

Radiant

Who You Are...

Because of Who He Is.

~ Hebrews ~



Dwelling Richly Bible Study

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Welcome!

Two years ago, I felt a distinct calling on my heart to do something I'd never done before and felt completely underqualified to do – write a women's Bible study. I stepped out in faith that God would give me what I needed in time and words and wisdom to write a study, and I started writing. The first Dwelling Richly Bible study was a 12-week study on "Hope." That first study grew out of my own experiences of feeling completely hopeless and from God reaching into my weary heart with His powerful Word and restoring my hope in the most unexpected ways. You are now reading the introduction to my 6th study – *Radiant*.

The progression from that first study to this study through Hebrews, was as natural as the movement from downcast to hopeful to radiant has been in my own story. I just didn't see it coming right away. But, every time I'd think about this year and pray about what we should focus on and study through, the Father kept nudging my heart back to one particular book of the Bible, Hebrews. So, I read Hebrews, and I read it again, and I knew that this is the book we needed to go through together.

Then came the thinking about what we'd call the study... I read and re-read Hebrews and prayed about not only the direction of the study, but the theme of our year. It came to me from the very first chapter,

"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." (Hebrews 1:3a)

There it was – *Radiant*. I wanted our theme to honor Christ, to point you to Him, to see His glory, His preeminence more clearly...and I also wanted you to know that in Him is where you'll find true *radiance*. So much of this world's message tells us that we are enough, we are beautiful, we are radiant - on our own, by the sheer virtue of our existence...but this message leaves us feeling like everyone else must have it, but not me. We feel tired, worried, inadequate, and just saying, "I'm enough" only goes so far when we're daily confronted with our own failings.

God's Word is different. His Word reminds us that our true beauty and value, our "enoughness" - our *radiance* - is only true if it is found in Christ. Outside of Him we are wholly insufficient, completely lost and separated from God. Hebrews does one thing if it does anything and that is to elevate Christ. He is better, more superior, more radiant than any person, any promise, any system. Our focus this year will be on exactly that - we are truly *radiant* when we are truly in Him.

You are loved and prayed for,

Jennifer

Here's how to approach your time in the Word . .

Listen. As you read, you are not only seeing the words of God but are listening to what He has said. Each study session is created to give you time in the Word – just you and God. No commentaries. No explanations. This might seem hard for you if you're brand new to reading the Bible, but it's a skill you'll develop. I'm confident of that. Pray before you begin –not sure how? Read Psalm 119:18, Proverbs 1:7 or James 1:5 – then read the Bible passage and follow that lesson's notes to guide you in thinking through and understanding what you've read. Then...

Look. Look again at the Word and make some observations to understand deeper. What figures of speech are there to understand? What about the culture of the time? Any allegories? Who was the intended audience? Who was the writer? The Bible was written largely from a Hebrew near-Eastern mindset – that's very different from our 21st century western mindset! We'll want to understand the Scripture from the author's point of view and not through the lens of this modern era and our sensitivities. Use your journal to write these thoughts down.

Live. Finally, what does it all mean for us personally? The nature of this study is to not only understand verses or just see examples of how men and women have lived in the Bible, but to move from the words on the page through our hearts and out into our lives. God's word isn't just a great book. It's not inspirational literature or self-help. God's Word is *alive* and **powerful**. It's sharper than a sword in that it slices to the core of our hearts and reveals what's really true about us in light of who God says we are. How empty it would be to first approach the Word with a "what can this do for me today?" mentality. And yet, we also must not just read to understand...we must read to apply! And that will mean making a shift in our thinking and most likely a change in our behavior as well. Not every verse was written to you, but every word was written for you, and there's a difference.

What will I need for this study?

Your Bible – I'll be quoting mostly from the English Standard Version (ESV), but any translation is fine as long as it's a translation and not a paraphrase (Message, Living Bible, etc.)

A Journal – or pages added to this notebook to journal in

Pencil & Highlighters – Use colored pencil to highlight verses that reference:

- God = **Blue**
- Holy Spirit = **Light Blue**
- Jesus = **Red**
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- Places = **Green**
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How is this study organized?

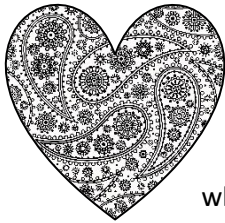
We meet September-April with 14 lessons covering the 13 chapters of Hebrews. Each of the lessons are organized to give you structured time daily to ...

Pray – Writing your prayers and prayer requests is a wonderful way to record your spiritual journey.

Read – You'll have selected verses for each lesson to read. We'll read through the book of Hebrews multiples times before we conclude this study!

Write – Each lesson will provide time for you to write Scripture. At the end of these study pages, you'll find lined pages for you to write Hebrews. Choose any version. I recommend the English Standard. When you complete this study you'll have written the entire book of Hebrews!

Memorize – I've selected key verses from each chapter for us to memorize. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...a lamp to our feet, a light to our path...We'll hide His words in our hearts so we will live *radiant* and *righteous* lives!



Create – When you read do you make connections from what you're reading to

what you're going through or what you hope will happen? Do you see the stories as pictures? Maybe hear a verse with a melody that comes to you? In this study, I've provided time each week for you to create...express yourself in some other way besides writing - draw, compose, design, sing, move...many different ways to create and then...

Share – From the first א (aleph) to the final Ω (omega) – the beginning to the end - the Word of God is meant to be shared – we were created for community - communion with God and with one another. Each lesson has an opportunity for sharing.

***Don't miss this...

As you complete each day of the study, you'll note some questions are marked with three asterisks: *** When you see these you can make special effort to answer that question as it will be one that we'll refer to when we come together for our small group time. So, if you're short on time, definitely do these!

Falling Behind? Don't think you're the only one who gets behind and has to do all that catch-up the day before...or day of! And never, ever skip coming to our study because you didn't do the study...come!! We have great fellowship and teaching for you to receive! Why not pray right now and ask the Father to help you make time and priority for this study? Pace yourself and get an accountability partner to help so you stay committed to being in the Word daily.

Personal Tips –

Reading the Bible for some makes them feel inadequate. It brings back memories of being in school and having to do a book report. For some, reading the Bible feels like a chore that they never feel good enough at doing. For others, the Bible can feel overwhelming – it seems like old words from a time and culture long ago and hard to relate to. Then again, perhaps you absolutely adore reading and so spending time in God's Word gives you the best of the worlds you love – reading and spiritual growth.

Wherever you are in your walk, as you approach this study please remember that we should not just “study” the Word, we should *delight* in it. Don’t think of this as a requirement for your faithfulness any more than you would think of savoring a delicious meal as a requirement. You enjoy a meal because it was beautifully prepared with amazing ingredients by a skilled chef who poured their love and attention into its preparation. *Savor* God’s Word like that. Enjoy each morsel. Breathe in the aroma of each word. Sense the love of the Creator in each page. Delight in the Word like you would delight in the best, most delicious, and nourishing meal you’ve ever eaten.

“Taste and see that the Lord is good!”

How? If you’re in the camp of those who feel new, inexperienced, even nervous about reading the Bible, then consider this:

Pray. Ask God to give you a taste for His word, a thirst for it, a deep longing and hunger. Honestly, what a wonderful prayer to pray! God will give you a big, fat “Yes!” to that prayer!

Do. You will some days feel so excited to be in the Word, and other days you might feel “blah.” That’s ok. Do it any way. Read it always. Never let life, mood, schedules, anything come between you and your time in the Word. Set aside time and keep that as high of a priority in your schedule as brushing your teeth or wearing deodorant! You wouldn’t skip either of those would you? Why would you skip your time in the Word?

Make time for what you value. Value the Word. You will be richly rewarded!

Lots of ways to join the study in community:

- LIVE weekdays at 7am → www.Facebook.com/LMCCWomen
- The recording any time → www.DwellingRichly.Podbean.com or iTunes, podcast app, or
- www.YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond



Listen to any study, lesson, testimony, teaching:

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HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY

2ND AND 4TH MONDAYS, 6:30PM
SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 - APRIL 23, 2018

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, 2017

- 9/25..... 6PM KICK-OFF DINNER & STUDY
- 9/26 - 10/9 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 1
- 10/9..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 10/10-10/23 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 2
- 10/23..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 10/24-11/13 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 3-4
- 11/13..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 11/14-11/27 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 5
- 11/27..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 11/28-12/11 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 6
- 12/11..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

JANUARY - APRIL, 2018

- 1/8..... 6PM KICK-OFF DINNER & STUDY
- 1/9-1/22 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 7
- 1/22..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 1/23-2/12 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 8-9
- 2/12..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 2/13-2/26 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 10
- 2/26..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 2/27-3/12 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 11
- 3/12..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 3/13-3/26 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 12
- 3/26..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 3/27-4/9 HOME STUDY - HEBREWS CH. 13
- 4/9..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
- 4/10-4/23 HOME STUDY - THE PSALMS OF HEBREWS
- 4/23..... 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY

JOIN THE *Dwelling Richly* STUDY

-- LIVE WEEKDAYS 7AM --

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TUESDAY SCHEDULE →

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← MONDAY SCHEDULE

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

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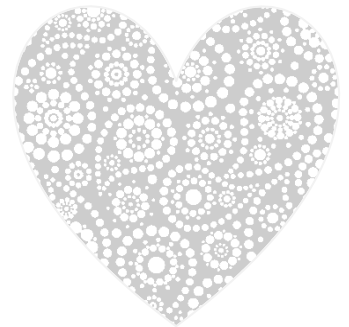
👂 Didn't finish the study this week? That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay you! This will be a good week for you to listen and perhaps jot down answers as others share.

