

The chart below lists the upcoming sermons. Please use it to aid you in your regular Bible reading and study.

	Sermon Title <i>(key verse)</i>	Passage	Date
1	So Great a God (1:3)	Hebrews 1:1-4	9/16 P-16
2	So Great a Son (1:5,14)	1:5-14	9/23 P-17
3	So Great a Salvation (2:3)	2:1-4	9/30 P-18
4	Ruling and Being Ruled (2:9)	2:5-9	10/7 P-19
5	Sons of Glory (2:17)	2:10-18	10/14 P-20
6	Call to Consider Jesus (3:1,6)	3:1-6	10/28 P-22
7	Belief and the Promised Rest (3:19)	3:7-19	11/4 P-23
8	A Sabbath Rest for the People of God (4:9)	4:1-10	11/11 P-24
9	Redemptive Rest (4:16)	4:11-16	11/25 CTK
10	Our Need for a Priest (5:9-10)	5:1-6:3	12/2 Advent
11	An Anchor for the Soul (6:19-20)	6:4-7:3	12/9 A2
12	A Better Hope (7:19, 28)	7:4-28	12/16 A3
13	Tabernacled with Us (8:2)	8:1-13	12/23 A4
14	Shadows and Symbols of Sanctuary (9:8)	9:1-10	12/30
15	Entering the Holy Place (9:12)	9:11-14	1/6
16	Into Heaven Itself (9:15)	9:15-28	1/13
17	Once for All (10:10)	10:1-18	1/20
18	Confident and Terrified by Faith (10:36)	10:19-39	1/27
19	Believing God, Not Just in Him (11:6)	11:1-7	2/3
20	Promised Inheritance (11:13)	11:8-16	2/10 Lent 1
21	A Better Resurrection (11:26, 35)	11:17-40	2/17 L2
22	The Race of Faith (12:3)	12:1-3	2/24 L3
23	The Fruit of Righteousness (12:11)	12:4-17	3/2 L4
24	Fellowship with Our Righteous Father (12:28-29)	12:18-29	3/9 L5
25	Seeking the City to Come (13:14)	13:1-19	3/16 Palm
26	Supernatural Shalom (13:20-21)	13:20-25	3/23 Easter

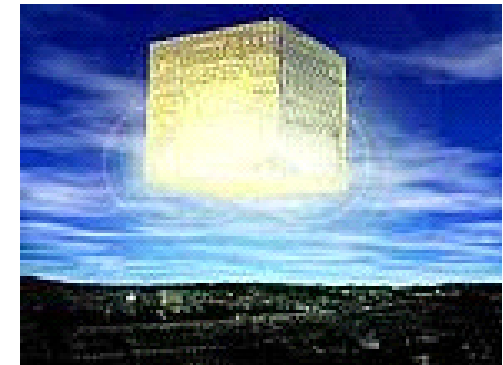


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SERMON SERIES IN HEBREWS

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“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.”



One of the images referred to frequently in Hebrews is the New Jerusalem that will come down out of heaven depicted here by Duncan Long

The book in the Bible called Hebrews was originally written as a sermon for a group of Jewish (Hebrew) Christians facing persecution for their faith. This group was being tempted to forsake Christ and turn back from the gospel to the Judaism in which they were raised. With loving care the author of this divinely inspired sermon reminds them of the realities of our great God and the salvation He has provided in Christ. While many rightly use this book for its exceptional statements for compiling systematic theology, it is an immensely personal and pastoral exhortation to live out the gospel in our every day lives.

We will see in the next several months two defining aspects to the faith being encouraged by this pastor. First, their faith is to be rooted in the promises of God. Our hope is not just a wish for better things, but a certain hope based upon very real promises made by God Himself. We will see how these promises are reviewed and the faithfulness of the One who made them is the source of our confidence in their fulfillment. Second, we will see that while our faith is a rooted faith it is far from static, but is meant to be lived running

to the New Jerusalem. This is the race we are to be cheered on in this beautiful sermon that God has recorded for us in Hebrews. Below is the outline that we will be using:

Outline for Hebrews

The Life of Faith—Rooted in God's Promises and Running to the New Jerusalem

The Promise of Salvation Comes Through the Son.

- 1:1-4 So Great a God (1:3)
- 1:5-14 So Great a Son (1:5, 14)
- 2:1-4 So Great a Salvation (2:3)

The Promised Family Glory (Superiority of Sons to Servants)

- 2:5-9 Ruling and Being Ruled (2:9)
- 2:10-18 Sons of Glory (2:17)
- 3:1-6 Consider Our Elder Brother (3:1, 6)

The Promised Sabbath Rest

- 3:7-19 Belief and the Promised Rest (3:19)
- 4:1-10 A Sabbath Rest for the People of God (4:9)
- 4:11-16 Redemptive Rest (4:16)
- 5:1-6:3 Rest Can Only Come Through Redemption (5:9-10)

Believing the Promises of God Is the Christian Hope.

- 6:4-7:3 An Anchor for the Soul (6:19-20)
- 7:4-28 A Better Hope (7:19, 28)

Christ Secured the Promises in the New Jerusalem.

- 8:1-13 Tabernacled with Us
- 9:1-10 Shadows and Symbols of Sanctuary
- 9:11-14 Entering the Holy Place (9:12)
- 9:15-28 Into Heaven Itself (9:15)
- 10:1-18 Priest's Once for All Sacrifice (10:10)

Faith in Jerusalem's Architect

- 10:19-39 Confident and Terrified By Faith (10:36)
- 11:1-7 Believing God Not Just In Him (11:6)
- 11:8-16 Promised Inheritance (11:13)
- 11:17-40 Believing in a Better Resurrection (11:26, 35)

Running Towards the City of Peace—Dwelling with God

- 12:1-3 The Race of Faith (12:3)
- 12:4-17 The Fruit of Righteousness (12:11)
- 12:18-29 Fellowship with our Righteous Father (12:28-29)
- 13:1-19 Proclaiming the curses for covenant violations (13:14)
- 13:20-25 Supernatural Shalom (13:20-21)

One commentator summarizes the book like this, "Hebrews is a sermon that is rooted in real life. It addresses men and women who like ourselves who discover that they can be penetrated by circumstances over which they have no control. It is a sensitive response to the emotional fragility that characterizes each one of us. It throbs with an awareness of struggle as it explores the dimensions of the cost of discipleship. Hebrews is a pastoral response to the sagging faith of frightened men and women at a time when the imperial capital was striving to regain its composure after the devastation of the great fire. It conveys a word from God addressed to the harsh reality of life in an insecure world. If you have ever felt yourself overwhelmed by that reality, Hebrews is a sermon you cannot afford to neglect. (William Lane, *Hebrews—A Call to Commitment* p. 26)

SO GREAT A GOD

Sermon notes from 9/16/07

Hebrews 1:1-4

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I. The Son is Supreme in Everything.

II. The Son Has Secured Salvation.

III. God's Superiority Is Shown in His Sacrifice.

Please consider the following questions as you seek the Holy Spirit's direction:

1. Why is the supremacy of Jesus so important to these struggling Hebrews? To you?
2. How does the security of our salvation comfort and embolden you?
3. How will you praise God this week for His superiority?
4. Who are you praying for to know this reality about Christ?