

Inductive Bible Study

Hebrews, *NASB*

HEBREWS 1

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers
in the prophets in many portions and in
many ways,
- ² in these last days has spoken to us in His
Son, whom He appointed heir of all things,
through whom also He made the world.
- ³ And He is the radiance of His glory and the
exact representation of His nature, and
upholds all things by the word of His power.
When He had made purification of sins, He
sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on
high,
- ⁴ having become as much better than the
angels, as He has inherited a more excellent
name than they.

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say,

"YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"?

And again,

"I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM
AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

6 And when He again brings the firstborn into
the world, He says,

"AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD
WORSHIP HIM."

7 And of the angels He says,

"WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS,
AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

8 But of the Son *He says*,

"YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND
EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE
SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM.

9 "YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND
HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE
GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU
WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR
COMPANIONS."

- 10 **And,**
 "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE
 FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE
 HEAVENS ARE THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;
11 **THEY WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN;**
 AND THEY ALL WILL BECOME OLD LIKE A
 GARMENT,
12 AND LIKE A MANTLE YOU WILL ROLL THEM
 UP;
 LIKE A GARMENT THEY WILL ALSO BE
 CHANGED.
 BUT YOU ARE THE SAME,
 AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT COME TO AN
 END."
13 **But to which of the angels has He ever said,**
 "Sit at my right hand,
 until I make your enemies
 a footstool for your feet"?
14 **Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out**
 to render service for the sake of those who
 will inherit salvation?

HEBREWS 2

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ 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? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,
- ⁴ God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

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- ⁵ For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,
"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?
OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?
7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE
WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;
YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY
AND HONOR,
AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER
THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;
8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN
SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father*; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 saying,

"I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY
BRETHREN,
IN THE MIDST OF THE CONGREGATION I WILL
SING YOUR PRAISE."

13 And again,

"I WILL PUT MY TRUST IN HIM."

And again,

"BEHOLD, I AND THE CHILDREN WHOM GOD
HAS GIVEN ME."

14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might

- render powerless him who had the power of
death, that is, the devil,
- 15 and might free those who through fear of
death were subject to slavery all their lives.
- 16 For assuredly He does not give help to
angels, but He gives help to the descendant
of Abraham.
- 17 Therefore, He had to be made like His
brethren in all things, so that He might
become a merciful and faithful high priest in
things pertaining to God, to make
propitiation for the sins of the people.
- 18 For since He Himself was tempted in that
which He has suffered, He is able to come to
the aid of those who are tempted.

HEBREWS 3

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession;
- ² He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.
- ³ For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house.
- ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.
- ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later;
- ⁶ but Christ *was faithful* as a Son over His house-whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
 "Today if you hear His voice,
8 DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS
 AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME,
 AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE
 WILDERNESS,
9 WHERE YOUR FATHERS
 TRIED *Me* BY TESTING *Me*,
 AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS.
10 "THEFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH
 THIS GENERATION,
 AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN
 THEIR HEART,
 AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS';
11 AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'"
12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any
 one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that
 falls away from the living God.
13 But encourage one another day after day, as
 long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none
 of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness
 of sin.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if
we hold fast the beginning of our assurance
firm until the end,

15 while it is said,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN
THEY PROVOKED ME."

16 For who provoked *Him* when they had
heard? Indeed, did not all those who came
out of Egypt *led* by Moses?

17 And with whom was He angry for forty
years? Was it not with those who sinned,
whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did He swear that they would
not enter His rest, but to those who were
disobedient?

19 *So* we see that they were not able to enter
because of unbelief.

HEBREWS 4

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.
- ² For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.
- ³ For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said,
- "AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH,
THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,"
- although His works were finished from the foundation of the world.
- ⁴ For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS";
- ⁵ and again in this *passage*, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST."

6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter
it, and those who formerly had good news
preached to them failed to enter because of
disobedience,

7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today,"
saying through David after so long a time
just as has been said before,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would
not have spoken of another day after that.

9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the
people of God.