⌚ Be considerate of your "slice of the pie" and how much time you are taking to talk. Share your thoughts, and allow time for others to do the same.

🕒 Watch the time. Please return to our teaching session on time.
7:40pm for the evening group or 10:40am for the morning group.

...AS WE GATHER...

1. Open in Prayer
2. Welcome new members 😊 We're Glad You're Here!
3. Circulate the Attendance Page & Prayer Journal
4. Review and Discuss the previous week's Bible study.



Radiant -- Hebrews Lesson Schedule

Lesson One -- Hebrews Chapter 1

Memorize Hebrews 1:3

- Day 1 -- Active Reading Chapters 1-7
- Day 2 -- Active Reading Chapters 8-13
- Day 3 -- Background
- Day 4 -- Background
- Day 5 -- Read & Write Chapter 1
- Day 6 -- 1:1-3 part 1
- Day 7 -- 1:1-3 part 2
- Day 8 -- 1:4-14 part 1
- Day 9 -- 1:4-14 part 2
- Day 10 -- Create & Share

Lesson Two -- Hebrews Chapter 2

Memorize Hebrews 2:17-18

- Day 1 -- Read & Write Chapter 2
- Day 2 -- 2:1-4 part 1
- Day 3 -- 2:1-4 part 2
- Day 4 -- 2:5-9 part 1
- Day 5 -- 2:5-9 part 2
- Day 6 -- 2:10-18 part 1
- Day 7 -- 2:10-18 part 12
- Day 8 -- Create & Share
- Day 9 -- Devotional

Lesson Three -- Hebrews Chapter 3

Memorize Hebrews 3:13-15

- Day 1 -- Read & Write Ch. 3
- Day 2 -- 3:1-6 part 1
- Day 3 -- 3:1-6 part 2
- Day 4 -- 3:7-19 part 1
- Day 5 -- 3:7-19 part 2
- Day 6 -- Create & Share

Lesson Four -- Hebrews Chapter 4

Memorize Hebrews 4:12

- Day 1 -- Read/Write Ch. 4
- Day 2 -- 4:1-2
- Day 3 -- 4:3-5
- Day 4 -- 4:6-11
- Day 5 -- 4:12-13 part 1
- Day 6 -- 4:12-13 Part 2
- Day 7 -- 4:14-15
- Day 8 -- 4:16
- Day 9 -- Create & Share

Lesson Five -- Hebrews Chapter 5

Memorize Hebrews 4:15-16

- Day 1 -- Read/Write Ch. 5
- Day 2 -- 5:1-6
- Day 3 -- 5:7-10
- Day 4 -- 5:11-14 part 1
- Day 5 -- 5:11-14 part 2
- Day 7 -- Devotional
- Day 8 -- Create & Share
- Day 9 -- Option: Write 6:1-10*

Lesson Six -- Hebrews Chapter 6

Memorize Hebrews 6:19-20

- Day 1 -- Read & Write Chapter 6
- Day 2 -- 6:1-3
- Day 3 -- 6:4-8
- Day 4 -- 6:9-12 part 1
- Day 5 -- 6:9-12 part 2
- Day 6 -- 6:13-20 part 1
- Day 7 -- 6:13-20 part 2
- Day 8 -- Devotional
- Day 9 -- Create & Share
- Day 10 -- Option: Write 7:1-15*

Lesson Seven -- Hebrews Chapter 7

Memorize Hebrews 7:25

- Day 1 -- Read & Write Chapter 7
- Day 2 -- 7:1-3
- Day 3 -- 7:4-10
- Day 4 -- 7:11-22 part 1
- Day 5 -- 7:23-25
- Day 6 -- 7:26-28
- Day 7 -- Devotional
- Day 8 -- Create & Share

Lesson Eight -- Hebrews Chapter 8

Memorize Hebrews 8:6

- Day 1 -- Read & Write Chapter 8
- Day 2 -- 8:1-6
- Day 3 -- 8:7-13 part 1
- Day 4 -- 8:7-13 part 2
- Day 5 -- Create & Share
- Day 6 -- Option: Write 9:1-10*

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Lesson Nine – Hebrews Chapter 9

Memorize Hebrews 9:27-28

- Day 1 – Read & Write Chapter 9
- Day 2 – 9:1-5
- Day 3 – 9:6-10
- Day 4 – 9:11-12
- Day 5 – 9:13-22
- Day 6 – 9:23-24
- Day 7 – 9:25-28
- Day 8 – Create & Share
- Day 9 – Option: Write 10:1-20*

Lesson Ten – Hebrews Chapter 10

Memorize Hebrews 10:23-25

- Day 1 – Read & Write Chapter 10
- Day 2 – 10:1-10
- Day 3 – 10:11-14
- Day 4 – 10:15-18
- Day 5 – 10:19-22
- Day 6 – 10:23-25
- Day 7 – 10:26-31
- Day 8 – 10:32-39
- Day 9 – Create & Share
- Day 10 – Option: Write 11:1-20*

Lesson Eleven – Hebrews Chapter 11

Memorize Hebrews 11:6

- Day 1 – Read & Write Chapter 11
- Day 2 – 11:1-3 Faith
- Day 3 – 11:4 Abel
- Day 4 – 11:5-6 Enoch
- Day 5 – 11:7 Noah
- Day 6 – 11:8-22 part 1 Patriarchs
- Day 7 – 11:8-22 part 2 Patriarchs
- Day 8 – 11:23-29 Moses
- Day 9 – 11:30-40 Others
- Day 10 – Create & Share

Lesson Twelve – Hebrews Chapter 12

Memorize Hebrews 12:1-2

- Day 1 – Read & Write 12:1-17
- Day 2 – 12:1-3
- Day 3 – 12:4-13 part 1
- Day 4 – 12:4-13 part 2
- Day 5 – 12:14-17 part 1
- Day 6 – 12:14-17 part 2
- Day 7 – Read & Write 12:18-29
- Day 8 – 12:18-29 part 1
- Day 9 – 12:18-29 part 2
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Lesson Thirteen – Hebrews Chapter 13

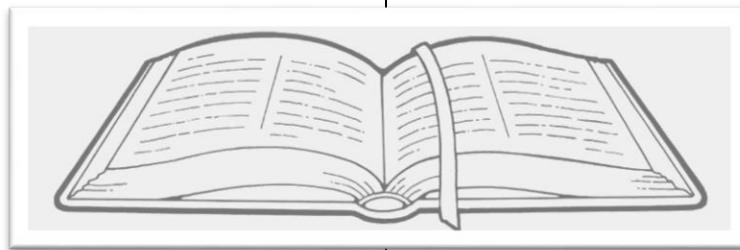
Memorize Hebrews 13:5-6

- Day 1 – Read & Write 13:1-9
- Day 2 – 13:1-3
- Day 3 – 13:4-9 part 1
- Day 4 – 13:4-9 part 2
- Day 5 – Read & Write 13:10-25
- Day 6 – 13:10-21 part 1
- Day 7 – 13:10-21 part 2
- Day 8 – 13:22-25
- Day 9 – Create & Share

Lesson Fourteen – The Psalms of Hebrews

Memorize Hebrews 13:20-21

- Day 1 – Psalm 2 part 1
- Day 2 – Psalm 2 part 2
- Day 3 – Psalm 40 part 1
- Day 4 – Psalm 40 part 2
- Day 5 – Psalm 95 part 1
- Day 6 – Psalm 95 part 2
- Day 7 – Psalm 102 part 1
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1. "Hi, my name is _____
 - ♥ favorite guilty pleasure tasty treat
 - ♥ a little about your family
2. **What is this current season of your life like right now?**
3. **Our theme this year is "Radiant: Who you are because of who He is"**
 - | When do you feel most/least radiant? Why?
 - | What are you most looking forward to in the Bible study?
4. **What tips have helped you in the past be consistent with daily Bible study?**

Let's meet up! Plan a time when you can get together with your fellowship group. Be sure to share contact information. Our next study meets Monday, October 9 or Tuesday, October 10.

Radiant Bible Study Introduction

BIBLE STUDY – HEART & MIND

Listen at: <http://www.dwellingrichly.podbean.com>

Key Scripture that should focus our mindset as we live and approach Bible Study:

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How can we do that? Get to know God through:

W _____

P _____

T _____

Aligning with the intent which is:

K _____ G _____ and M _____ Him K _____

In studying the Bible my goal is to _____

1. What does this Scripture tell me?

_____?

2. How can I more completely _____
and _____?

EISEGESIS	EXEGESIS
Literally means: _____	Draw out Literally means: _____
Remember it by thinking: _____	Remember it by thinking: _____
This approach to Bible study/reading involves:	2 Timothy 2:15 – An honest student of the Bible will be an exegete.
1) I _____	This approach to Bible study/reading involves:
2) E _____	1) L _____
3) A _____	a. _____
	b. _____
	2) L _____
	a. O _____
	b. I _____
	c. C _____
	3) L _____
	a. A _____
	b. S _____

Questions to Ask as we read a particular verse or passage:

- ☐ How is G _____?
- ☐ How does u _____ G _____ in is way impact my v _____ of _____?
- ☐ How then _____?

Emotions...can you trust them? _____

Instead Bible study should be:

Here's a few points that will help you as you study.

1. Just _____ the W_____.
2. Instead of the Study notes go ahead and use...
3. Use a good old fashioned _____ to _____.
4. Use other _____ of the Bible. But avoid _____ like The M_____ or the _____

Two things to Remember:

- 1) Getting into a Bible study is _____! Yay you!!

What will God do?

- 2) You have an E_____ What is his plan when you start getting into the Word?

Be Kind to _____ 1 Corinthians 12

Trust God and Trust the Holy Spirit to give You Wisdom as you read. James 1:5

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

...Lesson One - Days One & Two...

