

Covenant Presbyterian Church

2017-2018 Area Bible Studies

The Book of Hebrews (Chapters 1-8)

Theme: ‘Hold Fast to the Superiority of Jesus Christ and the New Covenant’

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high....¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it....³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself....²²This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant....²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them....²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful....¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen....¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 1:1-3; 2:1; 3:3; 7:22, 25; 10:23; 11:1; 12:1-2 ESV).

Lesson	Lesson Title	Hebrews	W Houston	NW Houston	Sugar Land
1	Hebrews for Non-Jews	1 to 13	Aug. 29	Aug. 30	Aug. 31
2	The Supremacy of Jesus Christ	1:1-4	Sep. 12	Sep. 13	Sep. 14
3	Better Than the Angels	1:5-14	Oct. 17	Oct. 18	Oct. 19
4	A Great Salvation	2:1-4	Oct. 31	Nov. 1	Nov. 2
5	Lower Than the Angels	2:5-9	Nov. 14	Nov. 15	Nov. 16
6	Like His Brothers	2:10-18	Nov. 28	Nov. 29	Nov. 30
7	Mightier Than Moses	3:1-6	Dec. 12	Dec. 13	Dec. 14
8	While Today Is Today	3:7-19	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11
9	Enter Your Rest	4:1-11	Jan. 23	Jan. 24	Jan. 25
10	Means of Grace	4:11-16	Feb. 6	Feb. 7	Feb. 8
11	Christ Our High Priest	5:1-10	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 22
12	Christian, Grow Up!	5:11-6:3	March 6	March 7	March 8
13	Don't Fall Away!	6:4-12	March 20	March 21	March 22
14	Anchor of the Soul	6:13-20	April 3	April 4	April 5
15	Melchizedek, King of Salem	7:1-10	April 17	April 18	April 19
16	The Order of Melchizedek	7:11-19	May 1	May 2	May 3
17	A Priest Forever	7:20-28	May 15	May 16	May 17
18	High Priest of the New Covenant	8:1-13	May 29	May 30	May 31

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Outline of Hebrews

- I. Jesus, the Superior of Angels (1:1-2:18)
 - A. Jesus Is the Superior Son (1:1-3)
 - B. Jesus Is Superior to Angels in His Person (1:4-14)
 - C. Jesus Is Superior to Angels in His Message (2:1-4)
 - D. Jesus Is Superior to Angels in His Humanity (2:5-18)
- II. Jesus, the Superior Prophet (3:1-4:13)
 - A. Jesus Is Superior to Moses (3:1-6)
 - B. Warning Against Unbelief (3:7-19)
 - C. Warning Not to Miss God's Promised Rest (4:1-13)
- III. Jesus, the Superior Priest (4:14-7:28)
 - A. Jesus Is Superior to Aaron (4:14-5:14)
 - B. Jesus Is Superior in Promises (6:1-20)
 - C. Jesus Is Superior to Melchizedek (7:1-28)
- IV. Jesus, the Superior Mediator (8:1-10:39)
 - A. A Better Covenant (8:1-13)
 - B. A Better Mediator (9:1-28)
 - C. A Better Sacrifice (10:1-18)
 - D. A Better Lifestyle (10:19-39)
- V. The Superior Way of Life (11:1-13:25)
 - A. The Way of Faith (11:1-40)
 - B. The Way of Endurance (12:1-29)
 - C. The Way of Obedience (13:1-25)

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