10 For the one who has entered His rest has
himself also rested from his works, as God
did from His.

11 Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest,
so that no one will fall, through *following*
the same example of disobedience.

12 For the word of God is living and active and
sharper than any two-edged sword, and
piercing as far as the division of soul and
spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to

judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are, yet* without sin.

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HEBREWS 5

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ For every high priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins;
- ² he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness;
- ³ and because of it he is obligated to offer *sacrifices* for sins, as for the people, so also for himself.
- ⁴ And no one takes the honor to himself, but *receives it* when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

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- ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,
- "YOU ARE MY SON,
TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU";

- 6 just as He says also in another *passage*,
"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER
ACCORDING TO THE ORDER
OF MELCHIZEDEK."
- 7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both
prayers and supplications with loud crying
and tears to the One able to save Him from
death, and He was heard because of His
piety.
- 8 Although He was a Son, He learned
obedience from the things which He
suffered.
- 9 And having been made perfect, He became
to all those who obey Him the source of
eternal salvation,
- 10 being designated by God as a high priest
according to the order of Melchizedek.

11 Concerning him we have much to say, and *it*
is hard to explain, since you have become
dull of hearing.

12 For though by this time you ought to be
teachers, you have need again for someone

to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant.

14 But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

HEBREWS 6

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,
- ² of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment.
- ³ And this we will do, if God permits.
- ⁴ For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit,
- ⁵ and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,
- ⁶ and *then* have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

7 For ground that drinks the rain which often
falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful
to those for whose sake it is also tilled,
receives a blessing from God;
8 but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is
worthless and close to being cursed, and it
ends up being burned.

9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better
things concerning you, and things that
accompany salvation, though we are
speaking in this way.
10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your
work and the love which you have shown
toward His name, in having ministered and
in still ministering to the saints.
11 And we desire that each one of you show the
same diligence so as to realize the full
assurance of hope until the end,
12 so that you will not be sluggish, but
imitators of those who through faith and
patience inherit the promises.

- 13 For when God made the promise to
Abraham, since He could swear by no one
greater, He swore by Himself,
- 14 saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU
AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."
- 15 And so, having patiently waited, he obtained
the promise.
- 16 For men swear by one greater *than*
themselves, and with them an oath *given* as
confirmation is an end of every dispute.
- 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to
show to the heirs of the promise the
unchangeableness of His purpose,
interposed with an oath,
- 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which
it is impossible for God to lie, we who have
taken refuge would have strong
encouragement to take hold of the hope set
before us.
- 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul,
a *hope* both sure and steadfast and one
which enters within the veil,

20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for
 us, having become a high priest forever
 according to the order of Melchizedek.

HEBREWS 7

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him,
- ² to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all *the spoils*, was first of all, by the translation *of his name*, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace.
- ³ Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.
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- ⁴ Now observe how great this man was to whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth of the choicest spoils.

5 And those indeed of the sons of Levi who
receive the priest's office have
commandment in the Law to collect a tenth
from the people, that is, from their brethren,
although these are descended from
Abraham.

6 But the one whose genealogy is not traced
from them collected a tenth from Abraham
and blessed the one who had the promises.

7 But without any dispute the lesser is blessed
by the greater.

8 In this case mortal men receive tithes, but in
that case one *receives them*, of whom it is
witnessed that he lives on.

9 And, so to speak, through Abraham even
Levi, who received tithes, paid tithes,

10 for he was still in the loins of his father
when Melchizedek met him.

11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical
priesthood (for on the basis of it the people
received the Law), what further need *was*

there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

13 For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

15 And this is clearer still, if another priest arises according to the likeness of Melchizedek,

16 who has become *such* not on the basis of a law of physical requirement, but according to the power of an indestructible life.

17 For it is attested *of Him*,

"YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

ACCORDING TO THE ORDER

OF MELCHIZEDEK."

18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside
of a former commandment because of its
weakness and uselessness

19 (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on
the other hand there is a bringing in of a
better hope, through which we draw near to
God.