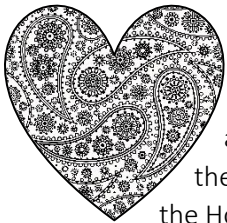
...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 1:3

...DAYS ONE & TWO- ACTIVE READING THROUGH HEBREWS...

Write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture. Before you read, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading.

... BEFORE WE BEGIN ...



The Bible wasn't written to you. The Bible was written over a period of about 2,000 years by 40 different authors from three continents and in three languages. There are 66 separate books each with a distinct author, intended audience, overall purpose, and genre. Each book falls into a basic category of law, narrative, poetry, prophecy, and letters, and most books have a blend of these! The words of the Bible were written as men "spoke from God, as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" and "all scripture is breathed out by God." To enter the Bible with a 21st century, American mindset is problematic. You are bringing to the text your sensibilities, your worldview, your culture, and your understanding of how the world works. In order to grasp the content and the intent of Hebrews, you must enter with...

1. **PRAYER** – God has promised to help you to understand His Words. Ask Him to, and thank Him.
2. **HUMILITY** – Shed your own agenda, then honestly and humbly seek God's.
3. **TIME-TRAVEL** – Well, not literally, but be mindful that you were not the first intended audience. This letter (or sermon, we'll get to that later) was originally distributed to be read by 1st century Jews who had recently converted to Christianity and were living in the Roman Empire. That's a vastly different culture and time! We'll read more on this in a couple of days.

So, while the Bible wasn't written to you, it was most definitely written **FOR YOU!** You are the blessed recipient of the holy, inerrant, inspired words of the Creator of the Universe. As you begin your reading in Hebrews, I pray that you will be filled with gratitude and love for what you have in your hands, that you will realize that God has not only revealed Himself through the Word of prophets but through the life of His Son. May your reading always draw you closer to Him.

... NOTE TAKING TIPS ...

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Key verse = **Yellow**
Prophecy = **Orange**

Take notes in the margin of your Bible. Use a highlighter – Pentel's 8-Color Pencil is my choice – and mark as you read.

...ACTIVE READING NOTES...

Read through these prompts **before you read** Hebrews.

Then, while you read, consider the prompts on the following page, and record your thoughts there:

1. What can you learn about the author – who is unnamed – as you read? Always include a reference (chapter/verse) with your answer:

- Background knowledge
- Desires/Priorities
- Personal knowledge of his audience
- Concerns
- Plans

2. What can you learn about the audience – also unnamed – as you read?

- Ethnicity (Jew/Gentile, etc.)
- Challenges faced?
- Familiarity with **Tanakh**? How many references to the Tanakh do you find? _____ **Tip: Mark each reference in orange for quick review.**
- Their religion? Practicing Christianity? Judaism? Something else?
- Location?

— KNOW THE WORD —

The **Tanakh** is the Jewish Bible - what Christians refer to as the Old Testament. The word Tanakh is an acronym that stands for the three types of books: Torah-Law; Nevi'im-Prophets; Ketuvim-Writings. We will refer to the Tanakh throughout this study since the readers of Hebrews would not have referred to the Old Testament.

3. As you read, look for...

- Repeated words and ideas. *When you see a word twice, make a mental note. If you see it a third time go back and highlight the first two and keep an eye out for any other times that word, phrase, or idea repeats. Think about what the author's point is by circling back to that word or phrase.*
- A central truth about Jesus
- A warning, admonition, or encouragement to the reader
- Also, make note of any questions you have. Are there any challenging concepts for you? Write those observations down as we read so you'll have them handy to discuss with your group and to refer back to when we cover it in the weeks to come.



Chapters 1-2

Chapters 3-4

Chapters 5-7

Chapters 8-10

Chapters 11-13

Specifically, how does the author describe his writing in 13:22?

4. Now that you have read through the entire book, how would you sum up the author's purpose?

...Lesson One - Days Three & Four...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 1:3

...BACKGROUND...

Have you ever met someone, found them a bit perplexing or maybe just hard to relate to, and then found out information about them later that explained a lot? Now you totally “get” them and you’re BFFs. Well, maybe not, but you understand my point...getting that background information can elevate your relationship, increase your compassion, give you insight, and help you enjoy that person all the more. As we get in Hebrews, we want to know as much about the **author**, **audience**, and **culture** as we can. This will elevate our experience in this book and help us avoid feeling perplexed.

...WHO WAS THE AUTHOR?...



Who wrote Hebrews? That’s the Bonus Round question for sure, and we’re in good company to be wondering. For starters, Hebrews is unique amongst the books of the New Testament in that it is the only one whose authorship is definitely unknown.

Was it Paul? Luke? Apollos? Barnabas? Priscilla? Someone else? All have been suggested as possible authors. Paul and Luke wrote most of the words recorded in the books of the New Testament – Luke wrote the gospel bearing his name and the follow-up gospel of Acts. Paul wrote thirteen of the books in the New Testament. There are no writings directly attributed to Apollos or Barnabas, however, both of them have been suggested over the centuries because of how well-respected they were as diligent teachers of the Word. Let’s do some simple detective work and see what you think about the authorship of this book.

1. **Read the following and compare the greetings. What similarities and differences do you note between each?**

[Luke 1:1-4](#) and [Acts 1:1-3](#)

[Romans 1:1,7](#) and [1 Corinthians 1:1-2](#) and [Ephesians 1:1](#)

[Hebrews 1:1](#) (and any other verses you’d like to read along with that)

BONUS: Skim the opening verses of several other epistles in the New Testament. What do you find that distinguishes Hebrews among them?

2. Are there any clues within Hebrews that could point directly at the author or at least give us some information about him and his background? Write any details you observed from your Active Reading:

Here are some verses to consider as well

? [Hebrews 2:3](#) How does the author of Hebrews describe himself and how he received the gospel?

? [1 Corinthians 15:8](#); [Galatians 1:1, 12](#) How did Paul receive the gospel?

For this reason, I do not believe the author was Paul. What do you think?

...WHO WAS THE AUDIENCE?...



From your reading, you have already seen that most letters of the Bible and even the narratives of Luke and Acts were written to a specific audience. The title in your Bible likely says, ‘The Letter to the Hebrews’ or simply ‘Hebrews.’ But when you read the book, it never says clearly to whom it was addressed or who its audience was. With some smart reading, you’ll see why we know this book was a ‘Letter to the Hebrews.’

3. ***What assumptions does the author make about his hearers’ knowledge? Note the use of “we” and “us” in these passages:

[Hebrews 1:1-3](#); [2:1-3](#);

4. What about their current maturity in the Faith?

[Hebrews 5:11-12](#)

5. What familiarity does the author have with his audience? What kind of people were they (their character), specific events they’d been through, names of people, and places.

[Hebrews 6:10](#); [Hebrews 10:32-34](#); [12:4](#) and [13:23-24](#)

Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

Was the author a woman?

Adolph von Harnack, a German Lutheran theologian who wrote in the 1900s was the first to suggest Priscilla as the author. Hebrews 11:32 gives us a good answer: “...for time would fail **me to tell** of Gideon...” This phrase loses its gender when translated from Greek to English, however, in the Greek, the phrase “to tell” is masculine from the Greek participle διηγοούμενον (diagoumenon). Priscilla was a highly educated and respected teacher of the Word, and while I’d love the author to be Priscilla, in my opinion, the text doesn’t support that idea.





...WHEN WAS HEBREWS WRITTEN?...

Just like your life, mindset, and worldview have been shaped by the era in which you've lived, the audience of this book was influenced by the times in which they lived. There are clues in Hebrews which will give us a pretty good idea of when it was written. Let's get a look at the earliest and latest possible dates for Hebrews.

TIMELINE OF HEBREWS



Answering the following will help you add dates to your timeline...

6. The author names Timothy in [Hebrews 13:23](#). What does the author want his audience to know?

This tells us that by the time Hebrews had been written, what had happened to Timothy?

In 2 Timothy, which Paul wrote from prison, he mentions that Timothy was free to travel and bring him supplies ([2 Timothy 4:9-11](#)). So, Hebrews must have been written after Paul's death which was around 65AD.

7. If you found a letter from a relative describing how she was busy with her chores like hanging laundry, cleaning the icebox, and singing along to the latest tunes from Bing Crosby on her "new-fangled" radio you'd know with fair certainty that her undated letter was from the 1940's, right? Using that same process of thinking, consider these clues in Hebrews to help with the latest likely date of its writing:

[Hebrews 5:1-3](#) (note the present tense verbs) This is a reference to the ongoing work in the Temple at Jerusalem. What are several things the high priest is doing:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

[Hebrews 8:13](#) What does the author encourage them **not** to go back to doing – saying that it is "becoming obsolete" and is "ready to vanish away"?

We know from history that the Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70AD. Therefore, since the author of Hebrews writes in the present tense of the high priestly duties going on in the temple, we can know that Hebrews was written before 70AD.

...Lesson One - Day Five ...

...READ & WRITE...



Each week we are setting aside time to read and write the Scriptures...Today is that day! At the back of this Bible study are blank pages for you to *handwrite* – yes, *handwrite!* – each chapter of Hebrews. You'll receive a new set each week at our Bible study, or you can download the blank pages at www.LaMiradaChurch.com on the Women's Ministry Bible study page. There are less than 340 words in Hebrews chapter one. At 15 words a minute, that will take you about 20 minutes to write...draw...think...illustrate...design your Hebrews page in a way that helps you recall the Word. At the end of this study you'll have written the entire book of Hebrews.

What an accomplishment...what a treasure...what a blessing!



...Lesson One - Day Six ...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 1:3

...HEBREWS 1:1-3 PART 1...

