

Themes in Hebrews

What is the message of Hebrews and how does it apply to our lives?

No other book in the New Testament integrates the gospel with the Old Testament better than the book of Hebrews. The author of this epistle is relentless in his effort to reveal Christ as greater than the prophets, angels, Moses, and the Levitical priests. In fact, the author argues, all the ceremonies, sacrifices, and offices of the Old Testament foreshadow the person and work of Jesus Christ. In light of so great a salvation, Hebrews encourages us to run the race before us in faithfulness and perseverance.

- Ligonier website introduction to R.C. Sproul's, [Themes From Hebrews](#)

The two main themes of Hebrews are The Supremacy of Christ, and Perseverance in Christ, especially in the face of persecution. We will dig into these themes and see how directly they relate to our lives in a world that is increasingly bold in its antipathy and even hatred for Christ, a world that is intent on separating you from Him.

Syllabus

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Goal

The goal for this class is to give you a foundation for reading, understanding, and applying Hebrews to your life.

Resources

- I. The Superiority of Christ Over the Old Testament Prophets (1:1-3a)
- II. The Superiority of Christ Over Angels (1:3b-2:18), and a Warning Against Apostasy (2:1-4)
- III. The Superiority of Christ Over Moses (3:1-6), and a Warning Against Apostasy (3:7-19)
- IV. The Superiority of Christ Over Joshua (4:1-10), and a Warning Against Apostasy (4:11-16)
- V. The Superiority of Christ Over the Aaronites and Warnings Against Apostasy (5:1-12:29)
 - A. Christ's human sympathy and divine appoint to priesthood (5:1-10)
 - B. Warning against apostasy with exhortation to maturation (5:11-6:20)
 - C. The Melchizedek pattern of Christ's priesthood (7:1-10)
 - D. The transitoriness of the Aaronic priesthood (7:11-28)
 - E. The heavenly realities of Christ's priesthood (8:1-10:18)
 - F. Warning against apostasy (10:19-39)
 - G. Encouragement from Old Testament heroes of faith (11:1-40)
 - H. Encouragement from the example of Christ (12:1-11)
 - I. Warning against apostasy with the example of Esau (12:12-29)
- VI. Practical Exhortations (13:1-19)

From Robert H. Gundry, *A Survey of the New Testament*

[Outline of Hebrews](#)

