God's law.

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deal  
ignorant  
gently  
human

❸ They had to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God, in the same way that \_\_\_\_\_ was called.

No one could become \_\_\_\_\_ just because they wanted to be.

high  
Aaron  
called  
priest

When Hebrews was written there was still a high priest offering sacrifices in Jerusalem but he was no longer needed because the *great high priest* Jesus, the Son of God, had now come. The old covenant high priest was a picture of Jesus, the true high priest.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Is Jesus, the Son of God, my high priest?**

## Day 14: HEBREWS 5v5-10 Jesus the High Priest

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

Jesus Christ is the great high priest of Christians. The question is,

"How does Jesus compare with the old covenant high priests?"

What is Jesus like?

❶ Jesus did not become the great \_\_\_\_\_ just because he wanted to.

high  
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priest

He was \_\_\_\_\_ by God the Father.

Read: **Psalm 2v7**

Read: **Psalm 110v4**

Because he is the Son of God he is the '*for ever*' high priest.

He is a priest along the line of Melchizedek, who was a priest long before Aaron came along.

Read: **Genesis 14v18-20**

❷ Jesus is a sympathetic high priest because

he was a sinner just like we are. ✓ X

he prayed to God for help and found it just like we may. ✓ X

he submitted to God in suffering just like we can. ✓ X

What time in Jesus's life is **v7** especially about?

Read: **Matthew 26v36-39**

❸ Jesus is the perfect high priest because (**v9**) he is the source of eternal salvation for \_\_\_\_\_

What is the first step in obeying Jesus? **Read: Acts 16v31**

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Do I have eternal salvation?**

## Day 15: HEBREWS 5v11-6v3      Baby Christians!

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The writer of Hebrews had lots of things to explain to his readers.

Why was this difficult?(v11) They no longer \_\_\_\_\_.

They had been Christians long enough to be \_\_\_\_\_

of the truth but they still needed someone to teach them the

\_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_. They were like \_\_\_\_\_ living

on \_\_\_\_\_!

They had not \_\_\_\_\_ God's word and put it into

\_\_\_\_\_.

Christians grow by learning the truths of the Bible and living them out in their lives. If the truth is not changing the way we live, we are not growing as Christians (Maybe we are not Christians at all.).

What are the very first things we need to know about when we become Christians?(6v1) ① Repentance from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ② Faith in \_\_\_\_\_

Because the first readers were converts from Judaism, the writer mentions (6v2) *cleansing rites* and *laying on of hands*. When they first became Christians they needed to be taught how these were different for a Christian than for an old covenant believer.

The other two things we need to learn about when we become Christians are ① The R \_\_\_\_\_

and ② E \_\_\_\_\_

These are not optional extras for a Christians but basic truths.

### ***Something to think about . . . .***

**Have I grasped these basic Christians truths?**

**Am I pressing on to learn more Christian truth?**

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## Day 16: HEBREWS 6v4-8      Not Real Christians

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

If we are not growing as Christians it may be that we are not Christians at all! It is possible to share in the benefits of being a Christian without ever having come to real faith in Christ Jesus.

Some one can (v4-6)

① be \_\_\_\_\_ by God's word,

② have \_\_\_\_\_ God's gift (Jesus),

③ have \_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Spirit,

④ have \_\_\_\_\_ the goodness of God's word,

⑤ have tasted the \_\_\_\_\_ of the new age,

yet can still \_\_\_\_\_ from Christianity.

This can be especially true of children who have been brought up in a Christian home. Who have enjoyed all the benefits of Bible knowledge and being present when Christians worship God. Yet who have never come to faith in Jesus Christ for themselves.

When someone has fallen away they won't \_\_\_\_\_ because by their lives they are \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of God all over again. When the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's blessing falls, (v7,8)

if we are fruitful land then we will be \_\_\_\_\_ by God,

if we are unfruitful land then we are in danger of being \_\_\_\_\_.

### **What a solemn warning.**

### ***Something to think about . . . .***

**If this describes what is happening to me, then I must repent and believe in Jesus NOW before it is too late and I find that repentance is IMPOSSIBLE.**

## Day 17: HEBREWS 6v9-12 Not You Dear Friends

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

The writer of Hebrews has given his readers a solemn warning.

Does he think that they are heading down that path? **YES NO**

How does he address them?(v9) \_\_\_\_\_

He is confident that they really are being saved because they are basically good people. **YES NO**

he, himself, is a good judge of character. **YES NO**

God is just and remembers our acts of faith. **YES NO**

What does God remember?(v10)

① (towards him) \_\_\_\_\_

② (towards Christians) \_\_\_\_\_

What does the writer want them to do?(v11)

To show diligence to \_\_\_\_\_

What will this do for **them**?

Their hope will be \_\_\_\_\_

What particular danger does he want them to avoid?(v12)

**Becoming proud**

**Becoming lazy**

**Becoming bossy**

What he **does** want is that they copy the lives of those people who by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ inherit what God has \_\_\_\_\_ to his \_\_\_\_\_ people.

faithful  
promised  
faith  
patience

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Do I follow the good example of people who love God and keep on helping other Christians?**

## Day 18: HEBREWS 6v13-20 God's Promises Stand

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

Whose *faith and patience* are we told to imitate?(v12,15)

**Absalom's Abraham's Abiezer's Ahab's**

God promised that Abraham would have many descendants.

Read: **Genesis 22v15-18**

By whom did God swear? \_\_\_\_\_

Why?(v13,16) Because there is no greater  
\_\_\_\_\_

What did Abraham do?(v15) \_\_\_\_\_

What did God do?(v15) He gave Abraham what he \_\_\_\_\_

How are Christians described in v18? Those who have fled to take hold of the \_\_\_\_\_ offered in the gospel.