...PRAY...

Thank you, Lord for my time in your amazing word today. Thank you for your promise to be with me and to bless me when I hide your word in my heart. Please grant me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus and allow the eyes of my heart to be enlightened. I want to know the hope to which I have been called. In Jesus name, Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 1:1-14](#) and [Psalm 2](#)



... MY HEART TO YOURS ...

AS AN ELEMENTARY school teacher, I learned something pretty quickly: Teach with the end in mind. In September, I'd get my bulletin boards all prepped, the name tags – oh, the hundreds of name tags! – hand printed, the books organized, and my lesson plans planned...then the kids would come in that classroom door on the first day, and we were off! Off to where, though? In third grade, we were off to learning the multiplication tables, US History, butterflies, and cursive writing – that's what they'd need to know, among other things, by the end of the year. Can I tell you something about 3rd graders? They are just like grown-ups, only more honest. "Why do we need to multiply? Can't I use a calculator?" and "I can't write in cursive! Who needs to anyway? I have a computer!" It didn't take long for those wee, 8-year-olds to catch on that, like it or not, cursive, times tables, and history were all important and expected subjects to know. That didn't make them **want** to know it – that's where teaching comes in. Anyone can dispense information, a true teacher helps their students to want it, love it, embrace it, enjoy it!

SO, EARLY ON I decided that instead of beginning with facts and figures, I'd begin with the why. I'd show why multiplying was so much faster than adding a stack of numbers...why cursive was cooler, fancier, and also faster than printing...and besides, someday it'd be a secret code because so many other kids wouldn't have been taught it! Multiplication...better! Cursive...better! Don't go back to your old ways of doing things we've got a way better way! By tapping into their prior knowledge and familiarity with adding and printing, I could show them that while that was good for then, there's a way better way and they'd be smart to get into it. "You don't want to be stuck in 2nd grade ways anymore, do you?" Heck no! Big third graders want all the better stuff – better math, better writing, better playground! Let's go! That's it...I got 'em! And off we would go!

THE END I HAD IN MIND was graduating a group of third graders who not only knew their facts but had a heart for learning, so all year, that centered my teaching. Proverbs 23:26 is my guiding verse as a teacher: "*My son (student), give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.*" I don't just want my students' minds...I want their heart. And, because I want to take my students somewhere they might be resistant to go, so I need ways worthy of observing.

THE AUTHOR OF HEBREWS approaches his audience in much the same way – as a good teacher who wants his students to come around to the better way. He takes the first eleven chapters to set up a rationale for why there's a better way. He empathetically connects with them to help them see how worth it their trials are in light of the truly difficult trials they are facing. Surrounded by the realities of the darkness of their times, the author of Hebrews knows what they're tempted to do – go back. Like third graders still clinging to addition over multiplication, printing instead of cursive, the audience of Hebrews needs to see the inadequacy of their old ways and the more excellent, far better, more amazingly radiant way in Christ. Angels? – JESUS IS BETTER! ... Torah? – JESUS IS BETTER!

Moses? – JESUS IS BETTER! ... Priests? – JESUS IS BETTER!

Sacrifices? – JESUS IS BETTER! ... Old Covenant? – JESUS IS SO MUCH BETTER!

So, Hebrews is more of a sermon, than a letter. It reads like a message from a man who is passionate about the future of his readers. I find myself feeling the same passion for you, today, my friend. Please read and love and study and enjoy with that in mind. God bless you!

LET'S BEGIN ...

Hebrews: *Radiant*

...THINK AND ENGAGE...

Consider the original author and audience of this book, the way this message of Hebrews was communicated. Read the following verses and see if you can notice a common thread.

1. What does this say about how the message of Hebrews was delivered and how the author relates with his audience? Hint: underline every reference to "we" and to hearing or speaking.

2:1	
2:5	
5:11	
6:9	
8:1	
9:5	
11:32	

Can you feel the connection? The author speaks (not writes) of "us" and "we"...this sets Hebrews apart from other New Testament books in that Hebrews begins like a sermon. It starts off with none of the typical greetings that **epistles** do: greeting the audience, identifying the writer, etc.

2. Read Hebrews 1:1-2a. Complete the following:

	The Old Message	The New Message
When	<i>Read Numbers 12:6-8</i>	<i>Read Joel 2:28</i>
Who		
By Whom		
How		<i>(Implied)</i>

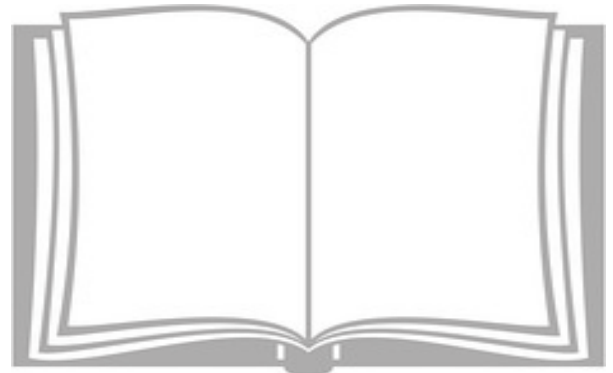
There are two general ways that God has revealed himself to us. We can group these as "General or Natural Revelation" and "Special or Biblical Revelation." General Revelation is how we know God by observing what we can see and understand of Him as He is revealed in creation. Special Revelation is, well – special! God revealed Himself through prophets, visions, talking donkeys ([true story!](#)) and His Word.

3. ***Consider how God has revealed Himself to you in both General and Special Revelation. List, draw, or attach an item to remind you of the ways God has revealed Himself to you in each category...

GENERAL REVELATION



SPECIAL REVELATION



It's Greek to Me

"The word **epistle** comes from the Greek word *epistole* which means "letter" or "message." Epistles were a primary form of written communication in the ancient world, especially during New Testament times. Since many of the New Testament books were originally written as letters to churches or individuals, they are referred to as the Epistles. An epistle would have been written on a scroll. Often, it was dictated and then reviewed by the author before being delivered by a trusted messenger." (GotQuestions.org)

4. Based on this opening, what do you think the author of Hebrews is hoping his audience will hear and understand as a foundational truth?

5. ***Read Hebrews 1:2b-4. Describe the person, power, and privileges of the Son. There are at least seven which we'll dig deeper into in the next lesson:



It's Greek to Me

The Greek word translated "exact imprint" (ESV) in 1:3 is from the word χαρακτήρ (karakter) – from which we get the English word 'character.' This word is only used here in the New Testament. To a Hellenistic audience, this would have conveyed a very visual image of an engraver stamping a coin to give the exact impression of the original. This is what the author is saying about Jesus – the exact imprint of God's radiance and nature have been perfectly reproduced in Jesus. Like a coin can be handled, looked upon, passed around – it's not a drawing of the original or a sketch being passed around, but now it's the exact imprint of the original for all to see and behold.



Underline "exact imprint" (ESV) from 1:3 in your Bible, and make a note in your margin about the Greek origin of that word.

6. Read [Psalm 2:1-8](#) This is a Messianic Psalm that speaks of the coming of Jesus. What parallels do you find in this Psalm and Hebrews 1:2?

"The Bible is not a book like any other. It makes a claim that God spoke and speaks through its message. It is a book that calls us to examine our lives and relationship to God. Beyond the fascinating history, it contains vital and life-transforming truths about God and us."

-Darrell Bock, contributor, "The God Who Speaks" documentary

...CLOSING...

The truth of God speaking is amazing, but the consistent message of His voice is overwhelming! Consider that since the dawn of time God has been speaking to us to prepare us for Jesus. To Adam and Eve He promised a Redeemer, to Abraham that all nations would be blessed, to Micah the town where He'd be born, to Daniel the time of His birth, to Malachi the prophet who would come before Him. The author of Hebrews has a goal in these opening sentences: to establish the greatness of Jesus Christ over all that has been revealed and above all who have revealed it. Every prophet received a part of the revelation, Jesus has it all and is Himself "who fills all in all."

Close your time today in prayer thanking God that "in many times and in many ways" He spoke. He spoke to you today through the Words you've read...were you listening?

KNOW THE WORD

At the time of the writing of Hebrews, Jews had adopted Greek language and customs. In Acts 6:1: "...the Hellenistic Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food." This is from a Greek word meaning "Greek" or Greek speaking. The Jewish writings had been translated into Greek by a council of 70 scholars. This collection is called the **Septuagint** (LXX). The author of Hebrews quotes the Septuagint.

...Lesson One - Days Seven & Eight ...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 1:3

...HEBREWS 1:1-3 PART 2...

Note: You can divide this lesson in two days or complete in one depending on your time available.

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, today as I read Your Word, I know how much I need it. I need it as much as the first believers needed to hear this message. I pray that by the Spirit You would press it home in my heart and mind today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 1:1-14](#)

What do you think is the most famous, the most quoted, the most memorized verse in the Bible? John 3:16 by a landslide.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

And while millions could recognize it – even recite it – how many truly grasp it? The author of Hebrews opens the sermon with a clear understanding of the center of that very verse. His passion for us to know Jesus, to “fix our eyes on Jesus” (Heb. 12:2), is so obvious it may as well have been written in bold and all caps. From just the opening few verses we can learn so much about God’s “only begotten Son.” Let’s revisit yesterday’s study and dig a little deeper...

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. Jesus had a few key questions to ask during His earthly ministry. The most important one is one that you and I – everyone – need to answer. Read [Matthew 16:13-16](#). What was the question and what was the million-dollar answer?

2. In reminding us of this truth about Jesus, the author of Hebrews stands against three worldviews that surround you right now. What does the author of Hebrews say to these:

1. Pluralism - Jesus is “a truth” not The Truth.
2. Muslims - Jesus was a prophet but He wasn't the final, the greatest prophet - Mohammad is.



