

Hebrews (Fall 2022)



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Course Description

This course is an in-depth textual study of the book of Hebrews.

Course Objectives

- 1) To learn what God is telling us about Himself and His interactions with humanity.
- 2) To become more effective communicators of God's Word by listening to how the text communicates, not just what it communicates.
- 3) To observe how the book both uses and confronts elements of the audience's worldview in communicating its message.

Course Evaluation

QUIZZES (40%)

LESSON (30%)

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS (20%)

DISCUSSIONS (10%)

Required Readings

- Pace, Martel. *Hebrews*. Truth for Today Commentary: An Exegesis and Application of the Holy Scriptures. Searcy, AR: Resource Publications, 2007.

Course Schedule

Week 1	9/8	Syllabus, Introduction to Hebrews, Hebrews 1:1–4	Other info
Week 2	9/15	Hebrews 1:5–14, Hebrews 2:1–4	
Week 3	9/22	Hebrews 2:5–3:6	
Week 4	9/29	Hebrews 3:7–4:13	Quiz 1 (1:1–2:18)
Week 5	10/6	Hebrews 4:14–6:3	
Week 6	10/13	Hebrews 6:4–20	
Week 7	10/20	Hebrews 7:1–28	
Week 8	10/27	Hebrews 8:1–9:10	Quiz 2 (3:1–7:28)
Week 9	11/3	Hebrews 9:11–10:10	
Week 10	11/10	Hebrews 10:11–10:31	
Week 11	11/17	Hebrews 10:32–11:31	<i>Draft of Lesson</i>
Week 12	11/24	Hebrews 11:32–12:17	Quiz 3 (8:1–11:40)
Week 13	12/1	Hebrews 12:18–13:6	
Week 14	12/8	Hebrews 13:7–25	<i>Final Copy of Lesson</i>
Week 15	12/15	Overflow/Class Presentations	Quiz 4 (12:1–13:25)

Assignments Description

Weekly Discussions (10%)

I will post a discussion thread in Populi each week with a question relating to the week's material. Please post a response to the question before class on Thursday morning and a response to one other student's post by 11:59 PM on Saturday. The initial post should be about 250 words. Responses do not have to be any certain length, but the points awarded will be commensurate with the apparent level of effort. (For example, "Great thought!" is a "C" comment at best, whereas substantial interaction would warrant more points.)

Lesson (30%)

Written (20%): The written manuscript should be roughly 2,000 words long. Please type this assignment in Times New Roman 12-point font, double spaced. Please cite at least 7 sources. Footnote formatting should follow the *SBL Handbook of Style*, 2nd edition. The bibliography at the end of the paper should contain everything cited in the footnotes. Papers should address each of the following questions clearly:

- (1) How does this passage relate to the rest of the book?
- (2) What are the relevant features of the historical/cultural background?
- (3) What is the main idea of the passage?
- (4) How does the author support this main idea?
- (5) How does this idea affect our lives today?

Oral (10%): The oral presentation should be about 10 minutes. This will probably involve abridging the paper. The format for this presentation will be discussed closer to the due date, as how much class time can be devoted to this depends on factors that are hard to predict in advance.

Quizzes (40%)

There will be four quizzes during the semester. The quizzes will consist of multiple-choice, matching, and essay questions over the text and class discussions, as well as a series of memory verses. They are due at 11:59 PM on Saturday of the week designated in the table above.

Weekly Assignments (20%)

You are expected to read through Hebrews at least once during the semester (ideally, more than once, using a variety of translations). As you are reading, jot down observations/questions about the text that jump out at you. Beginning with Week 2, you should submit your observations/questions about the week's material to the appropriate dropbox in Populi by 5:00 P.M. Wednesday evening, as they will form a partial basis for our class discussion on Thursday morning.

Policies and other information

Attendance (From the GLBC Catalogue)

Students are required to attend classes regularly. One unexcused absence for every credit hour in a given course may be permitted, i.e. per one-hour class. Two percent (2%) of the course grade per academic hour for each hour of classroom instruction missed may be deducted for each unexcused absence beyond the above.

Late Work (From the GLBC Catalogue)

Assignments for the term are listed in the syllabus supplied for each course. Every assignment so listed must be completed to pass the course. Late submission of assignments need not be accepted by the instructor. Extenuating circumstances and emergencies will be taken into consideration. If a late assignment is accepted, a grade reduction of 5% per instructional day may be assessed.

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