How should Christians be *greatly encouraged* by God's dealings with Abraham? It is impossible for \_\_\_\_\_

so all his promises will come true for us.

Jesus is the heavenly high priest for his people.

How long will he be high priest?(v20) \_\_\_\_\_

This is a most wonderful thing - to have someone in heaven who is both willing and able to represent you (speak up on your behalf) to God the Father.

What is this hope compared to?(v19) an \_\_\_\_\_

What is it like? ① \_\_\_\_\_ and ② \_\_\_\_\_

*It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain* reminds us that, by his death on the cross, Jesus has opened the way for sinners to be forgiven and have free access through him to God's presence.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Is Jesus my high priest who speaks up for me to God?**

## Day 19: HEBREWS 7v1-3 The Original Melchizedek

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The writer of Hebrews wants his readers to realise what a great high priest Jesus is. To do this, he uses Melchizedek as a picture.

Read: **Genesis 14v14-20**

God enabled Abraham(his original name was Abram) to defeat a great army and rescue Lot and the people of Sodom, together with a large amount of booty. The king of Sodom came to welcome him back but Melchizedek met him first.

What did Melchizedek give him? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

What did Melchizedek do for him?(v1) \_\_\_\_\_

What did Abraham do for Melchizedek?(v2)

He gave him \_\_\_\_\_ of all the booty.

What does the name *Melchizedek* mean?

**King of Peace    King of Righteousness    King of Love**

What does *king of Salem* mean?

**King of Peace    King of Righteousness    King of Love**

The Bible tells us about Melchizedek's family background.    ✓    ✗

The Bible tells us about Melchizedek's birth.    ✓    ✗

The Bible tells us about Melchizedek's death.    ✓    ✗

It is as if Melchizedek is always a priest without beginning or end!

But that is **actually true** of Jesus, the eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

So **Jesus really is** a \_\_\_\_\_ for ever!(v3)

### *Something to think about . . . .*

**Jesus is all the things Melchizedek was, but better!**

**Is Jesus my king of righteousness and peace?**

## Day 20: HEBREWS 7v4-10 Greater Than Levi

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

Now the writer wants us to think how great Melchizedek was and how much greater Jesus is.

Abraham was a great man. What made Melchizedek greater?(v4)

Abraham gave \_\_\_\_\_

Levi was Abraham's great grandson. Under the law, it was from his descendants (Levites) that the priests were chosen. They lived on gifts given them by other Israelites (descendants of Abraham).

How much were they to receive?    **A half    A quarter    A tenth**

Was Melchizedek a descendant of Levi?    **YES    NO**

Yet he collected a gift of a tenth from Abraham.

What else did he do?(v6) He \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ person blesses the \_\_\_\_\_ person.(v7)

So Melchizedek was clearly greater than Abraham!

In fact you could say that Levi and his descendants gave a tenth to Melchizedek **through** Abraham as they were his descendants.

So Melchizedek was greater than the priests descended from Levi.

Since Jesus is a priest in the line of Melchizedek he is also greater than the Levitical priests! (v9,10)

What can be said about all the Levitical priests?(v8)

They all \_\_\_\_\_.

What can be said about the great high priest Jesus?

Read: **Hebrews 13v8**

He is \_\_\_\_\_ (aievl) and is always the \_\_\_\_\_!(mseal)

### *Something to think about . . . .*

**Jesus is the greatest high priest of all.**

## Day 21: HEBREWS 7v11-17

## A Brand New High Priest

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

The old covenant priesthood of Levi's descendants began when God appointed Aaron, the brother of Moses, to be high priest.

\_\_\_\_\_ could not be reached through that priesthood because the sacrifice of an \_\_\_\_\_ couldn't change a person's \_\_\_\_\_. That is why a priest in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Melchizedek needed to come.(v11)

animal  
Perfection  
order  
heart

What else needed to change with the priesthood?(v12)

The \_\_\_\_\_ about offerings and sacrifices..

Jesus died and rose from the dead as the great high priest. When that happened the old system of the temple, animal sacrifices and the altar became obsolete. (Useless because now out of date).

Under the old law every priest was from the tribe of Levi. ✓ X

Jesus was born into the tribe of Judah. ✓ X

Jesus became high priest on the basis of his ancestry. ✓ X

Jesus became high priest on the basis of an indestructible life. ✓ X

Jesus conquered death at Calvary and rose again to life so that, through him, perfection **can** be reached.

The triumph of Jesus over sin and death opened the way for all who trust in him to have a new **heart**.

We can be sure of this because God declared to his Son:

**"You are a \_\_\_\_\_ for ever, in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Melchizedek."**

We no longer need human priests to help us to draw near to God.

Jesus is the one and only high priest who has done all we need to bring us near to God.

### Something to think about . . . .

Is Jesus my perfect high priest?

## Day 22: HEBREWS 7v18-25

## The Better High Priest

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

The old covenant priests with all their rules and regulations have been set aside because there is someone far better - **Jesus**.

What do Christians have in Jesus?(v19)

A \_\_\_\_\_.

What can they do in Jesus?

Draw near \_\_\_\_\_.

When Jesus became the perfect high priest God declared:

'You are \_\_\_\_\_.'(v21)

Will God ever change his mind about this? **YES NO**

So Jesus has become the *guarantor* of a better *covenant*.(v22)

What is a *guarantor*? \_\_\_\_\_

A *covenant* is a gracious promise God makes to bless those who obey him, but to curse those who refuse to obey him.

