

New Testament Survey NTS.9

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

The Epistle the Hebrews



Logistics & Learning Objectives:

1. Learning Objectives. Participants will gain a high level understanding of the:
 - a. Letter to the Hebrews
 - b. Priesthood of Melchizedek
 - c. Warnings to the Christian church
2. For more information please visit www.studioscriptura.com

The New Testament Survey

seeks to presents Christianity's core tenets and doctrines for all that are interested in learning about Christianity. We seek to provide tools for believers to build a strong foundation and thereby help them bolster their faith in Christ. We seek to be purposeful and diligent in teaching the foundations of our beliefs, so we can earnestly contend for our faith.



New King James Version.
1988. Nashville: Holman
Bible Publishers.

Key
Sources:



1. "How shall we escape if we **neglect** so great a salvation?" Hebrews 2:3
2. "Do not **harden** your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness" Hebrews 3:8 (Psalm 95:8 rebellion - Numbers 14:9 Joshua "do not rebel")
3. "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they **fall away**, to renew them again to repentance" Hebrews 6:4
4. "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has **trampled** the Son of God underfoot?" Hebrews 10:29
5. "See that you do not **refuse** Him who speaks." Hebrews 12:25

Outline of Hebrews in Just a Few Words

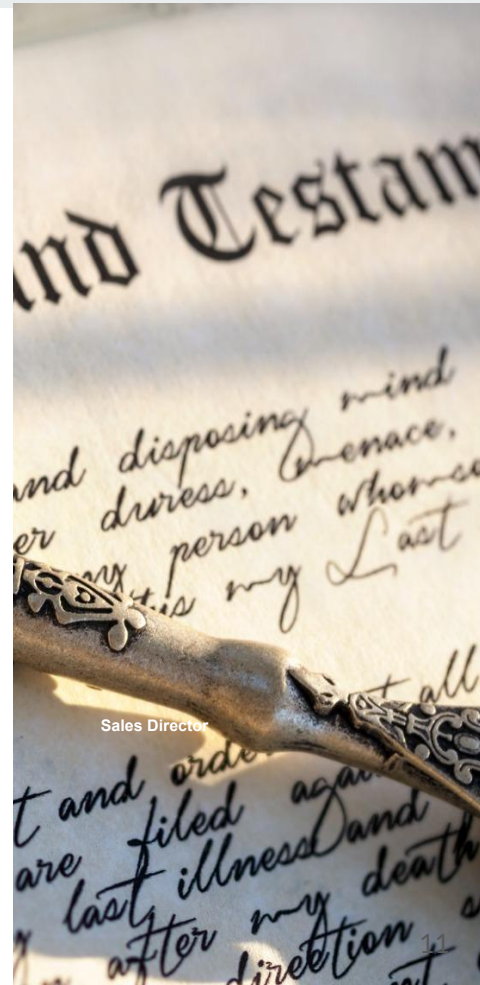


1. "By His Son"
2. "But we see Jesus"
3. "Do not harden your heart" (See Numbers 14 Psalm 95)
4. "Enter His rest" (see Psalm 95)
5. "Order of Melchizedek" (see Psalm 110)
6. "On to perfection"





7. "A better hope" (see Jeremiah 31:31-34)
8. "A better covenant" (see Jeremiah 31:31-34)
9. "His own blood" (see Jeremiah 31:31-34)
10. "Establish the second" (see Jeremiah 31:31-34)





11. "By faith" (see Habakkuk 2:1-4)
12. "Looking unto Jesus"
13. "Heart be established by grace"



HEBREWS 1 *By His Son*

1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

8 But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

HEBREWS 2 *But we see Jesus*

6 But one testified in a certain place, saying: "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him?"

9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.