20 And inasmuch as *it was* not without an oath

21 (for they indeed became priests without an
oath, but He with an oath through the One
who said to Him,

"THE LORD HAS SWORN

AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND,

'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER");

22 so much the more also Jesus has become the
guarantee of a better covenant.

23 The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed
in greater numbers because they were
prevented by death from continuing,

24 but Jesus, on the other hand, because He
continues forever, holds His priesthood
permanently.

25 Therefore He is able also to save forever
those who draw near to God through Him,
since He always lives to make intercession
for them.

26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high
priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated
from sinners and exalted above the heavens;
27 who does not need daily, like those high
priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His
own sins and then for the *sins* of the people,
because this He did once for all when He
offered up Himself.

28 For the Law appoints men as high priests
who are weak, but the word of the oath,
which came after the Law, *appoints* a Son,
made perfect forever.

HEBREWS 8

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ Now the main point in what has been said *is this*: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,
- ² a minister in the sanctuary and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.
- ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this *high priest* also have something to offer.
- ⁴ Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;
- ⁵ who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned *by God* when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things ACCORDING TO THE

PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON
THE MOUNTAIN."

6 But now He has obtained a more excellent
ministry, by as much as He is also the
mediator of a better covenant, which has
been enacted on better promises.

7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless,
there would have been no occasion sought
for a second.

8 For finding fault with them, He says,

"BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS
THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT
WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH
THE HOUSE OF JUDAH;

9 NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE
WITH THEIR FATHERS
ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE
HAND
TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND
OF EGYPT;
FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY
COVENANT,
AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS

THE LORD.

10 "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I
WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL
AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:
I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS,
AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR
HEARTS.
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,
AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

11 "AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE
HIS FELLOW CITIZEN,
AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING,
'KNOW THE LORD,'
FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME,
FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF
THEM.

12 "FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR
INIQUITIES,
AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO
MORE."

13 When He said, "A new *covenant*," He has
made the first obsolete. But whatever is
becoming obsolete and growing old is ready
to disappear.

HEBREWS 9

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ Now even the first *covenant* had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.
- ² For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which *were* the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.
- ³ Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,
- ⁴ having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;
- ⁵ and above it *were* the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

- 6 Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship,
- 7 but into the second, only the high priest *enters* once a year, not without *taking* blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.
- 8 The Holy Spirit *is* signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing,
- 9 which *is* a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience,
- 10 since they *relate* only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

11 But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things to come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- 15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- 16 For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.
- 17 For a covenant is valid *only* when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.
- 18 Therefore even the first *covenant* was not inaugurated without blood.
- 19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,
- 20 saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."

21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the
tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry
with the blood.

22 And according to the Law, *one*
may almost say, all things are cleansed with
blood, and without shedding of blood there
is no forgiveness.

23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of
the things in the heavens to be cleansed with
these, but the heavenly things themselves
with better sacrifices than these.

24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made
with hands, a *mere* copy of the true one, but
into heaven itself, now to appear in the
presence of God for us;

25 nor was it that He would offer Himself
often, as the high priest enters the holy place
year by year with blood that is not his own.

26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer
often since the foundation of the world; but
now once at the consummation of the ages
He has been manifested to put away sin by
the sacrifice of Himself.

27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to
die once and after this *comes* judgment,

28 so Christ also, having been offered once to
bear the sins of many, will appear a second
time for salvation without *reference to sin*,
to those who eagerly await Him.

HEBREWS 10

CHAPTER THEME

- ¹ For the Law, since it has *only* a shadow of the good things to come *and* not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.
- ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?
- ³ But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by year.
- ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- ⁵ Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,
- "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT
DESIRED,
BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS
AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO
PLEASURE.

7 "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME
(IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN
OF ME)
TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"

8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND
OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS
AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT
DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in*
them" (which are offered according to the
Law),

9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO
DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in
order to establish the second.

10 By this will we have been sanctified through
the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once
for all.

11 Every priest stands daily ministering and
offering time after time the same sacrifices,
which can never take away sins;

12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins
for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND
OF GOD,

13 waiting from that time
onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A
FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

14 For by one offering He has perfected for all
time those who are sanctified.

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.

