

Hebrews

The Son Superior to Angels

and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

and the exact representation
...ning all things by his powerful
... had provided purification for
... at the right hand of the Maj-
... became as much superi-
... he has inherited

13 To which of the angels did
"Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for you."
14 Are not all

Study on Hebrew

Background knowledge:

Culture & Context

Bible study skills: Observation – Interpretation - Application

=Words of Emphasis

=& Repeated words

=& Compare & Contrast (esp for Hebrews)

Application:

- Sins to confess,
- Promises to claim,
- Attitudes to cultivate,
- Command to comply,
- Example to copy,
- Scripture to contemplate.

OVERVIEW OF HEBREW

HEBREWS – THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

SUPREMACY OVER OT OFFICES C1-7

OT OFFICES

C 1-2

Messenger;

from God to man
such as angel & prophets

C 3-4

Deliverer;

of God for man
such as Moses & Joshua

C 5-7

Mediator;

between God & man such as Priesthood;

SUPREMACY OVER OT ORDERS C8-10

OT ORDER

C 8 Covenant

C 9 Tabernacle

C 10 Sacrifice

SUPREMACY IN THE SAINTS C11-13

THROUGH FAITH

C11

Faith defined

C12

Faith demonstrated

C13

Faith developed

15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,

16 *"THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM*

AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:

I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,"

He then says,

17 *"AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."*

18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Because of the Sacrifice of Jesus which offers:

**Forgiveness that is real
Freedom that is radical
Future that is redeemed**

1. Inward Conscience
2. Iniquities Cleansed
3. A NEW AND LIVING WAY

**TO EXPERIENCE THE
INTIMACY WITH GOD
(V19 ONWARDS)**

Jesus offered Himself as a better sacrifice

How then shall we live?

Appropriate the Sacrifice:

Forgive yourself and others – His sacrifice is more than enough

(Forgiveness that is real + Future that is redeemed)

Focus on Evangelism – His sacrifice is ONLY way to God

(Freedom that is radical)

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V19-25 + V26-39
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- Inward call
- Outward call

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Upward call
= draw near to God

How?

Be real
= sincere heart
(breakthrough)

Be bold
= full assurance of faith
(bold bcos of God)

Be cleansed
= evil conscience (blood)
+ our bodies (word)
(feeling of distance)

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Inward call
= hold fast to HOPE

What to hold = Hope?

Rom 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

= Experiences with God

How?

Without wavering
Don't give up

Why?

Because He is faithful
He will come through

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Outward call
= encourage with love

What to consider?
Stimulate one another to
love and good deeds
Encourage one another

How?
In community

Why?
The day is drawing near
Are you ready?

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CONTEXT

= We have a great priest who opened the way to Him.

= We need to act properly.

= v26-39 Warning if we act otherwise.

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Read & Observe:

Repeated words or ideas

Link the flow: how not to fall away

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V26-27 Consequences of sinning wilfully

V28-29 Comparison of Consequences. Why?

V29:

1. Trampled under foot
2. Regarded unclean the blood of covenant
3. Insulted the Spirit
(From lesser to the Greater)

V30-31 Certainty of harsher Consequences

32 **But** remember the former days, when, after being **enlightened**, you **endured** a great conflict of sufferings, 33 **partly** by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and **partly** by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. 34 **For you** showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, **knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one**. 35 **Therefore**, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 **For you have need of endurance**, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

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V32-36 (abt You)
Remember your endurance
V33 endured reproaches & tribulations
V34-36 source of hope

V37-39 (abt us)
We will not shrink back.
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Severe Warning of Falling Away!

3 reminders to help us NOT to fall away.

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How Not to fall away:

V26-31

1. Don't let go of truth!

- V26 ... after receiving the knowledge of truth
- V30 For we know Him who said....
- V31 Consequences of sinning wilfully

App:

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2 For this reason we must pay **much closer attention** to what we have heard, so that we **do not drift away** from it. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty, 3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation (***by GOD***)?

We drift when we don't take His word seriously.

eg compromising worship, lying, friendship with the world, etc

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How Not to fall away:

V32-36 (abt You)

2. Don't give up!

- 2x Endure; V32 & 36
- Certainty of sufferings
- Focus on better & lasting possession

App:

Focus on our eternal future (hope)

Eg lab test on rats

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How Not to fall away:

V37-39

3. Don't look back!

- 2x shrink back
- // live by & have faith

Num 14

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20 So the Lord said, "I have pardoned them according to your word; 21 but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord. 22 Surely all the men who have seen My glory and My signs which I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have put Me to the test these ten times and have not listened to My voice, **23 shall by no means see the land which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who spurned Me see it. 24** [But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit](#) and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it.

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in Leave Egypt
th Cross the Red Sea
th Experience miracles in the desert.
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se **WHY?**

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- They looked back to
Egypt. What is your
Egypt? Regrets? etc?

App:

Crucify "Egypt" in our lives.
Eg Busyness – anything
that robs God of worship

Heb 10:26-39 = How NOT to fall away

V26-31 Don't let go of Truth: Take the Word seriously (Love the Word)

V32-36 Don't give up: Focus on our eternal future (Hope in God)

V37-39 Don't look back: Crucify our Egypt (Faith in God)

C11 – Faith Defined (via stories not statement)

C12 – Faith Demonstrated (consider Him..)

C13 – Faith Developed (in practical ways)

Application:

Crucify the Egypt in our lives!