

## INTRODUCTION TO HEBREWS

Read Hebrews 1-13

**Introduction:** This epistle was written to Hebrew Christians who were tempted to return to Judaism to avoid additional persecution and pressure from their fellow countrymen. The writer warns them not to go back to Judaism, but encourages them to listen to Jesus Christ, who is the Author and Finisher of their faith, and follow Him. He is better than the prophets, priesthood, covenant, sanctuary and sacrifices that they had in Judaism. The temptation of Gentile Christians is similar to that of the Hebrew Christians in that they are tempted to leave Christ and return to the world.

**Aim of the Lesson:** Forsake the world and be true to Jesus Christ.

**Memory Verse:** "Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jn 2:14)

**Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer**

**"BETTER"** - This is an important word in Hebrews. Fill in the blanks to identify what is better.

1:4 – Christ is better than \_\_\_\_\_.

7:19 – The new covenant brought in a better \_\_\_\_\_.

7:22 – Christ was made surety (the guarantee) of a better \_\_\_\_\_.

8:6 – Christ is the mediator of a better \_\_\_\_\_.

9:23 – The heavenly things were to be purified with better \_\_\_\_\_.

11:16 – Abraham and his descendants desired a better \_\_\_\_\_.

11:35 – Old Testament saints did not accept deliverance so they might have a better \_\_\_\_\_.

11:40 – God did not make Old Testament saints perfect so He might give to us some better \_\_\_\_\_.

12:24 – Jesus Christ's blood speaks of better \_\_\_\_\_ than Abel's blood.

**FIVE WARNINGS** – Put the warnings in the right order. When you connect these verse references to the right warnings, you find the right order of the warnings that God has given to His people: 2:1-4; 3:7-4:13; 5:11-6:8; 10:26-31; 12:18-29.

**FIND THE RIGHT VERSE REFERENCE FOR EACH WARNING**

DO NOT DENY (fall away) GOD'S WORD \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT DISOWN (turn away) GOD'S WORD \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT DRIFT (slip) FROM GOD'S WORD \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT DETEST (sin willfully) GOD'S WORD \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT DOUBT (disbelieve) GOD'S WORD \_\_\_\_\_

**PUT THE WARNINGS IN THE RIGHT ORDER**

1.

2.

3.

4.

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**GEMS OF TRUTH IN HEBREWS**

Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-2; see Jn 1; Col 1). How should this truth affect the decisions we make in life (1 Cor 10:31)?

Jesus learned \_\_\_\_\_ by the things He suffered (5:8). What good can come from our suffering?

We are in a \_\_\_\_\_ (12:1-2). A good start is not enough; we must strive to the end to win a prize.

Milk is for \_\_\_\_\_; meat is for \_\_\_\_\_ (5:12-14). Milk is Christ's work to save us; meat is His work to perfect us and use us (13:20-21). What spiritual food are you eating?

**BE DEAD TO THE WORLD AND ALIVE TO CHRIST**

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