3. Mormonism – Jesus (and Satan) was a “spirit child” of two gods.

3. There are 7 statements affirming the nature of Jesus in these opening verses. Why is it important for you today to affirm the true nature of Jesus Christ?

We'll take a look at them, and consider how they support the author's purpose. (You wrote at the end of your notes on page 17. Feel free to update if you need to.)

4. Jesus is the H ____ – Read Hebrews 1:2b, 5b, and [Psalm 2:1-8](#)

1. If Jesus is the heir of all things, how are you going to participate in His inheritance? (How do any heirs participate in an inheritance?)

2. And if we have trusted in Him, what is our reward? [Romans 8:16-17](#)

3. [Colossians 1:16](#) also says in the final phrase that all things were...

The author of Hebrews continues to affirm the truth about Jesus. Write down or describe the role of Jesus in Creation from these verses and any others you find:

5. Jesus is C _____ – What has Jesus created?

Read Hebrews 1:2b and [John 1:1-3](#) and [Psalm 102:25](#)

~BONUS~

READ MATT. 12:33-44. WHAT DOES THIS PARABLE SAY TO THOSE WHO REJECT THE HEIR?

DRAW OR PLACE A MEMENTO OF THIS TRUTH
Jesus is _____

Jesus is _____

Jesus is _____

Jesus is _____



It's Γρεκ το Με

The Greek word translated “created” is ἐποίησεν (epoiēsen) where we get the English word “poem.” Another fascinating word in these verses is “radiance” (1:3 ESV) translated from the Greek word ἀπαύγασμα, (apaugasma) used only this one time in the New Testament. This term comes from the Septuagint’s, “The Wisdom of Solomon” which like, the Book of the Proverbs in our bible personifies wisdom as existing and co-creating with God (Prov. 8.) It has the sense of “splendor” or intense brightness.”



The Greek word translated “world” (ESV) is “αἰῶνας” (aionas) meaning “ages” which is more than our physical universe but all the concepts and laws that govern it.

6. Jesus is the R _____ of the G _____ of G _____

Consider [Luke 9:28-36](#) and [Exodus 33:19-20](#) and [Revelation 21:22-24](#) and what this says about God's radiance to you:

7. Jesus is the E _____ I _____ of His N _____

How does Jesus being the “exact imprint” of God differ from the “fathers and prophets” through whom God spoke in “many times and in many ways”? What does that imply about his message?

Jesus is _____

Jesus is _____

Jesus is _____

8. Jesus U_____ the U_____ by the W_____ of His P_____
1. How does “upholding the universe” differ from creating the world? Consider [Colossians 1:16-17](#)
 2. Jesus keeps the universe, but he also upholds you! Read [Jude 24-25](#). How is Jesus upholding you?
9. ***Jesus has made P_____ for s_____
- Remember that the author of Hebrews is setting up his point for the entire message that Jesus is better than any person or system.
1. How have they been getting “purification for sins” up to this point? Read [Leviticus 16](#) – Read all or part until you see the point.
 2. Why is this important and necessary? Read [Titus 2:14](#) and [Psalm 103:12](#)
10. Jesus S_____ D_____ at the R_____ H_____ of the M_____ on high
- This verse proclaims two important facts about what Jesus has accomplished. Note what he is doing _____
...and where he is _____
- The significance of Jesus having “sat down” is so important. In the temple, where sacrifices were made for sins there were no seats. Not one. Why? Because the work for sins is always ongoing. The author of Hebrews is making an amazing point, one which Jesus announced on the cross.
1. Read [John 19:30](#) What did Jesus declare? _____
 2. That Jesus is seated and is at the “right hand” is a reminder of Christ’s exalted position. The author of Hebrews refers to the most quoted Psalm in the New Testament. Read [Psalm 110:1](#) What strong message do you think this would have been to those hearing/reading these words?
 3. Beautifully, there is one place described in the New Testament where Jesus is not seated. After Stephen gives a scathing sermon, the Jewish leaders are enraged and stone him to death. But, as he is being stoned Read [Acts 7:54-56](#) and read what Stephen is permitted to see. Describe the scene here:

...IN CLOSING...

Maybe you’re reading this today and you’re weak in your faith, finding it hard to even pray, wanting something more, but not sure how to find it. If that is you, I pray that today you are seeing that God’s Word is reminding you that Jesus is better than whatever else it is that you’re looking for. He’s a better Savior, He’s a better Priest, He’s a better sacrifice for a better covenant and a better way of life. If you’re

lacking and empty, it's not because Jesus is not what you need or not all that you need, it's because you don't have enough of Him. The temptation for us to think that there's something else out there better is real, but God is saying through His word, "No, Jesus is better. There's not something out there better than Jesus; Jesus is better than anything else."

My heart is that you will see this more and more deeply with greater assurance
as we continue to love God and his Word in this study.

...Lesson One - Day Nine ...

....WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 1:3

...HEBREWS 1:4-14...

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, this is Your Word. I know that it is your inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word, but there are some things that I believe to be true that are hard to believe. I need Your Holy Spirit to lay this truth deep into my heart and make it live and grow so that I can walk by faith, even when I have no sight. In Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 1:1-14](#)

The Bible is filled with mention of angels – 108 in the Tanakh and 165 in the New Testament. They are real and powerful and have a specific role in God's plan. However, angels are not above Jesus, and the author of Hebrews felt it important to get that clear right at the beginning. My guess is that your issue is not that you might think this or that – especially an angel - is superior to Jesus. I'm sure you'd have the correct Sunday School answer to the question: "Who or what is better than Jesus?" – **Nothing!** Good job. Gold star for you. The issue is more likely that while we know (brain) that Jesus is better – we still act like He's not enough (heart.) We underestimate Jesus. In today's lesson, let's get our brain and heart – and life for that matter – in synch and act like we believe what we say we believe, amen? Ready? Let's go...

***[Luke 15:10](#); [Matthew 22:28-30](#); [Colossians 1:16-17](#); [Mark 13:32](#); [Jude 6](#); [Hebrews 13:2](#)

Use the following references to identify the names of specific angels and details about them:

1. [Daniel 8:16, Luke 1:19, Luke 1:30](#)

Name: _____

2. [Jude 9; Daniel 10:13, 21; Revelation 12:7-9](#)

Name: _____

3. [Luke 10:18; Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:12-14](#)

Name: _____

Jewish people at the time of the writing of Hebrews, influenced by the **Essene** sect, had begun to add to God's word about angels. Wrong thinking was prevalent enough that Paul addressed it in one of his epistles.

11. Read [Colossians 2:18](#). What does Paul warn against?

12. In what two ways does the author of Hebrews set Jesus apart from angels in 1:4?

13. What does Hebrews 1:5 (quoted from Psalm 2) say about Jesus?



Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

The Greek word translated "begotten" is "γενέννηκά" (gegennēka.) The word is not a chronological reference but a priority one – it speaks of the status of Jesus, not the birthorder. This is important as you engage with the cultist at your door – Jehovah's Witness and Mormons in particular – with claims that Jesus was a created being. They misapply this verse in particular to back up their bad theology. I hope studying Hebrews is clarifying and empowering as you know the truth and can be truly set free from any traps of cultic thinking.



14. Read [Colossians 1:15-17](#) How can Jesus be the source of all creation and be created? Isn't he, as a created being, included in "all creation?"

15. Read Hebrews 1:6-7 and [Luke 2:13-15](#) What are angels in relation to Jesus? What do they do for Him?

16. Read Hebrews 1:8-9 and [Psalm 45:6-7](#) Not only is He superior to the angels, not only is He the master of the angels, He is the ruler of the kingdom, what point does the author of Hebrews make here about Jesus over the angels?

17. ***Read Hebrews 1:10-12 and [Psalm 102:25-27](#) How does this clarify Jesus' superiority over angels?

KNOW THE WORD

The Essenes were a branch of the Jewish community who taught a very high view of angels. They developed an organized system of angelology, "in which the 'Prince of Light' and other heavenly princes were expected to fight alongside the Sons of Light on the 'last day,'"* They thought that Michael and his angels were going to reign in the kingdom to come. They believed that the last days were upon them, and that Michael was going to bring in the eternal reign of God. This was an unbiblical teaching that lead Paul to warn against.

*JewishVirtualLibrary.org

18. Read [Hebrews 1:13-14 and Psalm 110:1](#). What does this tell you about the reign and power of Christ?

Also, what is the role of angels as described in 1:14? _____

19. ***Considering the audience of Hebrews, why do you think the author takes such time to quote again and again from the Tanakh? How does this support his goal?

20. Read [Psalm 8 and Philippians 2:1-11](#) Are you seeing it? What does God's word so clearly tell us about Christ and His mission?

21. In [Ephesians 3:18-19](#), Paul prays what for us? How can you apply that in your life today?

That's my prayer for you, as you are completing today's lesson. Know Christ. Grasp Him. Be filled with an unshakable understanding of Him

...IN CLOSING...

As glorious and as exalted as they are, no angel was ever humiliated for you. No angel ever carried the weight of your sins and the sins of the world. But the Son of God did. Only Jesus could because He is superior to angels and the Creator of this world. He shed His blood for you. What angel ever did that for you? Christ bought you. Christ is better far better than anyone or anything we could ever try to fill our hearts with.

Is that enough for you? Is Jesus enough? Think right now of what you desire most to happen. Is Jesus enough that if it doesn't happen, you can still say Jesus is enough? Dear sister, that's where I am, and the author of Hebrews is there waiting to say, "Jesus not only enough, He's better, He's more, He's superior, He's more excellent, He is all, He is everything." Hallelujah, all I have is Christ. Hallelujah, Jesus is my life.

