

Book of Hebrews  
Adult Sunday School Class  
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**Summary**

I think it would be helpful as we conclude our study of this book to state some of the key principles we've gained from the study and then list the passages that demonstrate these principles. As we do this, we need to remember the primary audience for this book was Jewish Christians living in the first century. We as Gentile believers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century need to consider the applications that fit our situation.

**Principle 1.**

Jesus Christ is the final communication of God with man. His sacrifice accomplished everything for us and grants us forgiveness, sanctification and rest.

Passages:

Hebrews 1 – Christ, the Final Word, is better than the Angels

Hebrews 2:14-18 Releases from bondage

Hebrews 3:1-5 Christ greater than Moses

Hebrews 5 Christ is the great High Priest; see also chapter 7

Hebrews 8 Christ's Priesthood and Covenant are better than the old

Hebrews 8 New Covenant actually solves the problem – renews the person and gives the Holy Spirit plus the internal motivation to walk in God's ways.

Hebrews 9 The true tabernacle in heaven better than the earthly one

Hebrews 9:26, 27 Christ bore our sin and thus put away sin.

Hebrews 10 Christ's sacrifice able to perfect us and cleanse our conscience, unlike the Old Covenant or any man-made legal system

**Principle 2.**

Looking anywhere else is futile and endangers your eternal soul. For Hebrews readers it means not returning to Judaism. For us it means not returning to the world or religious works as a means of being saved or growing in the Christian life.

Passages:

Hebrews 2:1-4 Be careful not to drift. How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?

Hebrews 3:6-12 Don't harden your hearts like O.T. Israel did.

Hebrews 6:4 – 8 It's impossible to renew repentance if you reject the only hope of salvation there is.

Hebrews 10:26 -31 How much worse if you trample on the blood of Christ

Hebrews 12:25 Don't refuse him who speaks for if they did not escape, how shall you?

### **Principle 3.**

We as individuals must be careful to make progress and not give up the ground we've covered. Persevere to the end.

Passages:

Hebrews 4:1-11 Don't fail to enter the rest that has been prepared for you.

Hebrews 4:14 Hold fast your profession

Hebrews 5:12-14 You ought to be teachers by now.

Hebrews 6:1-3 Don't keep laying the foundation of elementary principles.

Hebrews 6:11-12 Show same diligence to the end – the oath to Abraham shows the provision has been made for perseverance.

Hebrews 9:28 To those who eagerly look for him will he appear the second time.

Hebrews 10:23 Hold fast our confession

Hebrews 10:35-36 Do not cast away your confidence. You have need of endurance

Hebrews 11 Consider the testimony of and about those individuals of faith and imitate them.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Run the race patiently and without baggage.

Hebrews 12:3 Consider Jesus lest you become weary

Hebrews 12:7-14 Look on discipline as a good sign and don't be discouraged by it. Pick yourself up and keep going.

### **Principle 4.**

We are responsible to others in the body to enable them to make progress and not fall back either.

Passages:

Hebrews 3:12, 13 Beware lest there be any among you with heart of unbelief. Exhort one another today.

Hebrews 4:1 Let us fear lest any of us come short of the rest we are entitled to.

Hebrews 10:24-25 Consider one another to stimulate toward love a good works. Do not forsake assembling together.

Hebrews 12:15-17 Look carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God.

Key Words in the Book:

Consider: 3:1; 7:4; 10:24; 12:3; 3:7

Perfect (Perfection): 2:10; 5:9; 6:1; 7:11; 7:19; 7:28; 9:9; 9:11; 10:1; 10:14; 11:40; 12:23

Better (New): 1:4; 6:9; 7:7; 7:19; 7:22; 8:6; 8:8; 8:13; 9:15; 9:23; 10:20; 10:34; 11:16; 11:35; 11:50; 12:24