Jesus guarantees a *better* covenant because he turns the

**hearts** of all who trust in him to God.

(He changes the whole motivation of their lives - to please God.)

Read: **Jeremiah 31v33**

Because Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ forever he has a \_\_\_\_\_

priesthood. He is able to save \_\_\_\_\_ those

who come to God \_\_\_\_\_ him because he

always \_\_\_\_\_ to plead for them. (v24,25)

completely  
lives  
through  
permanent  
lives(x2)

### Something to think about . . . .

Do I have God's law written on my heart?

## Day 23: HEBREWS 7v23-28

### The Perfect High Priest

#### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

Why is Jesus able to save *completely* those who come to God through him?(v25)

Because he always lives to \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a Christian your salvation is complete because Jesus rose from the dead and reigns in heaven.

Why is Jesus the perfect high priest for people like us? (v26)

- \* He is \_\_\_\_\_. (Perfectly good in his whole being.)
- \* He is \_\_\_\_\_. (Perfectly doing the right thing all the time.)
- \* He is \_\_\_\_\_. (Unstained by sin.)
- \* He is set apart from \_\_\_\_\_.

(We sin by nature, he triumphed over sin in his life and death.)

- \* He is exalted \_\_\_\_\_.

(He has authority and power over everything.)

No other high priest could come close to his perfection!

The old covenant priests had to offer sacrifices every day. ✓ X

The old covenant priests were not sinners. ✓ X

Jesus had to sacrifice for sin many times. ✓ X

Jesus offered **himself** as the perfect sacrifice for sin. ✓ X

The \_\_\_\_\_ appointed sinfully \_\_\_\_\_ high priests. God's

\_\_\_\_\_ appointed his own \_\_\_\_\_ who is the

\_\_\_\_\_ high priest \_\_\_\_\_.

#### *Something to think about . . . .*

**Are you trusting yourself to the perfect high priest?**

weak  
Son  
for ever  
perfect  
law  
oath

## Day 24: HEBREWS 8v1-7

### The Heavenly High Priest

#### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

Jesus is the perfect high priest for all who trust in him.

What did he do?(v1) He \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven.

† Only someone equal to a king can *sit down* in his presence.

† The *right hand* is the position of great authority.

† *The Majesty* is God the Father - *heaven* is his throne room.

The *tabernacle* was the special tent where God met with the Israelites during their journey from Egypt and when they settled in the Promised Land.

Who was told what the *tabernacle* should be like?(v5) \_\_\_\_\_

That *tabernacle* was only a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.(v5)

The real one is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus serves as high priest in that real one.(v2)

The earthly *tabernacle* had to be set up by m\_\_\_\_\_.(v2)

The earthly priests were m\_\_\_\_\_ who offered gifts and sacrifices that the l\_\_\_\_\_ required.(v4) If Jesus had been only that sort of priest, he would not be needed, the work was already being done!

The old covenant of animal sacrifices was made by God but was always temporary. Read: Deuteronomy 30v6

Why is the new covenant better than the old? (v6)

It is founded on \_\_\_\_\_.

We will read them tomorrow.

#### *Something to think about . . . .*

**If I am a Christian, I have a high priest who is seated at the right hand of the throne of God the Father in heaven.**

## Day 25: HEBREWS 8v8-13 The New Covenant

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The problem with the old covenant was that it didn't change anyone's heart. (That was not promised.) God always had in mind a better covenant. This was promised in **Jeremiah 31v31-34** which is quoted in **Hebrews 8v8-12**.

What lovely thing did God do for the Israelite forefathers?(v9)

He took them by the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ out of Egypt.

Where did the fault lie with the old covenant?(v8,9)

The Israelites couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ .

So what did God promise to do under his new covenant?(v10)

✧ God said he would put his \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_.

✧ God said he would write his \_\_\_\_\_ on their \_\_\_\_\_.

✧ God would be \_\_\_\_\_ God and they would be his \_\_\_\_\_.

✧ God would make himself \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ his people.

✧ God would \_\_\_\_\_ their wickedness and would not \_\_\_\_\_ their sins anymore.

This is exactly what Jesus came to do!

When Jesus died on the \_\_\_\_\_ he took the punishment \_\_\_\_\_ deserve. When he rose from the dead he opened the way to \_\_\_\_\_ that sinners need.

When we \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, God

forgives our sins and gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to obey him.

This new covenant made the old one *obsolete* (out of date) because it is no longer needed.

### ***Something to think about . . . .***

**Am I enjoying the blessings of the new covenant?**

## Day 26: HEBREWS 9v1-5 The Old Covenant

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The old covenant was centred on the *tabernacle* (The tent where God met with his people). The arrangements had to be just right. (Because they were copies of the real things - **Hebrews 8v5**)

The tabernacle was made up of two rooms.

The outside room was called the \_\_\_\_\_.(v2)

What two things were in that room?

❶ The \_\_\_\_\_. ❷ The \_\_\_\_\_ for the special bread.

The inside room was called the \_\_\_\_\_.

What two things were in that room?

❶ The golden \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

❷ The gold-covered \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

What was in the ark?

❶ The golden \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

(To remind the people of God's provision for them in the desert.)

❷ Aaron's \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_.

(To remind the people of God's miraculous power in saving them.)

❸ The \_\_\_\_\_ tablets of the \_\_\_\_\_.

(To remind the people of God's covenant law they must keep.)

How many of these things were made of gold? **1 2 3 4**

This all shows how special God's presence is.

Only the High Priest was ever allowed in the Most Holy Place to show that sinners are cut off from God's presence.

