

The Epistle to the Hebrews

Introduction to the Book of Hebrews

- Questions

1. What can be learned from the following verses about the author: 13:18-25?

2. What can be learned from the following verses about the recipients of this book: 2:1,3-4,16-17; 3:1,12,14; 4:1,11; 5:11-14; 6:1-3,9-10; 10:19,24-25,32-34,39; 12:4; 13:1,3,17,24? (Use these passages to answer the following three questions.)

What is said about them regarding their nationality?

What is said about them regarding their favorable traits?

What is said about them regarding their faults?

3. What can be learned from the following verses about the author's principle occasion and purpose for writing this book: 2:1; 3:12-13; 4:1,11; 10:39; 12:15?

4. What can be learned from the following verses about the author's goal in writing this book: 3:13; 10:25; 12:5; 13:19,22?

5. What can be learned from the following verses about the author's wishes for his readers: 3:6,14; 4:14; 6:1,9-12; 10:23; 13:1-25?

6. What can be learned from the following verses about the author's methods in communicating his point: 2:1-4; 3:1-2,6,12-13; 4:1,11-13,14; 6:4-8,9-12; 7:4; 10:19-39; 12:1-5,12-19,25-29; 13:9,13-15? (Use these passages to answer the following two questions.)

What "positive" methods does he use?

What "negative" methods does he use?

7. What can be learned from the following verses about the approximate date of this book: 5:1-3; 7:23,27; 8:3-5; 9:4-9,13,25; 10:1,3-4,8,11; 12:26-27; 13:9-11?

8. What word is found in each of the following verses that tells us about the theme of the book: 1:4; 6:9; 7:7,19,22; 8:6 (twice); 9:23; 10:34; 11:16,35,40; 12:24.?

9. What other words are found the following verses that tell us about the theme of the book: 1:4; 3:3; 8:6; 9:11,14?

10. What can be learned from the following verses regarding the blessings and benefits that faithful Christians receive from Jesus Christ (1:14; 2:10-12,18; 3:1,13; 4:9,14-16; 5:9; 6:18-19; 7:25; 9:14,24,28; 10:10,14,19-26,34-35; 11:6,40; 12:11,22-24; 13:8,10,14-15,20-21)?

- Applications for Today

1. Christians today are in the same danger of falling away and being hardened by sin (3:12-13).
2. Christians today still need the same word of encouragement from God (13:22) and they still need to “exhort one another day by day” (3:13).
3. Christians today still need to hold fast and hold on (3:6,14; 4:14; 10:22,23).
4. Christians today need to know that Jesus is still the “better” way for all mankind (1:4).
5. Christians today need to consider the blessings and benefits of Jesus that they will forfeit if they fall away (1:14; 2:10-12,18; 3:1,13; 4:9,14-16; 5:9; 6:18-19; 7:25; 9:14,24,28; 10:10,14,19-26,34-35; 11:6,40; 12:11,22-24; 13:8,10,14-15,20-21).