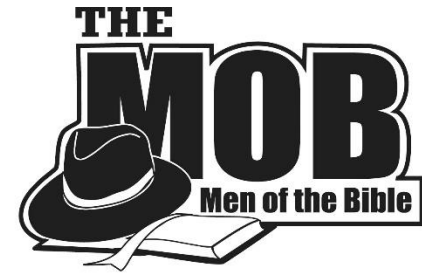


Jesus

Perfect Priest, Perfect Sacrifice



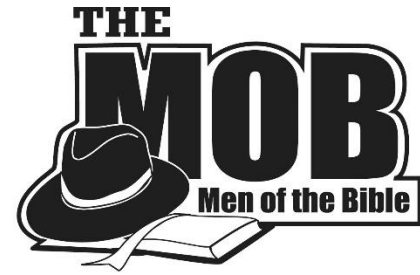
Announcements



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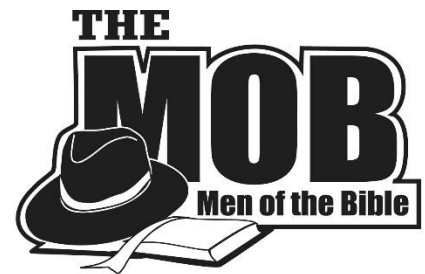
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Hebrews Outline

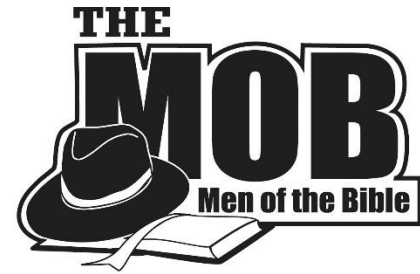


Focus	Christ's Person			Christ's Work			Walk of Faith		
Reference	1:1-3	1:4 – 2:18	3:1 – 4:13	4:14 – 7:28	8:1-13	9:1 – 10:18	10:19 – 11:40	12:1-29	13:1-25
Division	Christ Superior to the Prophets	Christ Superior to the Angels	Christ Superior to Moses	Christ's Superior Priesthood	Christ's Superior Covenant	Christ's Superior Sanctuary & Sacrifice	Assurance of Faith	Endurance of Faith	Exhortation to Love
Topic	Majesty of Christ			Ministry of Christ			Ministers for Christ		
	Doctrine						Discipline		
Location & Time	Place of writing unknown . Probably written around 64-68 AD								





Last Meeting



Supreme Examples of Faith: Other Heroes

Review: Hebrews 1 – 11:31

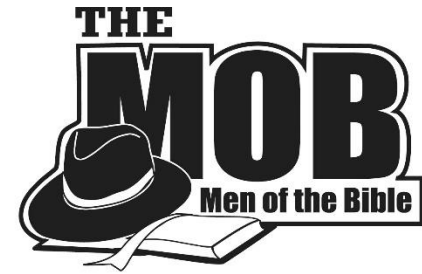
Study: [Hebrews 11:32-40](#) + (read one or more)

- Gideon – [Judges 6 – 8](#)
- Barak – [Judges 4](#)
- Samson – [Judges 13 – 16](#)
- Jephthah – [Judges 10:6 – 12:7](#)
- David – [1 Samuel 16](#) – [2 Samuel 24](#), [1 Chronicles 10 – 29](#)
- Samuel – [1 Samuel](#)

Encountering Chapter 11, pages 152-156



This Meeting



Endurance of Faith

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 11](#)

Study: [Hebrews 12:1-29](#)

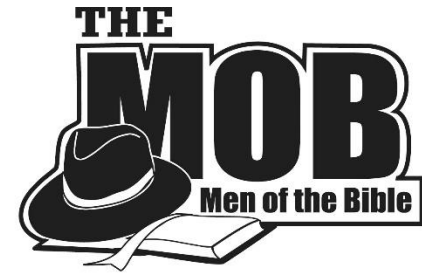
- [Genesis 25:29-34, 27:30-40](#)
- [Deuteronomy 29:16-18](#)
- [Psalm 34:11-14](#)
- [Isaiah 35:3-4](#)
- [2 Corinthians 4:16-18](#)
- [1 Peter 1:3-9, 4:12-19](#)
- [Psalm 42](#)