19 Therefore, brethren, since we have
confidence to enter the holy place by the
blood of Jesus,
20 by a new and living way which He
inaugurated for us through the veil, that is,
His flesh,
21 and since *we have* a great priest over the
house of God,
22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full
assurance of faith, having our hearts
sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and
our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope
without wavering, for He who promised is
faithful;
24 and let us consider how to stimulate one
another to love and good deeds,
25 not forsaking our own assembling together,
as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one*
another; and all the more as you see the day
drawing near.

- 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.

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.

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.

HEBREWS 11

CHAPTER THEME

¹ Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

² For by it the men of old gained approval.

³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed 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 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 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 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 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 DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED."

19 He considered that God is able to raise *people* even from the dead, from which he also received him back 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 Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.

28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed 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 Samuel 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 release, so that they might
obtain a better resurrection;

36 and others experienced mockings and
scourgings, yes, also chains and
imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in
two, 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 in the ground.

39 And all these, having gained approval
through their faith, did not receive what was
promised,

40 because God had provided something better
for us, so that apart from us they would not
be made perfect.

HEBREWS 12

CHAPTER THEME

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴ You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

- 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation
which is addressed to you as sons,
"MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE
DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD,
NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED
BY HIM;
6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE
DISCIPLINES,
AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE
RECEIVES."
7 It is for discipline that you endure; God
deals with you as with sons; for what son is
there whom *his* father does not discipline?
8 But if you are without discipline, of which
all have become partakers, then you are
illegitimate children and not sons.
9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to
discipline us, and we respected them; shall
we not much rather be subject to the Father
of spirits, and live?

10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, so that we may share His holiness.

11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble,

13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that *the limb* which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

16 that *there be* no immoral or godless person
like Esau, who sold his own birthright for
a *single* meal.

17 For you know that even afterwards, when he
desired to inherit the blessing, he was
rejected, for he found no place for
repentance, though he sought for it with
tears.

18 For you have not come to *a mountain* that
can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to
darkness and gloom and whirlwind,

19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound
of words which *sound was such that* those
who heard begged that no further word be
spoken to them.

20 For they could not bear the command, "IF
EVEN A BEAST TOUCHES THE MOUNTAIN, IT
WILL BE STONED."

21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses
said, "I AM FULL OF FEAR and trembling."

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to
the city of the living God, the heavenly
Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels,
23 to the general assembly and church of the
firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to
God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits
of *the* righteous made perfect,
24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new
covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which
speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is
speaking. For if those did not escape when
they refused him who warned *them* on earth,
much less *will we escape* who turn away
from Him who *warns* from heaven.

26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now
He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE
MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE
EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

27 This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes
the removing of those things which can be

shaken, as of created things, so that those
things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom
which cannot be shaken, let us show
gratitude, by which we may offer to God an
acceptable service with reverence and awe;

29 for our God is a consuming fire.

HEBREWS 13

CHAPTER THEME

- 1 Let love of the brethren continue.
- 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.
- 3 Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, *and* those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body.
- 4 Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all, and the *marriage* bed *is to be* undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
- 5 *Make sure that* your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"
- 6 so that we confidently say,
"THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.
WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?"

- 7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday and today and forever.
- 9 Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited.
- 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.
- 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp.
- 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
- 13 So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.
- 14 For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come.

15 Through Him then, let us continually offer
up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the
fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

17 Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for
they keep watch over your souls as those
who will give an account. Let them do this
with joy and not with grief, for this would be
unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a
good conscience, desiring to conduct
ourselves honorably in all things.

19 And I urge *you* all the more to do this, so
that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, who brought up
from the dead the great Shepherd of the
sheep through the blood of the eternal
covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,

21 equip you in every good thing to do His will,
working in us that which is pleasing in His
sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the
glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 But I urge you, brethren, bear with this word
of exhortation, for I have written to you
briefly.

23 Take notice that our brother Timothy has
been released, with whom, if he comes soon,
I will see you.

24 Greet all of your leaders and all the saints.
Those from Italy greet you.

25 Grace be with you all.