

Hebrews: The Personal Ministry of Jesus Christ

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1. What did this text (verse) mean _____?
2. What does this text (verse) mean _____?
3. What does God want me to do _____?

What questions help you and me understand the book of Hebrews?

- Who is _____ (Heb. 1:1-4)?
- Is _____ true (Heb. 4:12)?
- Does Jesus understand my _____ (Heb. 4:15)?
- Is God _____ (Heb. 4:16)?
- Is spiritual growth _____ (Heb. 5:11-14)?
- Can a believer _____ his or her salvation (Heb. 6:4-6)?
- Is _____ involvement necessary (Heb. 10:19-25)?
- What is the meaning of _____ (Heb. 11:1)?
- What does authentic _____ look like (Heb. 13:15-16)?

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- Luke
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

The writer of Hebrews gives readers many spiritual admonitions.

- Guard against _____ in the faith. *“Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it”* (Heb. 2:1).
- Refuse to handle _____ the world’s way. *“For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted”* (Heb. 2:18).
- Erect spiritual _____ in life. *“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called today, that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin”* (Heb. 3:13).
- Spend _____ time in God’s Word. *“About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil”* (Heb. 5:11-14).
- Declare there’s power in the _____. *“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins”* (Heb. 9:22).
- Stay _____ in the Lord’s church. *“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”* (Heb. 10:19-25).
- Learn how to _____ God. *“And without faith it is impossible to please Him”* (Heb. 11:6).
- Look to Jesus for spiritual _____. *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God”* (Heb. 12:1-2).
- Remember that _____ never change. *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”* (Heb. 13:8).
- Consider the _____ of spiritual leadership. *“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you”* (Heb. 13:17).

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1. What did this text (verse) mean **then**?
2. What does this text (verse) mean **now**?
3. What does God want me to do **next**?

What questions help you and me understand the book of Hebrews?

- Who is **Jesus Christ** (Heb. 1:1-4)?
- Is **God's Word** true (Heb. 4:12)?
- Does Jesus understand my **temptations** (Heb. 4:15)?
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- Is **church** involvement necessary (Heb. 10:19-25)?
- What is the meaning of **faith** (Heb. 11:1)?
- What does authentic **worship** look like (Heb. 13:15-16)?

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1. **Bible**
2. **Prayer**
3. **Spirit**
4. **Circumstances**
5. **People**

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