

A close-up photograph of an open Bible. A magnifying glass is positioned over the word 'Hebrews' in the title of a chapter. The text is slightly out of focus, but the word 'Hebrews' is prominent. Below it, some verses are visible, including 'The Son Superior to Angels' and 'and the heavens are the work of your hands'.

Hebrews

Word on Wednesday - Study on the book of Hebrews

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26 For if we go on **sinning** willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there **no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, 27 but a **terrifying expectation** of **judgment** and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 How much **severer punishment** do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a **terrifying thing** to fall into the hands of the living God.

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:
Take the Word seriously

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.

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

37 For yet in a very little while,
He who is coming will come, and will not delay.

38 But My righteous one shall live by faith;
And if he **shrinks back**, My soul has no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of those who **shrink back** to destruction, but of those **who have faith** to the preserving of the soul.

How Not to fall away:

V37-39

Don't look back!

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

Num 14

- 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 Developed (consider Him..)

C13 – Faith Demonstrated (in practical ways)

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8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed [i]by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith even Sarah herself received [j]ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead [k]at that, as many descendants as the stars of heaven in number, and innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

13 All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. 15 And indeed if they had been [l]thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not [m]ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, “In Isaac your [n]descendants shall be called.” 19 [o]He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back [p]as a type. 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come. 21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of whom he was born, and he gave the blessing to Joseph, saying, “I see you, and you are about to go, but I will see you again, for you will come back to me.” 22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning them.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they feared the king; 24 when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25 choosing rather to endure affliction with the people of God, than to receive for a moment the pleasure of sinners; 26 considering the reproach of [q]Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward. 27 By faith he [r]left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as though he were seeing Him who is unseen. 28 By faith he [r]kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he might destroy the firstborn of the land. 29 By faith he passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish, although she was a Gentile, because she had received the spies in peace.

32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samson and the prophets, 33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their [u]release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others [v]experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, [w]they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes [x]in the ground.

39 And all these, having [y]gained approval through their faith, did not receive [z]what was promised, 40 because God had [aa]provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

**Look for Repetitive Words
& Words of Significance
(WOS – emphasis or details)
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<i>What it is not contrasted!</i>	
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Gen 5:9 These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. 14 Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms,...." 22 Thus **Noah did**; according to all that God had commanded him, **so he did**.

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his "work".

He started
work
immediately.

He was not
afraid to be
different.

Years until the Flood	Event	Bible Reference
120	Countdown to the Flood begins	Genesis 6:3
100	Noah has Japheth, the first of his sons, when he was 500 years old.	Genesis 5:32; 10:21
98	Noah has Shem who was 100 two years after the Flood.	Genesis 11:10
? Perhaps 95 or 96 the same time between Japheth and Shem.	Ham was the youngest one born to Noah and was aboard the Ark, so he was born prior to the Flood.	Genesis 9:24; Genesis 7:13
? Perhaps 20–40 years for all of the sons to be raised and find a wife	Each son was old enough to be married before construction on the Ark begins.	Genesis 6:18
~ 55–75 years (estimate)	Noah was told to build the Ark, for he, his wife, his sons, and his sons' wives would be aboard the Ark.	Genesis 6:18
Ark Completed		
?	Gather food and put it aboard the Ark.	Genesis 6:21
7 days	Loading the Ark.	Genesis 7:1–4
0	Noah was 600 when the floodwaters came on the earth.	Genesis 7:6

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You can give everything you have to God.

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You can work 24/7365....for God...

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You walk to please Him
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You work in accordance to His leading
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You will find the **approval of God**.

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