

BBS Study Weekend Syllabus

Hebrews (NEW15)



Overview

One of the most significant books in the New Testament in helping us understand the work of Christ in the context of the calling of Israel. Here we take a thorough look at the arguments presented for the supremacy of Christ – as useful today as when first written.

This is one of our New Testament Modules forming part of our *Applied Biblical Studies* course. Students working towards a British Bible School award will receive 5 Module Credits upon completion of all given assignments.

Module content

- This module will introduce students to the New Testament book of Hebrews in its original context, with a view to understanding its message and relevance within a contemporary setting.
- The issue of authorship and its significance will be discussed along with consideration of the document's initial destination.
- The text will be explored on a sectional basis and in light of its context within the message of the document as a whole, never losing sight of the supremacy of Christ as its central theme.
- The subjects of priesthood, worship and sacrifice will be explored as they relate to the contents of the document and to the Hebrew Scriptures.
- Other major Biblical themes addressed within the book, such as faith, grace, suffering and holiness will be explored with a view to better understanding these universal themes as they reveal truth about God.

Module outline

- I. Introduction to book
- II. The superiority of Christ (1:1-4)
- III. Superior to angels (1:5 - 2:18)
- IV. Superior to Moses (3:1-19)
- V. Entering his rest (4:1-13)
- VI. Appointed by God (4:14 - 5:10)
- VII. Words of warning (5:11 - 6:20; and others)
- VIII. The order of Melchizedek (7:1-28) *
- IX. Better covenant, better priesthood (8:1-9:28) *
- X. Christ's sacrifice once for all (10:1-39)
- XI. Pictures of faith (11:1-40) *

XII. Suffering and the blessings (12:1-29) *

XIII. Concluding exhortations (13:1-25) *

XIV. God's grace in Hebrews *

XV. Hebrews for today's believers *

** These units will be presented during the second weekend*

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this module the student will:

- be familiar with the structure and contents of this book, as distinct from other Scripture
- have a good grasp of the essential message of the document and of its place within the whole story of God
- recognise its particular significance and relevance for believers today
- better understand the relevance of a number of significant Biblical themes, particularly those unique to this book
- better understand the Hebrew Scriptures in relation to the life and sacrifice of Christ.

Additional assignments

These are optional but are required for those wishing to complete all Learning outcomes and attain Module credit towards a British Bible School award.

1. Attend all sessions of the Study Event*
2. Make a list of at least a dozen things we learn about Christ from this book, preferable things we don't learn or are not emphasised elsewhere, and suggest why they might be important to our faith. Include appropriate references.
3. Choose six quotations made in "Hebrews" from the Hebrew Scriptures, briefly explain their original context and meaning, and comment on how that might be reflected in this book.
4. Write a 2,000 word article/essay on any **one** of the following:**
 - a. The text of the Hebrew Scriptures in the book of Hebrews
 - b. The contribution of Melchizedek to our faith in Christ
 - c. How "Hebrews" has helped me better understand the Old Testament Scriptures
 - d. To what degree are the 'warnings' in this document applicable to believers today?
 - e. How might we best demonstrate the supremacy of Christ within a contemporary pluralistic society?
 - f. The canonicity of the book of Hebrews.

For further guidelines, please consult the Student Handbook. Assignments should be submitted by e-mail to study@britishbibleschool.com with "ECP assignment" in the Subject field and your name clearly indicated. Assignments should generally be submitted within six months of the completion of class sessions.

* Under certain circumstances exception may be made up to a maximum of 20% total class time.

** You may, if you would prefer, write two x 1,000 word articles on **two** of the topics listed. Please supply word count. Word limits are to be observed +/- 10%.

Learning and assessment

Applicable to entire Module NEW15 - parts one and two - including completion of additional assignments.

Class presentations	16 hours	16 x 1 hour sessions
Learn about Christ exercise	2 hours	12 + things we learn
Quotations in "Hebrews"	2 hours	6 quotations
Essay/article (including reading)	30 hours	2,000 words

Cost

We suggest a fee of £10 per student per weekend, just to help cover immediate costs. We are concerned that no-one is put off attending due to financial restraints so we will make available the opportunity to contribute as you are able. Refreshments will be provided, including lunch on Saturday.

Weekend details

Dates: Friday and Saturday, 29th - 30th March; 10th - 11th May 2019

Location: Aberdeen church of Christ meeting place, 393 George Street, Aberdeen AB25 1EQ

Teachers: Patrick Boyns, Jon Galloway and Jack Paton

Weekend programme - 29th - 30th March 2019

Friday:

19.00 - Session 1 - Introduction - context and authorship [Jon]

19.55 - Break

20.05 - Session 2 - Introduction - content and style, etc. [Jack]

21.00 - Goodnight

Saturday:

09.00 - Arrival

09.30 - Session 3 - The superiority of Christ (1:1-4) [Patrick]

10.25 - Break

10.35 - Session 4 - Superior to angels (1:5 - 2:18) [Jon]

11.30 - Break

11.40 - Session 5 - Superior to Moses (3:1-19) [Patrick]

12.35 - Lunch

13.10 - Session 6 - Entering his rest (4:1-13) [Jack]

14.05 - Break
14.15 - Session 7 - Appointed by God (4:14 - 5:10) [Jon]
15.10 - Break
15.20 - Session 8 - Words of warning (5:11 - 6:20; and others) [Patrick]
16.15 - Farewell

Weekend programme - 10th - 11th May 2019

Friday:

19.00 - Session 1 - God's grace in Hebrews [Patrick]
19.55 - Break
20.05 - Session 2 - The order of Melchizedek (7:1-28) [Jon]
21.00 - Goodnight

Saturday:

09.00 - Arrival
09.30 - Session 3 - Better covenant/priesthood (8:1-9:28) [Jack]
10.25 - Break
10.35 - Session 4 - Christ's sacrifice once for all (10:1-39) [Patrick]
11.30 - Break
11.40 - Session 5 - Pictures of faith (11:1-40) [Jack]
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Additional notes