The gold shows how costly reconciliation with God is.

### ***Something to think about . . . .***

**Imagine what it would be like to live in old covenant times.**

trust
cross
new life
new hearts
sinners

## Day 27: HEBREWS 9v6-10 What the Old Covenant Was All About

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

Where did the priests do their regular service of God?(v6)

Who was allowed into the inner room?(v7) \_\_\_\_\_

How often was he allowed to enter? \_\_\_\_\_

What did he have to take with him? \_\_\_\_\_

The high priest did not need a sacrifice for his own sins. ✓ X

You didn't need a sacrifice if you didn't realise you had sinned. ✓ X

Everybody needed a sacrifice for their sins. ✓ X

What was the Holy Spirit showing by these arrangements?(v8)

While the *tabernacle* (and temple) existed, there was no \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ for ordinary people.

Is this a lesson for us today? **YES NO**

What lesson should we learn about those sacrifices?(v9)

They were not able to \_\_\_\_\_

The old covenant rules about \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and

\_\_\_\_\_ washing were only about the \_\_\_\_\_ of a person. Once the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant

came along they weren't \_\_\_\_\_ any more.

No amount of religious \_\_\_\_\_ can cleanse the conscience of a person. They point to the need

for something \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I relying on religious actions to save me?**

## Day 28: HEBREWS 9v11-14 The Blood That Really Cleanse the Conscience

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

As far as **we** are concerned the old covenant

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

are \_\_\_\_\_. They were not able to cleanse the \_\_\_\_\_ of the worshippers. They were about

outward holiness. (Eating and \_\_\_\_\_ the right things and \_\_\_\_\_ in the right way.)

When did they stop being needed?(v10)

When the \_\_\_\_\_.

Are we still waiting for the *good things* to come?(v11) **YES NO**

Who brought the *good things*? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he have to sacrifice animals to do this? **YES NO**

Who did he sacrifice?(v12) \_\_\_\_\_

How often did he have to make this sacrifice?

**Once A few times Many times**

What did he obtain? \_\_\_\_\_ (v12)

Those who trust in him are saved for time and eternity.

What did the old covenant sacrifices do for people?(v13)

They were made \_\_\_\_\_ clean.

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ was *unblemished*. (absolutely perfect)

What does his sacrifice do?(v14) It cleanses our\* consciences from

\_\_\_\_\_ So that we\* may \_\_\_\_\_

**Something to think about . . . .**

**All three persons of the Trinity were involved in cleansing the my conscience if I am a Christian.(v14)**

\* The writer is addressing Christians

washing sacrifices pictures drinking consciences ceremonies
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outside drink better new food actions needed ceremonial
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**Day 29: HEBREWS 9v15-22 It's Like a Will**

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

Because the old covenant couldn't cleanse the conscience, Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant.(v15) What is a mediator?

Someone who \_\_\_\_\_

What is promised to those who are called by God?

That they will receive the \_\_\_\_\_

What is a ransom?

The price paid to \_\_\_\_\_

What did the ransom of Jesus do?(v15)

Set people free from \_\_\_\_\_.

A will says who should have a person's stuff when they die.

Can someone's will come into force while they are still alive?(v17)

**YES NO**

What does the person have to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Under the old covenant \_\_\_\_\_ read out the \_\_\_\_\_ to the people. He then sprinkled both the people and the \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ to show ceremonial cleansing. In fact almost \_\_\_\_\_ had to be \_\_\_\_\_ with blood.

everything  
blood  
commandments  
scroll  
obey  
cleansed  
Moses

Moses told the people that they had to \_\_\_\_\_

everything God had commanded.

Because death is the punishment for sin, only a death (the shedding of blood) can provide the forgiveness of sin.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Have my sins been forgiven through the death of Jesus?**

**Day 30: HEBREWS 9v23-28 One Sacrifice for Sin**

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

Under the old covenant, earthly things had to be purified by earthly sacrifices. Under the new covenant heavenly things had to be purified by a better sacrifice.

What sanctuary did Jesus enter as high priest?(v24)\_\_\_\_\_

What is he doing now?(v24)

Appearing for us\* in \_\_\_\_\_

In what ways was this different from when the old covenant high priest entered the earthly sanctuary?(v25)

❶ He only entered \_\_\_\_\_. ❷ He entered with his own \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus did not have to suffer many times since the world was made.

He suffered \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the old covenant era.

What did Jesus come to do?(v26) To do away with \_\_\_\_\_, once and for all, by \_\_\_\_\_ himself on the cross.

How often is a man destined to die? **Once Twice Many times**

What happens when a man dies?(v27)

**He ceases to exist He comes back again He faces judgement**

In the same way, Jesus came to die \_\_\_\_\_ to take away the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ people.

He is going to come a \_\_\_\_\_ time but not to \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

He will come to bring \_\_\_\_\_.

(Final and complete rescue from sin and all its effects)

second  
salvation  
many  
sins  
bear  
once

Who will receive this salvation?(v28)

Those who are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Do I have this glorious hope?**

\*Christians

## Day 31: HEBREWS 10v1-10 A Willing Sacrifice

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

The old covenant law about sacrifice was only a \_\_\_\_\_.(v1)

(The only thing wrong with a shadow is that it's not the real thing!)

What could the *endless sacrifices* **not** do?

Make \_\_\_\_\_.

What would have happened if they could have done this?(v2)

They would have \_\_\_\_\_. Why?

① The worshippers would have been \_\_\_\_\_.

② They wouldn't have felt \_\_\_\_\_ any more.

