

Walk Through the Bible

(Part 3 - Week 50)

Era #13 – Missions

Hebrews

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Theme:

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 10:23-24 (NIV)

Content:

Outline:

1-2 Jesus is greater than the prophets and angels

⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?"

⁶ And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

Hebrews 1:4-6 (NIV)

¹³ To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?"

Hebrews 1:13 (NIV)

3-4 Jesus is greater than Moses and Joshua

³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future.

⁶ But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

Hebrews 3:3-6 (NIV)

5-7 Jesus is greater than the Aaronic priesthood

²⁰ And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath,

²¹ but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever.'"

²² Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

²³ Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;

²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.

²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

²⁶ Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews 7:20-28 (NIV)

8-9 The New Covenant is greater than the Old Covenant

⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.

⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

¹⁰ This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

¹¹ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.

¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

Hebrews 8:7-13 (NIV)

10-13 Jesus is greater than the Law

¹ The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

² If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins.

³ But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins,

⁴ because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

⁶ with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

⁷ Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.'"

Hebrews 10:1-7 (NIV)

Warnings:

1. Danger of Neglect – (2:1-4)

¹ We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

² For if the message spoken by angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment,

³ how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

⁴ God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:1-4 (NIV)

2. Danger of Unbelief – (3:7-4:13)

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice,

⁸ do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert,

⁹ where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did.

¹⁰ That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, 'Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.'

¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger, 'They shall never enter my rest.'"

¹² See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

¹⁴ We have come to share in Christ if we hold firmly till the end the confidence we had at first.

¹⁵ As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion."

¹⁶ Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt?

¹⁷ And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert?

¹⁸ And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed?

¹⁹ So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Hebrews 3:7-19 (NIV)

3. Danger of Spiritual Immaturity – (5:11-6:20)

¹¹ We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn.

¹² In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

¹³ Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

¹ Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,

Hebrews 5:11-6:1 (NIV)

4. Danger of Failing to Endure – (10:26-39)

²⁶ If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left,

²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

²⁸ Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

²⁹ How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

³⁰ For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people."

³¹ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

³² Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering.

³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.

³⁴ You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.

³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.

³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.

³⁷ For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay.

³⁸ But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."

³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

Hebrews 10:26-39 (NIV)

5. Danger of Refusing God – (12:25)

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?

Hebrews 12:25 (NIV)

Why Was Jesus' Sacrifice So Perfect?

Jesus' Sacrifice Was _____ In _____

“For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.”

Hebrews 9:24 (NIV)

Jesus' Sacrifice Was _____ Own _____

“He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.”

Hebrews 9:12 (NIV)

Jesus' Sacrifice Was _____ And For _____

“Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.”

Hebrews 9:26 (NIV)

Hebrews

THEME – The absolute authority of Jesus Christ

KEY VERSES –

*“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.”*

Hebrews 4:14 (NIV)

OVERVIEW

The strongly Jewish character of the letter to the Hebrews helps to narrow down its date of composition, most likely AD 64–69. Significantly, the book makes no reference to the destruction of the temple at Jerusalem in AD 70, and the author wrote as if the sacrificial system were still in existence ([Hebrews 10:1–2, 11](#)). With its myriad references to Hebrew customs and the Old Testament, the book was likely sent to a Jewish Christian community, possibly in Rome.

Why is Hebrews so important?

Hebrews clearly lays out the present priestly ministry of Christ in the life of the believer. Jesus is both the divine Son of God and completely human, and in His priestly role He clears the way for human beings to approach the Father in heaven through prayer ([Hebrews 4:14–16](#)). The priesthood of Jesus is superior to the Old Testament priesthood of Aaron, because only through Jesus do we receive eternal salvation (5:1–9). Furthermore, Jesus became the permanent and perfect High Priest, going beyond all other priests by offering Himself as a sinless sacrifice on behalf of the sins of human beings (7:24–26; 9:28).