HEBREWS 3 *Do not harden your heart*

3 For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

7"Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

HEBREWS 4 *Enter His rest*

4 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

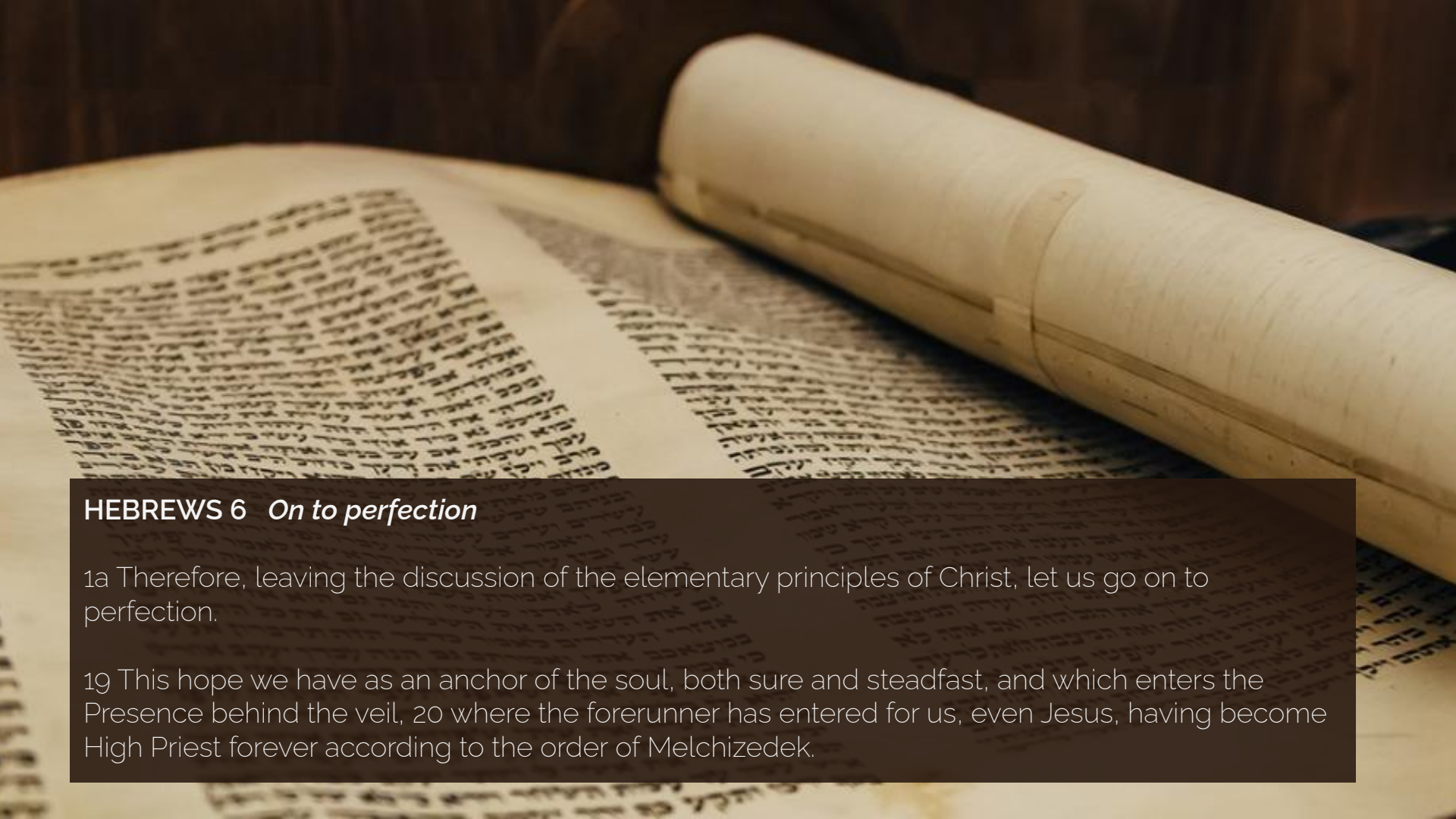
15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

HEBREWS 5 *Order of Melchizedek*

3 Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.

6 As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek" (Genesis 14, Psalm 110)

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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HEBREWS 6 *On to perfection*

1a Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection.

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

HEBREWS 7 *A better hope*

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated "king of righteousness," and then also king of Salem, meaning "king of peace," 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils.

11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

22 By so much more, Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

27 Who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

HEBREWS 8 *A better covenant*

8 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

HEBREWS 9 *His own blood*

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Romans 5:8-9

HEBREWS 10 *Establish the second*

3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.


9 Then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

17 Then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

37 "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.



HEBREWS 11 *By faith*

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.
3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

HEBREWS 12 *Looking unto Jesus*

12 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

15 Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

HEBREWS 13 *Heart be established by grace*

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever

9 Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

1. What lessons and/or passage(s) from Hebrews resonated with you? Why?
2. Which of the “warnings” do you think apply to the Church today? To your life?
3. How would you explain the importance of Melchizedek’s priesthood to someone?
4. How are you “running the race”?

So What &
Now What?