The sacrifices were really an annual reminder of \_\_\_\_\_ because it was \_\_\_\_\_ for animal blood to take away sins.(v3,4)

The writer of Hebrews quotes **Psalm 40v6-8** and tells us that these described Jesus coming into the world.

Jesus did not come like an old covenant \_\_\_\_\_ to offer \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifices. That is not what \_\_\_\_\_ wanted.

Rather God gave him a human \_\_\_\_\_ in which he could do God's \_\_\_\_\_ by himself becoming the 'once for all' sacrifice for \_\_\_\_\_.(v5-7)

What did Jesus change when he came?(v9)

He set aside the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant in order to establish the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant.

What has God's will done for Christians?(v10)

They have been made \_\_\_\_\_ through the sacrifice of Jesus.

(*holy* means 'made able to serve and obey God')

### Something to think about . . . .

Have I been made holy to serve God?

## Day 32: HEBREWS 10v11-18 Made Perfect For Ever

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

Link each statement to the correct person:

old covenant priest

Jesus

stood to serve

sat down to reign

one sacrifice

daily sacrifices

unable to take away sins

took away sin for ever

What is Jesus waiting for?(v13)

His enemies to be \_\_\_\_\_

(*footstool* means they are completely conquered.)

How are Christians described in v14?

Those who are \_\_\_\_\_.

What did the sacrifice of Jesus do for them?

He has made them \_\_\_\_\_!

v16,17 quote **Jeremiah 31v33,34** (again! See **Hebrews 8v10**).

How are Christians *made perfect for ever*?

☼ God puts his \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_.

☼ God writes his \_\_\_\_\_ on their \_\_\_\_\_.

☼ God won't remember their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ anymore.

Why is no further sacrifice for sin needed?(v18)

because \_\_\_\_\_

### Something to think about . . . .

Jesus is the perfect Saviour who makes perfect for ever those whom he saves.

## Day 33: HEBREWS 10v19-25 Since . . . Therefore

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

Since . . .

What two important things have we been learning?

- ✦ Christians have a \_\_\_\_\_ over them.(v21)
- ✦ Christians can confidently enter God's \_\_\_\_\_ by the blood of Jesus.

**Therefore . . .**

Christians can and should:

- ✦ D\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. (v22)

(Especially in prayer but in the whole of our lives as well.)

How?

- ① With a sincere \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ② In full assurance of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ③ With a clear \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ④ With a clean \_\_\_\_\_!
- ✦ H\_\_\_\_\_ firmly to the \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_.(v23)

How is this possible? **God** is f\_\_\_\_\_ to his p\_\_\_\_\_.

Being a Christian is about being part of God's family so, as well:

- ✦ Think about ways to \_\_\_\_\_ on to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.(and do them!)(v24)
- ✦ Keep on \_\_\_\_\_ together to \_\_\_\_\_ one another.(v25)

Why is it important for us to be told this?

- ✘ Some people don't have the \_\_\_\_\_ of meeting with other Christians because they don't see how important it is.
- ✓ The D\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord is coming.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**These four things are benefits and duties of being a Christian.**

**Do these four things describe what I do?**

## Day 34: HEBREWS 10v26-31 Be Warned

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

Today's verses are a solemn warning that knowing Christian truth without a change of heart leaves us in the worst possible state.

Read **Hebrews 10v15-16** again

To know the wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus and yet to set our hearts to \_\_\_\_\_ sin shows that we do not have \_\_\_\_\_ faith. We are then God's \_\_\_\_\_ and he will judge us with the awesome \_\_\_\_\_ of judgement.

Anyone who was found guilty of completely rejecting God's first covenant was sentenced to death without any mercy.

Is it worse to reject God's new covenant?(v29) **YES NO**

How is rejecting God's new covenant described?

- ⊗ Trampling all over the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⊗ Treating his \_\_\_\_\_ as something unclean.
- ⊗ Insulting the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

God will \_\_\_\_\_ all wickedness and set all things right. God really is the great judge who will judge all who reject him.

What is it like to fall into the hands of the living God?(v31)

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**Something to think about . . . .**

**If I have not yet put my faith in Jesus, now is the time to do it, I must not put it off until it is too late.**

**If I think that these verses describe me, then I must cry to God now to have mercy on me.**

enemies  
saving  
deliberately  
fire  
truth

**Day 35: HEBREWS 10v31-39 Remember**

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The people that Hebrews was first written to are now reminded of the evidence that their faith is real.

What happened to them when they first received gospel light?(v32)

They e\_\_\_\_\_ in the face of g\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_ full of suffering.

- ✦ They put up with public i\_\_\_\_\_ and persecution.
- ✦ They stood \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ with those being persecuted.
- ✦ They suffered alongside those who were put in \_\_\_\_\_ for their faith.
- ✦ They put up with having their things \_\_\_\_\_.

(taken away from them) Why?(v34)

They knew they had better and \_\_\_\_\_.

This evidence of the impact of the gospel in their lives is a reason for them to be confident that God is indeed at work in them.

What do they need to do now?(v36)

P\_\_\_\_\_ in doing God's will.

(Keeping on keeping on!)

**v37,38** are based on **Habakkuk 2v3,4**.

It has always been true, that the person who \_\_\_\_\_ with God must do so by \_\_\_\_\_, trusting in God who

is not \_\_\_\_\_ to physical eyes. Anyone who lacks faith and therefore \_\_\_\_\_ back from walking with God, cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God.

visible  
shrinks  
faith  
please  
walks

What is the writer sure about the people to whom he is writing?

