

WEEK FOUR – JESUS IS THE BETTER WAY

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-13:24

Big Idea: *Because of what Jesus has done, we run the race of faith with endurance, fixing our eyes on Him.*

Memory Verse: Hebrews 12:1-2, *“Therefore, 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, 2 looking 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.”*

Mon, May 25: Hebrews 11:1–40

Which person from the "Hall of Faith" (Heb 11) inspires your current situation the most? Why do you think we are always tempted to make good works the grounds for our relationship with God rather than faith?

Tue, May 26: Hebrews 12:1–17

Do you think you are ready if serious persecution comes your way? What can you do today to help yourself be prepared to suffer? What are some things that hinder your running today that you need to put aside, even if they are not sinful?

Wed, May 27: Hebrews 12:18–29 & Isaiah 62:6–12

How does the reality of an "unshakable kingdom" help you handle the chaos of the world? What excites or encourages you about the heavenly Jerusalem? How does knowing about the new creation help you better run the race?

Thu, May 28: Hebrews 13:1–19 & Matt 25:34–40

How does this passage help you rethink hospitality? What are some practical steps you can take to practice hospitality better?

Fri, May 29: Hebrews 13:20–25 & Joshua 1:5–9

How are you encouraged by Jesus enduring the rejection and judgment of God for you? What are some ways in which we can respond to that great gift?

Sat, May 30 & Sunday May 31: Reflect on this week's reading, spend dedicated time in prayer, and meditate on the memory verse.

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Dive deeper with these resources:

1. Hebrews For You: Giving You an Anchor for the Soul, Michael Kruger
2. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/> –Knowing the Bible: Hebrews



WEEK ONE – JESUS IS THE BETTER PROPHET

Reading: Hebrews 1:1–4:13

Big Idea: *Jesus isn't just another messenger; He is the final, perfect Word from God who ranks above angels and Moses.*

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:3a, *“3 He 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.”*

Mon, May 4: Hebrews 1:1–14 & 2 Samuel 7:12–15

Hebrews 1:5 is a direct quote from 2 Samuel 7:14. The prophecy in Samuel was pointing to Jesus, whose kingdom would last forever. How does Jesus' eternality help you in the hardships of a temporary world?

Tue, May 5: 2 Corinthians 4:4–6; Colossians 1:15–20

These verses describe Jesus' power and glory. How can Jesus' identity as the King of the universe help you work through the challenges in your life today? How might this change your worship?

Wed, May 6: Hebrews 2:1–18 & Psalm 8

Hebrews 2:18 – What are some of the struggles you are facing today, and how does Jesus' own experience of those same sorts of struggles encourage you?

Thu, May 7: Hebrews 3:1–6 & Ephesians 2:19–22

What does it mean to you to know that you are in the same people of God as Moses? Why do you think modern people downplay the importance of the local church? Why do you think church membership is so important in the life of the believer?

Fri, May 8: Hebrews 3:7–4:13

How does this passage help you see that effort and striving are good and necessary parts of the Christian life? What are some ways in which you can "fight" for your faith today?

Sat, May 9 & Sunday May 10th: Reflect on this week's reading, spend dedicated time in prayer, and meditate on the memory verse.

WEEK TWO – JESUS IS THE BETTER HIGH PRIEST

Reading: Hebrews 4:1-7:1-28

Big Idea: Jesus provides a rest that the law could not, and He stands as a better High priest on our behalf.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:15-16, *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Mon, May 11: Hebrews 4:14-5:10 & Psalm 95:1-11

In what ways have you tried to represent yourself before God, rather than letting Jesus do that? What keeps you from being sure of your standing with God? How does this passage help?

Tue, May 12: Hebrews 5:11-6:12

Honestly appraise your own spiritual maturity. In what ways are you still like a toddler and need to grow? In what ways do your areas of immaturity make you vulnerable to attack? What are some concrete steps you can take to move beyond drinking milk and start eating solid food?

Wed, May 13: Hebrews 6:13-20

In what ways do you see people struggling to trust God and his word today? What about you personally? How does this passage help to reassure you? How are you doing today in terms of waiting patiently on the Lord? What would it look like in the week ahead for you to do this?

Thu, May 14: Hebrews 7:1-28

Do you ever struggle with doubts about whether the work of Jesus is really able to save you? How does this passage provide reassurance?

Fri, May 15 Genesis 14:17-21 & Psalm 110

Melchizedek was a King and Priest before the Levitical priesthood was instituted. He was greater than the Levite priests because Abraham paid a tithe to him and Melchizedek blessed Abraham. Melchizedek points us to Jesus, the better high priest. While other high priests would die and another would be appointed, Jesus is alive and will be the high priest forever.

Sat, May 16 & Sunday May 17: Reflect on this week’s reading, spend dedicated time in prayer, and meditate on the memory verse.

WEEK THREE – JESUS IS THE BETTER SACRIFICE

Reading: 8:1-10:39

Big Idea: *The Old Covenant was a shadow; Jesus is the reality whose one-time sacrifice cleanses us completely.*

Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:12, *“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,”*

Mon, May 18: Hebrews 8:1-13 & Jeremiah 31:31-34

How does the new covenant actually make us (perhaps unexpectedly) better law-keepers? What does that say about the role of grace in our lives? How does God’s persistent pursuit of his wayward people encourage you today?

Tue, May 19: Hebrews 9:1-10 & Exodus 25:8-22

What features of the Old Testament tabernacle stood out to you and why? Does this passage change the way you think about the unprecedented access Christians have to God? What does more “confidence” look like (or not look like) as we come into God’s presence?

Wed, May 20: Hebrews 9:11-28 & Leviticus 16:6-19

If Christ has cleansed your conscience, why do you still carry the weight of old mistakes? In what ways have you sought to alleviate a guilty conscience? How are you encouraged today to find that solution only at the cross?

Thu, May 21: Hebrews 10:1-18 & 1 John 2:1-2

Since Christ’s sacrifice was “once for all,” how does that end your need to “earn” God’s favor?

Fri, May 22: Hebrews 10:19-39 & 2 Tim 1:8-10

Who in your life needs you to “spur them on” toward love and good deeds today? How are you doing today with your confidence and assurance about drawing near to our holy God? How has this passage helped you?

Sat, May 23 & Sunday May 24: Reflect on this week’s reading, spend dedicated time in prayer, and meditate on the memory verse.