Tomorrow is a Create & Share day. Be thinking today in closing, how you might want to bring your thoughts and your heart together and express the truth of what you've learned in our first lesson through Hebrews.



...Lesson One - Day Ten...

...CREATE & SHARE...

Design a graphic that best visualizes our memory verse this week,

"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."

There's room below to draw, color, collage, create...or use your computer skills...or scrapbooking ideas. Just have fun and create then share...Take a photo of your design and email or text it to your small group along with a friend who isn't in this Bible study. Offer a word of encouragement, an insight, your ah-ha moment through this study. Post your creation to Instagram or Facebook with the hashtags #DwellingRichly #LMCCWomen and #RadiantBibleStudy

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Who You Are...

Because of Who He Is.

~ Lesson Two ~
Hebrews Chapter Two

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...Lesson Two...

...SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP...

- 📖 **God's Word is our standard.** We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible for this study.
- ♥ **We come from varying faith backgrounds,** so please be thoughtful of denominational and religious differences.
- 🚫 **Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible.** Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.
- 👂 **We're all learning.** Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.
- ✓ **This isn't a personal opinion study. This is a Bible study.** So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers. Try your best and have a humble and teachable spirit.
- 🗣️ **You don't have to share,** but if you did the reading and the study this week, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share! 😊
- ⌚ **Be considerate of your "slice of the pie"** and how much time you are taking to talk. Share your thoughts, and allow time for others to do the same.
- 🕒 **Watch the time.** Please return to our teaching session on time. 7:40pm (evening) or 10:40am (morning) group.

...AS WE GATHER...

1. Based on your study, who do you think is the author of Hebrews? The audience?
2. Considering the audience of Hebrews, why do you think the author takes such time to quote again and again from the Tanakh? How does this support his goal?
3. How does Hebrews 1:10-12 clarify Jesus' superiority over angels?
4. What did you learn about angels?
5. Based on Hebrews chapter one, how would you describe the person, power, and privileges of the Son.
6. What was the most interesting thing you learned about God in your study time?
7. Was there anything you feel a little uncertain about?

BONUS... Can you recite Hebrews 1:3? What memorization tips can you share with the group?

→ GO AHEAD AND SAY THE VERSE TOGETHER (READING OR RECITING) WITH YOUR GROUP



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~ NOTES ~

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Before you begin this Bible study, please be sure you have read the **introduction** on pages 3-11 **and** you have listened to the opening lesson **“Hebrews: Study with Heart & Mind.”**

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Lesson Two is divided into nine days of guided study time designed to take about 30 minutes a day.

Read the complete outline and schedule for Hebrews in the Introduction.

Jennifer is available during the week if you have any questions about the study.

Her contact information is in the introduction.

...Lesson Two - Day One

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18



...READ AND WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER TWO...

As you read in the introduction, we will be reading and writing the entire book of Hebrews over the course of this 14-lesson study. Lesson Two will focus on Hebrews 2:1-18. At the end of Lesson Two I have provided pages several blank pages for you to “WRITE THE WORD.” Use these or any pages – perhaps a special journal? – to write each chapter of Hebrews. At the end of the 14 lessons, you’ll have written the entire book! What a treasure!

While you study Hebrews, write any notes, thoughts, questions, even drawings, that will help you engage and understand the Scripture. Before you read and write, pray that God would open the eyes of your heart to see clearly the wonders in His word (Psalm 119:18) and that He would give you wisdom (James 1:5) to grasp and apply what you are reading.

At the end of this lesson is a page titled simply: “Jesus is...” As you’re reading and studying through Hebrews, write on this page any truths, titles, or names of Jesus that you come across. I’ve left the page open and blank. Feel free to fill in the page in a way that best suits your style...bullet points, sentences with references, drawing, word art, etc. At the end of our study you’ll have quite a list!

Take a moment at the end of your reading and writing each day to check in on that page and see if you have any new words to add.

TODAY:

- 1) READ HEBREWS 2:1-18 - If you haven’t read chapter one yet, be sure to **do that first**.
- 2) WRITE HEBREWS 2:1-18 – If you haven’t written chapter one yet, set aside time this week.
- 3) WRITE & MEMORIZE Hebrews 2:17-18. I’ve provided space at the opening of each lesson for this.

Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18

Why not take a picture of your writing today and share it! Text it to a friend, send it to me (562.755.4964), post it on social media ...>

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...Lesson Two - Day Two...

....WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18

...HEBREWS 2:1-4 PART 1...

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, thank You for Your Word. Today as I contemplate its importance for me, I pray that You would open my eyes to behold the wonderful truths in this passage. In Jesus' name, Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 2:1-4](#) – What truths about Jesus can you add to your “Jesus is...” page?

...REVIEW & CONNECT...

1. In chapter one the author of Hebrews laid a bold and firm foundation. Review your notes or read chapter one and answer:

1. How do angels compare to Jesus in importance and power?
2. In what seven ways is Jesus superior to angels? (Hebrews 1:2-)
- 4) 1:2a _____
- 5) 1:2b _____
- 6) 1:3a _____
- 7) 1:3b _____
- 8) 1:3c _____
- 9) 1:3d _____
- 10) 1:3e _____

...THINK & ENGAGE...

2. The author begins this section with “Therefore...” Any time we read “therefore” we need to ask – as my dad used to teach me – “What’s the ‘therefore’ there for?”

It's Greek to Me

Διὰ τοῦτο (dia touto) is one of the most frequently occurring phrases in the New Testament - 207 times. It's used when the author is making a point based on the previous point. It means "because of this," or "for this reason," and is usually translated "therefore."



3. Chapter two begins what will be a series of *five warnings* throughout Hebrews. Read and summarize each warning and be sure to mark each one boldly in your Bible.

- 1) [2:1-4](#) - _____
- 2) [3:12-19](#) - _____
- 3) [6:4-8](#) - _____
- 4) [10:26-31](#) - _____
- 5) [12:25-29](#) - _____

4. Read over 2:1-4 and complete the following using just the wording from each verse. No interpreting, just complete each answer with the words from Scripture:

? What is the author insisting they "pay closer attention to?"

? What is he cautioning will be the result of not paying closer attention? (2:1)

? By whom was the original message delivered? _____

? What proof does the author give that the original message was reliable?

? The author uses the past (angels reliably delivering a message) to emphasize what present potential retribution? (Hint: He phrases it in the form of a question.)

? What are we (his readers) in danger of neglecting? (2:3)

? Who declared this most recent message first? _____ (2:3)

? Who declared (attested) it next? _____ (2:3)

? Who also bore witness to the message? _____ and by what four specific ways? (2:4)

(1) S _____ (2) W _____

(3) V _____ M _____ (4) G _____ of the H _____

? How were the gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed? _____

5. Paraphrase these first four verses. Consider the heart of the writer as he expresses this warning, the proof, and the consequences:

...Lesson Two - Day Three...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18

...HEBREWS 2:1-4 PART 2...

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, as I approach your Word today remind me that you mean it for Your glory and my good. Help me not to miss a thing that You say to me and want me to understand in your Word today. In Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 2:1-4](#) What truths about Jesus can you add to your "Jesus is..." page?

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. In 2:1, by saying, "much closer attention," what is the author implying?
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2. How would you summarize the concern the author of Hebrews has for his audience?
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3. Underline "drift away" ("slip" in the KJV) in 2:1. What picture comes to mind when you read that word? Draw or write your response here:
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4. The author says "lest we drift away from it..." from what? (Hint: Hebrews 1:2a, the first phrase in 2:1, and 2:3)
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➤ Study Tip: Connect phrases in your Bible that explain themselves.

It's Γρεκ το Με

The word translated "drift away" is from the Greek "παρρέω" (pararreó) and means "drifting past a destination because pushed along by current." It shows a carelessness on the part of the person involved. Plato used this word for something slipping away from the memory, and Plutarch of a ring slipping from a finger. The point is allowing a loss to go unnoticed.



5. Do you think people today are still vulnerable to the same drifting? To neglecting your salvation?

Are you? Explain:

6. Is it possible to simply “drift away” from sleeping? From eating? From wearing clothing? While these things could happen, they would not happen from carelessness. Something would have to be seriously psychologically or physically wrong with a person for sleeping, eating, or wearing clothing to stop happening. They might need therapy, prescription pills, essential oils, or all the above to fix one of those issues, right? Well, what’s the author’s remedy for this issue of drifting away? (2:1)

7. Consider a boat in a vast ocean. Is a boat just naturally going to drift in the correct direction? Unlikely. What’s to keep a boat from drifting off course?

8. Now consider on personal and practical level, how you would do what the author is saying: “pay closer attention” so you don’t “drift away.” Suggest at least three tips that could do today that would help you or a friend in this

MY TOP THREE TIPS FOR ANTI-DRIFTING-AWAY-PAY-CLOSER-ATTENTION-SO-I-DON'T-NEGLECT-SO-GREAT-A-SALVATION		
<u>Tip #1</u>	<u>Tip #2</u>	<u>Tip #3</u>

...IN CLOSING...

Following the truth of the gospel is not a leap of faith, not blind wishful thinking, or trusting in something you can't prove...it's a decision to acknowledge the futility of life without God and to commit to God through Jesus based on the reliability of testimony – angels, prophets, Jesus, apostles, miracles, God Himself. And yet, like the hymn writer said,

“Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love”

This describes me. I'm prone to wander. I'm prone to leave the God I love. I'm prone to “drift away” from “so great a salvation.” It's not that I'm angrily shaking my fist at heaven and stomping away from God, but in the small drifting ways of my daily priorities – sleeping in instead of rising for time in the Word, making excuses instead of making room in my schedule for prayer, diminishing the reality of my own sin instead of acknowledging it as it is...is this you as well?