- (v39) ✓ They will not shrink back and be \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ They do have \_\_\_\_\_ and will be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Is this true of me?**

**Day 36: HEBREWS 11v1-7 Being Sure of What You Hope for**

*Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

What is faith?(v1)

- ✧ Being confident in what \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✧ Being assured about what \_\_\_\_\_.

This is how Bible heroes pleased God.

What does the person of faith believe about the universe?(v3)

- \* God made it by his \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* God made \_\_\_\_\_ things out of the invisible.

What made Abel's sacrifice better than Cain's? His \_\_\_\_\_.

Why did God commend him as righteous?(v4)

Because of his \_\_\_\_\_.

Abel is long dead so can't speak to us today. **TRUE FALSE**

Why did Enoch escape dying? By \_\_\_\_\_ he pleased God.

You can easily please God without faith. **TRUE FALSE**

If you pray to God you must believe he exists. **TRUE FALSE**

God rewards those who earnestly seek him. **TRUE FALSE**

When God warned Noah about the coming flood he believed God. By faith he built the ark and through it saved himself and his family.

How is Noah's faith described?(v7) H\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_.

God warned Noah about a flood but he had never seen one!

How did Noah respond? He built an \_\_\_\_\_.

What did Noah achieve through his faith?

- ☹ He \_\_\_\_\_ the wicked world who rejected God.
- ☺ He became an heir of \_\_\_\_\_ through faith.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I living by faith in God?**

## Day 37: HEBREWS 11v8-16 Abraham's Faith

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

Abraham was living in the city of Haran. God called Abraham to leave the city for a land he promised to give him.

Did Abraham obey God's call?(v8) **YES NO**

Did Abraham know where he was going? **YES NO**

Why did Abraham go?(v9)

**He liked adventure He was fed up with home He trusted God**

When Abraham got to the promised land he built a house. ✓ X

Abraham lived like a foreigner in the promised land. ✓ X

Abraham was looking forward to living in God's heavenly city. ✓ X

God promised Abraham that from him would come a great nation.

**Read Genesis 12v2**

It seemed impossible that Abraham would ever become a father but in God's goodness he did. Why?(v11)

God was f\_\_\_\_\_ to his p\_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham trusted that God would k\_\_\_\_\_ his p\_\_\_\_\_.

So from this worn out old man came descendants as numerous as the \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky and as countless as the \_\_\_\_\_ on the seashore.

What was true of Abel, Enoch, Noah and Abraham when they died?

(v13) They were still living by \_\_\_\_\_.

(v16) They were looking forward to a h\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

So God is not ashamed to be called \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I living by faith?**

## Day 38: HEBREWS 11v17-22 By Faith . . .(1)

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

When God told Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac it was a strange and awesome challenge for him. How is Isaac described in v17?

Abraham's one \_\_\_\_\_.

Could Abraham become a great nation through Isaac if he sacrificed him? **YES NO**

Why? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Abraham believe?(v19)

God could \_\_\_\_\_.

In fact God stopped Abraham from killing Isaac and provided a ram in his place. **Read Genesis 22v9-13**

It was just **as if** God **did** bring Isaac back from the dead.

Who else did not spare his *one and only son*? \_\_\_\_\_.

That son, Jesus, did **actually** die and rise again from the dead.

Link together the right phrase with the right person:

By faith Isaac      blessed Joseph's two sons.

By faith Jacob      gave instructions that his bones be taken back to the promised land from Egypt.

By faith Joseph      blessed Jacob and Esau regarding their futures

What did Jacob do as he was about to die? \_\_\_\_\_

What did Joseph believe would happen? The \_\_\_\_\_ from Egypt.

Isaac, Jacob and Joseph all trusted God to be faithful to his promises to them. They trusted the future into God's hands.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I trusting in God's faithful promises?**

## Day 39: HEBREWS 11v23-31 By Faith . . .(2)

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

Do you remember the story of Moses in the bulrushes?

Read **Exodus 2v1-9**

Moses's parents kept him alive against Pharaoh's orders because they

were: **very brave people full of faith rebellious people**

When Moses grew up he refused to be a \_\_\_\_\_ in Pharaoh's palace but chose to be ill-treated with God's people.

By \_\_\_\_\_ he gave up the pleasures of \_\_\_\_\_ which only last a \_\_\_\_\_ time. Moses saw that \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ's sake was worth much more than all the \_\_\_\_\_ of Egypt.

treasures  
short  
faith  
disgrace  
sin  
prince

Moses led the people out of Egypt by \_\_\_\_\_.(v27)

- ① He wasn't afraid of Pharaoh's \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② He didn't give up because he saw G\_\_\_\_\_ who is invisible!

Moses kept the Passover by \_\_\_\_\_.(v28) He trusted God's promise that by doing this only the Egyptian firstborn would die.

The Israelites went through the Red Sea on dry ground by \_\_\_\_\_.

The walls of Jericho fell down because the Israelites had \_\_\_\_\_.

They believed God's promise to defeat their enemies.

It was by \_\_\_\_\_ that Rahab protected the two spies and sent them safely out of Jericho. She believed God's promise to give the promised land to his people, trusted him, and so was saved.

How many times does it say *by faith* in Hebrews 11?

Less than 10      Between 10 and 20      More than 20

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I living each day by faith in God?**

## Day 40: HEBREWS 11v32-40 A Rollcall of Faith

### Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray

The writer does not have enough time to talk about all the people who lived by faith!

Look what a life of faith can do:

- ① \_\_\_\_\_ were conquered.(v33)
- ② \_\_\_\_\_ was administered.
- ③ God's \_\_\_\_\_ came true.
- ④ The mouths of \_\_\_\_\_ were shut. (For whom? \_\_\_\_\_)
- ⑤ \_\_\_\_\_ were put out.(v34)
- ⑥ People were saved from soldier's \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⑦ Weak people were made \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⑧ Enemy armies were \_\_\_\_\_.(completely defeated)
- ⑨ Women had their dead sons brought back to \_\_\_\_\_.(v35)

Look what a life of faith may involve:

- ① Being t\_\_\_\_\_ for the truth and hope of glory.(v35)
- ② Being j\_\_\_\_\_ at and f\_\_\_\_\_.(v36)
- ③ Being put in \_\_\_\_\_. ④ Being \_\_\_\_\_ to death.(v37)
- ⑤ Being \_\_\_\_\_ in half. ⑥ Being killed with \_\_\_\_\_.
- ⑦ Having to wear \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.(rough clothes)
- ⑧ Being very poor, \_\_\_\_\_ and badly treated.
- ⑨ Having to live in \_\_\_\_\_ and holes in the ground.(v38)

The world was not worthy of them, but God was pleased with them. Yet none of them lived to see God's promised Messiah, Jesus.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Can I think of people in the Bible who suffered some of these things because they were faithful and obeyed God?**

## Day 41: HEBREWS 12v1-4 Therefore . . .

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

These verses picture the Christian life as a race of faith .

All the heroes of faith we met in **Hebrews 11** are the spectators in the grandstand cheering on the Christian.

How must the Christian run the race of faith?

🏃 Getting rid of everything that \_\_\_\_\_ them, especially the \_\_\_\_\_ that so easily trips them up.(v1)

🏃 Keeping on following the track \_\_\_\_\_ for them.

🏃 Fixing their eyes on \_\_\_\_\_ who has already run the race ahead of them.(v2)

🏃 Not getting tired out or \_\_\_\_\_.(v3)

How did Jesus run the race of faith?

🏃 Jesus set his sights on the \_\_\_\_\_ of completing the race.(v2)

So . . .

🏃 He \_\_\_\_\_ the pain of being crucified.(v2)

🏃 He scorned the \_\_\_\_\_ of being crucified.

🏃 He endured the opposition of \_\_\_\_\_.(v3)

🏃 He completed the race and \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand of God's throne.

The people Hebrews was written to had many painful struggles against sin.(v4)

Jesus shed his blood in **his** fight against sin.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I running the race of faith?**

## Day 42: HEBREWS 12v5-11 God's Discipline

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The Hebrew Christians had forgotten what God said about his discipline in his word. Read Proverbs 3v11,12

They should remember two things:(v5)

❶ They must take God's d\_\_\_\_\_ seriously.

❷ They must not \_\_\_\_\_ because it is God who disciplines them.

Why?(v6)

❶ God's discipline shows that you are his c\_\_\_\_\_.

❷ God's discipline shows that he \_\_\_\_\_ you.

When Christians suffer *hardship* they should understand that this is how God disciplines them for their good.(v7)

What should you think if you never experience God's discipline?

You may not be \_\_\_\_\_.

When you are disciplined by a caring parent how should you respond to them?(v9) You should r\_\_\_\_\_ them.

Human fathers can only do their best to discipline their children.

God is perfectly wise in disciplining **his** children for their good.

What is God's aim in his discipline?

So that his children will \_\_\_\_\_

By its very nature discipline is \_\_\_\_\_. (v11)

What does God's discipline achieve for his children?

A harvest of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when it has done its work in their lives.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I a grumbler or do I submit to God's discipline?**

## Day 43: HEBREWS 12v12-17 Therefore . . .(again!)

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

In the face of their difficulties the Christians are to work together to strengthen their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

They are to level out the race track (remember **Day 41**) so that those who are limping along in their Christian lives may not stumble but get along better.(v13)

This will include making every effort to

❶ get along with a\_\_\_\_ men.      ❷ live h\_\_\_\_\_ lives.

Why is holiness so important?(v14)

Because without it you \_\_\_\_\_

The Christians are to look out for one another so that

❶ no-one will miss out on God's g\_\_\_\_\_ by unbelief.(v15)

❷ no bitterness g\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_ to cause divisions and wrong attitudes among them.

❸ no-one is sexually immoral or \_\_\_\_\_, giving up their inheritance as Christians through giving in to sensual desires.

Who was a prime example of giving up their inheritance for something hardly worth having?(v16) E\_\_\_\_\_.

He thought so little of what he had done that he thought it would be easy to get the inheritance back, but it was too late.

Esau was r\_\_\_\_\_ (v17) because his heart was not right.

How did he seek to get the blessing? With \_\_\_\_\_.

But it was no good, there was no way back for him.

### *Something to think about . . . .*

**What an awesome warning Esau is!**

**If I am a Christian, am I looking out for fellow Christians?**

## Day 44: HEBREWS 12v18-24 Not Mount Sinai But Mount Zion

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

The writer again contrasts the old and new covenants.

#### **The Old Covenant - at Mount Sinai**

They came to a physical mountain burning with \_\_\_\_\_.(v18)

It was a place of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

They heard a \_\_\_\_\_ blast and a terrifying \_\_\_\_\_.

They begged for God to stop speaking to them. ✓ ✗

They could not bear to be told that even animals had to be killed if they wandered onto God's mountain. ✓ ✗

Moses was not terrified by God's presence. ✓ ✗

#### **The New Covenant - at Mount Zion**

Even though they are still living on earth, Christians come to the heavenly city of the \_\_\_\_\_.(v22)

They come to where thousands and thousands of \_\_\_\_\_ joyfully gather to sing God's praises.