What if today, you closed in prayer and asked God to reveal any tendency you have to drift away, to take His salvation for granted, and asked Him in all humility to keep you tethered to him no matter what it take. Allow for God to work in you for His glory and for your good today.

...Lesson Two - Day Four...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18

...HEBREWS 2:5-9 PART 1...

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, thank You for the truth of Your word. I pray that you would open my eyes to behold wonderful things from it today, that you would strengthen my heart and life as I read, study and love your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 2:5-9](#) - What truths about Jesus can you add to your "Jesus is..." page?

...REVIEW & CONNECT...

9. In [Hebrews 1:13](#), what distinction did the author of Hebrews make about Jesus over the angels?

10. So, why make such a point about Jesus being greater than angels? (Consider your studies from Lesson One)

...THINK & ENGAGE...

11. Read [Psalm 8](#). What does David seem so amazed by in this Psalm?
12. Maybe you've felt that way too on a dark and clear night when you can see the stars? How does it make you feel to look up and consider the vastness of the night skies?

— KNOW THE WORD —

What was the role of angels? In Judaism, the belief was that angels played a significant role in the ruling of nations. In Deuteronomy 32:8 boundaries of the nations were set according to the number of God's angels. In Daniel 10, angels are referred to as the "prince of Persia", prince of Greece" and Michael, the archangel is called the "great prince" who was placed as a watch over Israel.

13. Now, reread Psalm 8 – which the author of Hebrews quotes in this chapter – and reapply it to Jesus, because that is what the author is doing here. What is he saying about the uniqueness of Jesus here?

14. What has God placed under Jesus' feet? Hebrews 2:8 _____

15. In Hebrews 2:8b we read: "At present we do not yet see everything in subjection to him." In what ways is this statement, written 2,000 years ago, true today?

16. Hebrews 2:9 continues with the connecting word, "but." How is this verse a hope-filled statement for you today?

17. So, the first chapter of Hebrews the author is setting up the case that Jesus is the pinnacle of creation, superior to angels, the Creator of the universe and the one who continually sustains it as well. In Chapter two, we see that this same Jesus is also what? (2:9)

In tomorrow's study, we'll see why.



...IN CLOSING...

As we close, you might feel like I do, that I don't see Christ's present reign like I might want to see it. But, this passage is a tremendous encouragement to me and a reminder that I cannot fail to realize that Christ is in fact ruling. And as I consider that, it makes all the difference.

When I see that in my life Christ's rule is already ongoing, it changes the way I look at life. I won't be ultimately pessimistic if Christ is ruling. I definitely feel like there are experiences in my life that contradict His rule. I'm tempted to think that if He's ruling and He's ruling for my good, I should see things going much more smoothly! But, the author says when we look around don't see everything yet subjected to Him, don't think that that means that He's out of control. Don't think that just because you don't see everything subjected to Him yet, that Christ is not ruling from the right hand.

There's a reason for that...but we'll have to wait a bit as we continue in our study. That's where faith comes in. Truly trusting and not drifting away from what we have been taught means having faith that the One whom we have affirmed as the Heir, the Creator, the Radiance...is on the throne and will bring all things together for His glory and our good. Do you trust him for that today?

...Lesson Two - Day Five...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18

...HEBREWS 2:5-9 PART 2...

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, I admit today that my heart is often overwhelmed by the sadness and lostness of this world. In your grace and mercy, please come alongside of me today and remind me of your love, your power, your desire for me to fix my eyes on You. Thank you for comforting my heart and instructing my mind in your holy word today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 2:5-9](#) - What truths about Jesus can you add to your "Jesus is..." page?

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. What truth about Jesus does the author most frequently repeat in 2:5-9? (Hint: 2:5 one time, 2:8 three times!)

➤ Study Tip: Underline and connect repeated words/phrases/concepts

2. In 2:8-9 connect in your Bible the two uses of the word "see."

What do we see now? (v8) ----- BUT ----- What do we see? (v9)

Describe some of the ways things are NOT appearing to be in subjection to Him in the world today:

In spite of what we do "do not yet see," describe who we do see and what that means to you in the bigger picture:

WE DO NOT YET SEE EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION TO HIM, BUT WE SEE HIM!

Continue to note as we study through Hebrews the reminders for us to look past what we see now and on to what we can see, should see, will see...Him

3. What other encouragement from Scripture comes to your mind when you think of seeing Jesus?
How can you share this truth with a hurting friend today?

4. The author then connects the verse he quoted from Psalm 8 to the truth about Jesus in 2:9. What truth is that?

5. What was the beginning and ending moment of this “little while” that Jesus was *incarnated* and made a “little lower than the angels”? Read also [John 1:14](#) and [Philippians 2:6-9](#)

6. NOTE: Hebrews 2:9 is the first time in Hebrews that the author mentions Jesus by name. How has the author referred to Jesus up to this point? List at least seven ways Jesus is acknowledged in Hebrews 1:1-2:8

7. In four phrases, the author reminds us of the steps Jesus took to end the ultimate consequence of sin. List them here.

- 1) He was made a little lower _____
- 2) He was crowned with _____
- 3) He suffered _____
- 4) So that he might _____

8. How is the death of Jesus something that indicates the “grace of God?” It doesn’t seem very gracious for Jesus to have to experience death when he, as we have read, was the heir, the radiance, the creator, and upholder of the universe! Upon whom is God showing grace and why? Read also [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) and [1 John 3:1, 5](#)

— KNOW THE WORD —

When Jesus “became flesh and dwelt among us”...when he “became a little lower than the angels”, this is referred to as the “**incarnation**.” This theological word sums up the reality of Jesus being in the flesh. The word comes from the Latin “in + carnis” (*in flesh*). The Latin Vulgate was the version of the Bible, translated by Jerome in AD200. It was the most widely used translation, so the term remains today.

...IN CLOSING...

When the author of Hebrews writes: “At present we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.” I can’t help but think that this is the understatement of the century! I wake up every morning to news that makes me wonder if this the same country I grew up in. I am assaulted by the horrific violence, the

natural disasters, the evil of “this present darkness.” I look around closer circles of family and friends and see broken relationships, unfaithful spouses, unhappy marriages, prodigal sons and daughters. I see lives devastated by disease and tragedy. And from our earlier reading through all of Hebrews, you read that the people he is writing to had experienced severe persecution, loss of property, imprisonment, and more (Hebrews 10:32-24).

THIS IS ALL UNDER SUBJECTION TO JESUS TOO? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT!

But do you understand what the author of Hebrews is saying? He's saying that every terrible thing that you can imagine, though it doesn't look like it, is in subjection to Jesus. There is nothing that is outside the realm of the control of His power.

Dear sister, we spent an entire chapter affirming who Jesus is for just such difficulties as this. Contrary to what some “Christian” teachings will say, this isn't your best life now, and there's no amount of positive thinking that can make it so. In fact, as John MacArthur said, “It is absolutely true that this is your best life now...that is if you're not a Christian because your next life is going to be infinitely worse than this one!”

This is a world totally in rebellion to God's original order.

But, “We see Jesus.”

We. See. Jesus.

Mark that twice in your Bible and never lose sight of what this means! We have to know this so that we can wake up in the morning and keep on going. God is telling us this because he wants us to be firm in who Jesus is – he is at the center of the message of the Gospel. He's not just some peaceful spiritual guru giving “5 Tips on Abundant Living.” He rules this world because the Father has given Him that authority and we can have true hope that all will be made right because he there is “nothing left outside his control.”

So, this is what I want you to do. I want you to look at the reality of the life of Christ. Look at His experience and see this: that God bestowed glory and honor on Him because of His suffering and death. To the degree that we have understood that He is better, more superior, more excellent, he also suffered more, bore more, was in more anguish for this world and for you personally. Let that truth wrap around what you are going through now and sing with the Psalmist:

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 75:25-26



We do not yet see
everything in subjection
to Him, but
WE SEE HIM.

...Lesson Two - Day Six...

....WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18

...HEBREWS 2:10-18 PART 1...

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, there's a lot to unpack in your Word today. I know it is so full of the truth, but it can be difficult for me to grasp at times. Open my eyes today that I might see and understand the wonderful richness of your Word. In Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 2:10-18](#) - What truths about Jesus can you add to your "Jesus is..." page?

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. Review Hebrews 2:10-18, and underline or highlight every phrase that points to the idea of family (sons, brothers, children, etc). There are at least seven. I've offered the verses where I found these references. List them here and add any others you find:

2:10 _____
2:11 _____
2:12 _____
2:13 _____
2:14 _____
2:16 _____
2:17 _____

Note: We are using the English Standard Version for this study as explained in the introduction pages.

— KNOW THE WORD —

In Hebrews 2:11 we read that "he who **sanctifies** and we who are **sanctified** have one source." Sanctify means "set apart, made holy." It comes from the Greek word: "ἁγιάζω" (hagiazō) or the Hebrew word: "קָדַשׁ" (kadash). The first time the word is used is in Genesis 2:3 when God "sanctified" the seventh day of creation and set this day apart as holy. The final time is in Revelation 22:11 when God speaks of the final judgment and His return. Sanctification is both a single act – Jesus' death sanctified us, and an ongoing process – we who trust God are being made holy. We'll learn more about sanctification throughout Hebrews, especially in chapter ten.

...Lesson Two - Day Seven...

....WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18

...HEBREWS 2:10-18 PART 2...

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, there's a lot to unpack in your Word today. I know it is so full of the truth, but it can be difficult for me to grasp at times. Open my eyes today that I might see and understand the wonderful richness of your Word. In Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 2:10-18](#) - What truths about Jesus can you add to your "Jesus is..." page?