They become part of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the firstborn(Jesus).(v23)

Where are their names written? \_\_\_\_\_

How is God described in v23? The \_\_\_\_\_

Christians are part of God's people which includes Old Testament believers.(v23)

Who is the perfect *mediator* of this new covenant? \_\_\_\_\_

Abel's blood spoke of vengeance but the blood of Jesus speaks of f\_\_\_\_\_.(froigevsen)

### *Something to think about . . . .*

**If I am a Christian I belong to a great company of believers from every age and every land.**

## Day 45: HEBREWS 12v25-29 Make Sure You Listen

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

Whose voice must we listen to?(v25) \_\_\_\_\_

The old covenant people heard his \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at Mount Sinai. They did not \_\_\_\_\_ punishment for not listening. Now God has spoken to us from \_\_\_\_\_ through his Son. How much more \_\_\_\_\_ it is not to listen to him.

unbelief  
heaven  
serious  
voice  
earth  
escape

The old covenant people felt the ground shake around Mount Sinai. God promised a day when the whole creation would be shaken.

**Read Haggai 2v6,7**

Who is the *desire of all nations*? J\_\_\_\_\_.

The LORD has come to his temple in the person of Jesus.

In the year AD70 the temple was finally destroyed and the old covenant worship regulations were swept away with it. It was like a tremendous earthquake shaking and destroying the old order of things. But that was only the beginning!

The present world with all its evils will be s\_\_\_\_\_ one last time and swept away. Why?(v27)

So that what \_\_\_\_\_ will be what is left.

What is it that will remain?(v28) The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Who is receiving that kingdom?

**Everyone Only those who are good Only those who trust in Jesus**

What should those people do? (v28)

①Be \_\_\_\_\_ ② Worship God in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

Why?(v29) Because God is a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Does the thought of God fill me with awe?**

## Day 46: HEBREWS 13v1-6 Godly Living(1)

**Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray**

So what should Christians be eager to do?

✚ To keep on loving \_\_\_\_\_.

✚ To remember to show \_\_\_\_\_.

Who did some people unknowingly welcome into their homes?(v2)

\_\_\_\_\_

✚ To remember Christians who are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

✚ To be \_\_\_\_\_

✚ To be free from \_\_\_\_\_

✚ To be \_\_\_\_\_

Why, what has God said?(v5)

'Never' \_\_\_\_\_

and **never** \_\_\_\_\_

So what can the Christian say with confidence?(v6)

The \_\_\_\_\_ is my \_\_\_\_\_;

I will not be \_\_\_\_\_, what can \_\_\_\_\_ do to me?

If you are a Christian that is a great verse to learn and to say to yourself when you face trials and difficulties.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Can I truly say, 'The Lord is my helper'?**

faithful in marriage  
angels  
hospitality to strangers  
content  
the love of money  
in prison for their faith  
one another

## Day 47: HEBREWS 13v7-17 Godly Living(2)

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

What other things should Christians do?

✦ To \_\_\_\_\_ their leaders who, in the past, brought God's word to them.

What are they to remember?(v7) The way they \_\_\_\_\_.

What are they to copy? Their \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus **is the same** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_.

✦ Not to be caught up by (v9) \_\_\_\_\_.

It is \_\_\_\_\_ that strengthens Christians, not special \_\_\_\_\_.

Through Jesus Christ Christians have fellowship with God.

✦ To be willing to be an outsider for Jesus and to share the \_\_\_\_\_ that he suffered when he died on the cross.(v13)

Under the old covenant the sin-bearing animal had to be taken outside the camp to be burned. In the same way Jesus had to suffer outside the city when he bore away sin.

This world doesn't give lasting satisfaction.

Christians look forward to the new world to come.

✦ To keep on living life as a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to God.(v15)

Christians can do this because they live in Jesus Christ.

Their lives can reflect the words of praise they speak to God.

✦ Not to \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with others.

That is a sacrifice that really \_\_\_\_\_.(v16)

✦ To have \_\_\_\_\_ in their present Christian leaders and to \_\_\_\_\_ to their authority.

Why? Their task is to \_\_\_\_\_ over the church.

They will have to give an \_\_\_\_\_ of how they served God.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Am I living out what I say in praise to God?**

## Day 48: HEBREWS 13v18-25

## Pray for us

### *Pray, Read . . . Study, Pray*

What does the writer ask his readers to do? \_\_\_\_\_

What does he particularly want his readers to pray for?(v19)

That he will be \_\_\_\_\_ (maybe from prison?)

In v20, 21 he calls down God's blessing on them?

Who does he call on to bless them?(v20)

The \_\_\_\_\_

How does he describe Jesus? The great \_\_\_\_\_

What great thing has God done?

Brought back Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

God did this to establish his e\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

He saves his people from sin and gives them new life in Jesus.

What does the writer ask God to do?(v21)

➤ Grant them everything \_\_\_\_\_ to enable them to do his \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ Work in them and himself what is \_\_\_\_\_ God.

God will do all this through Jesus Christ.

The writer worships Jesus Christ by praying for his \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ and ever. This reminds us that he is divine. Jesus Christ deserves the same praise that is due to God the Father.

What does *Amen* mean? \_\_\_\_\_

Finally the writer:

① Gently encourages them to take to heart what he has written.

② Gives them the good news that T\_\_\_\_\_ has been released from prison and that he hopes to visit them soon.

③ Greet their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's people.(v24)

④ Sends them the greetings of the Christians in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Something to think about . . . .**

**Have I taken to heart what I have read in the book of Hebrews?**