...THINK & ENGAGE...

In September 2001, a TV miniseries based on the novel by Stephen Ambrose entitled "Band of Brothers" came out. It told the story of a U.S. Army division who fought together during World War II. The experiences of the young men who knew fear and bravery during the most horrendous of circumstances during the war showed the power of coming together in a unique and difficult brotherhood. As we read today, I pray that you will see the love and power in the truth of Jesus calling you and I family – He is our brother. It's stunning really. The Heir, Creator, Sustainer is also your brother.

1. From Hebrews 2:10 answer the following...

? What is the purpose of God in sending his Son into the world to suffer?

The Greek word for sons "in bringing many 'sons' to glory" is from υιους means a male or female.

? What glory is he talking about? Remember [Psalm 8](#) and [Hebrews 2:7](#).

? How did God make Jesus "perfect?"

It's Greek to Me

The Greek word translated "perfect" is the same root from which we get the word 'telescope.' Τελειόω (teleeo). It means "reaching the end (aim)." Think of an old pirate's telescope, unfolding one stage at a time in order for it to function at full-strength.



2. How is this possible? Isn't Jesus already perfect? Write your thoughts...

3. Read [Romans 8:32](#) and [2 Corinthians 5:21](#). I don't want you to miss this incredible reality. Again, what did God do and for what purpose?

Romans 8:32 –

2 Corinthians 5:21 –

4. Jesus is not ashamed to call you what? _____

5. What is Jesus doing in the “midst of the congregation?” Hebrews 2:12 – (Psalm 22:22)

In contrast, what does Satan do? [Revelation 12:10](#)

Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

Yes, Jesus sings! In fact, four times in Scripture Jesus is said to sing! The Greek word translated “sing your praises” is ὑμνήσω (hymneso) – I bet that looks familiar! It's where we get our word “hymn.”



6. What difference does it make to you in your relationship with Jesus today that he is your brother?

7. What difference does it make for your eternity that Jesus is your brother – having shared in being flesh and blood? Read [Hebrews 2:14-15](#) and name at least two things that Jesus' accomplished:

1) _____

2) _____

8. In what ways was Jesus made like us? [Hebrews 2:17](#) and [Philippians 2:7](#)

9. By doing that, Jesus became what for us? Hebrews 2:17

M _____ and F _____ H _____ P _____

We will spend more time in greater detail on this truth later in our study.

KNOW THE WORD

Hebrews 2:17 says that Jesus made “propitiation” for our sins. It has two parts in its meaning: appeasing the wrath of an offended person and being reconciled to him. Jesus appeased God and made us right with Him. 1 John 4:10 says, “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins.”

10. When Jesus was preparing to leave his disciples he said in John 14:16, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,” Here in Hebrews 2:18 what does the author remind us that we have in Jesus?

11. Why do you think Jesus is perfectly qualified to come to our aid?

...IN CLOSING...

ARE YOU SEEING the amazing compassion of Jesus here? Jesus did what he didn't have to do – for me, for you. Maybe you're like me and you often find yourself feeling that it would be nice if only you knew what was coming. Like, maybe it would just be so much easier to trust in God if we knew how it was all going to work out. Consider that kind of thinking and apply it to Jesus. He lived his life and he knew exactly what was coming. In Gethsemane, hours from the cross, Jesus, knowing what was to come, prayed that the cup of his suffering might pass from him, and yet, he still surrendered to the will of the Father. We have no idea what it would have been like to have lived an entire life knowing that awful day of crucifixion was coming. And yet Jesus Christ chose to do that for you.

I LOST A DEAR FRIEND TO CANCER the week I wrote this study. He came into my life because he fell in love with my one of my dearest and truest friends. He was the man of her dreams and he became the brother of my dreams. I always wanted a big brother and always imagined he'd be just like David. He would have come to my aid and did at a moment's notice. He laughed with me, cried with me, got angry with me and on my behalf. He cheered me on and made me feel like I could do anything.

THIS CHAPTER OF HEBREWS took on a special significance as it reminded me all the more of how precious it is to have a true brother. A companion who knows me, loves me, and comes to my aid. Jesus was far better than an earthly brother. He did something that David never could have. Jesus became my brother and then made amends for me with God. He hung in my place. He treasured me and as it says in Psalm 22, he will be singing my praises in the middle of all the redeemed, and in Revelation, he'll silence for good my accuser, Satan. That's the best kind of big brother.

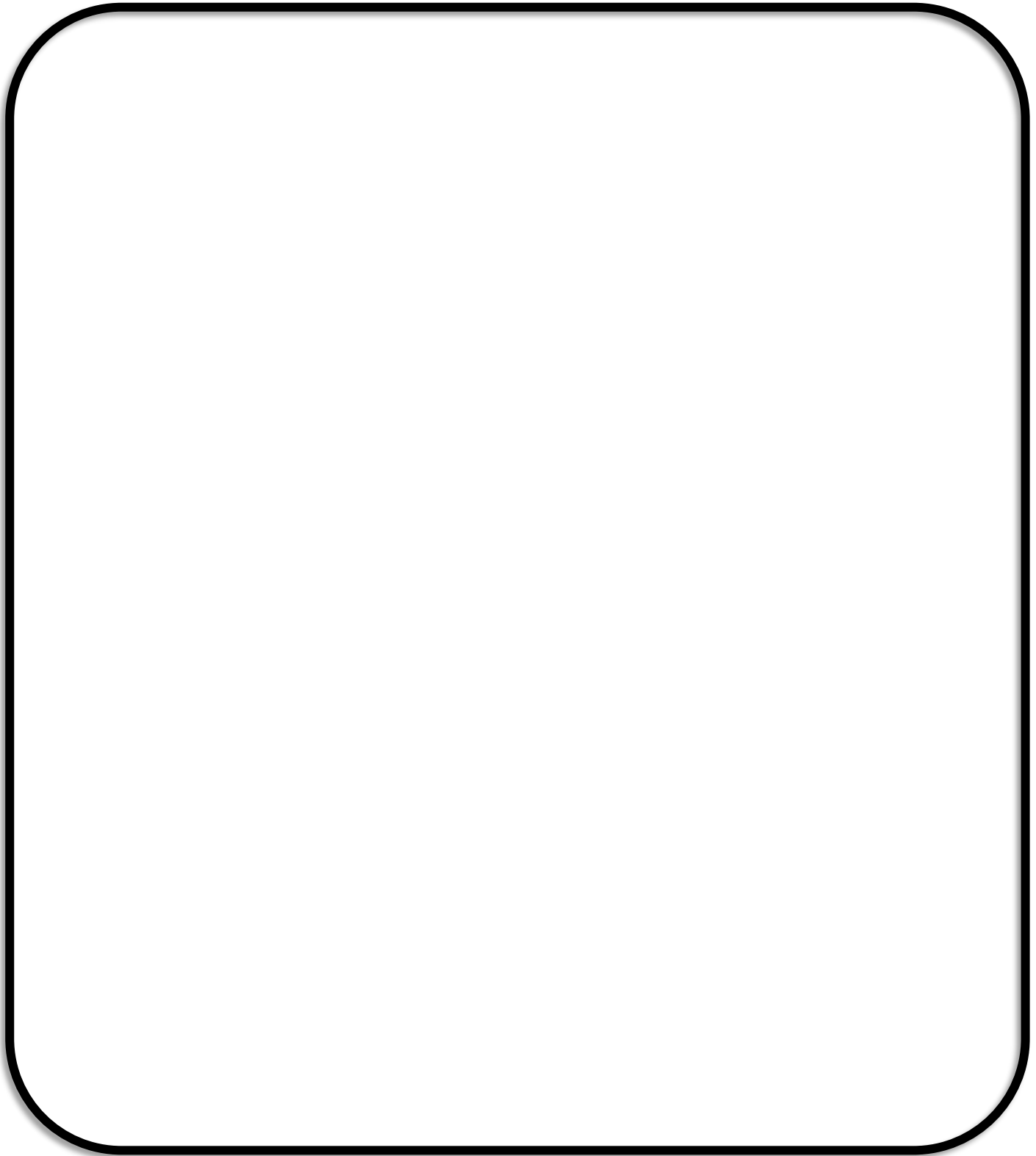
ONE DAY, HOPEFULLY SOON, my earthly brother David and I will be reunited with our Heavenly Father and our brother Jesus. For now, I will not neglect the great salvation that Jesus has given me. I may in this time not see everything in subjection to Him, but I do see Him, and that makes all the difference in the world. Today, David sees Him face to face.

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY!



*Dedicated to my dear brother and friend,
David Perschbacher
who is whole and Home and with our True Brother.*





...Lesson Two - Day Nine...

....WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 2:17-18

...DEVOTIONAL...

Take a few minutes to read and meditate on one of the following verses from Hebrews 2:1-18. Use your "WRITE THE WORD" pages at the end of this lesson or the next page to write or draw a thoughtful response or prayer after you have spent time meditating on the verse you chose. I've provided some reflective questions on the next page to help you meditate on the verse.

Hebrews 2:1

Therefore, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

Hebrews 2:8b-9a

"Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him..."

Hebrews 2:11

For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers.

Hebrews 2:17

Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

Hebrews 2:18

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Write your devotional verse here:

Pray. This is very important. Don't skip prayer. Ask God to help you see and understand His truth for you today. Confess any sins, and come before God with a heart clean and fresh. Thank God for His love and Word for you. You can write a prayer here, or simply pray.

Seek. What truth about God does this verse teach you? How is God speaking to your heart and mind through this truth?

Apply. How will knowing this change the way you live today? Deal with challenges, worries, fears? Engage in relationships?



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