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Hebrews 12:1-29 (ESV)

Endurance of Faith



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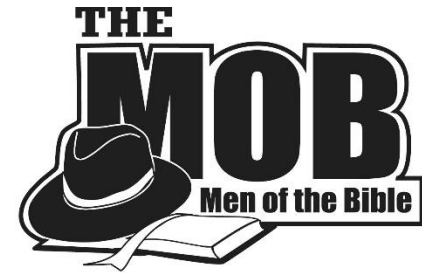
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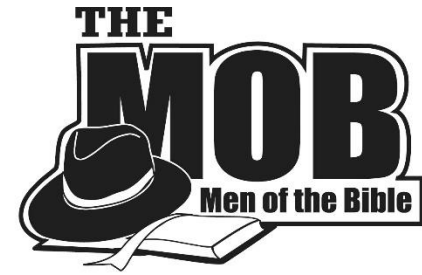


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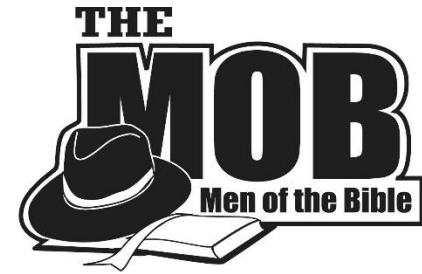


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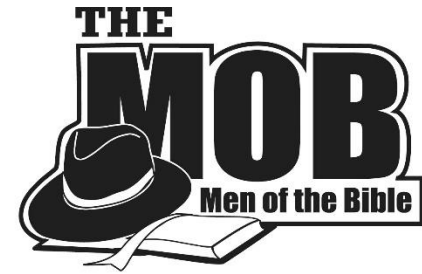
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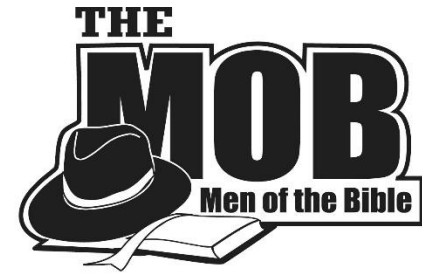


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Hebrews 1 - 12

Quick Review

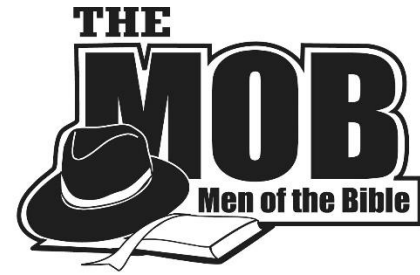


Hebrews 1:1-3	Jesus Superior to the Prophets
Hebrews 1:4 - 2:18	Jesus Superior to Angels
Hebrews 2:1-4	Warning 1: Danger of Neglect
Hebrews 2:5-18	Jesus Superior because of His Humanity
Hebrews 3:1-6	Jesus Superior to Moses in Work & Position
Hebrews 3:7-19	Warning 2: Danger of Hardening Your Heart
Hebrews 4:1-13	Challenge to Enter His Rest
Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10	Jesus Superior to Aaron the High Priest
Hebrews 5:11-14	Warning 3: Danger of Dullness
Hebrews 6:1-12	The Call to Spiritual Maturity
Hebrews 6:13-20	The Basis for Spiritual Maturity
Hebrews 7 - 10	Jesus' Superior Priesthood & Covenant
Hebrews 10:26-39	Warning 4: Danger of Drawing Back
Hebrews 11:1-39	Hall of Faith
Hebrews 12:1-29	Final Warning: Earthly versus Heavenly



Hebrews 12:1-29 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



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O-1: “Therefore” obviously refers to the subject matter in [Chapter 11](#). It means “because of” or “for this reason” usually but the Greek word used here is used in only one other place in the NT. It has a modifier that emphasizes its meaning.

I-1: The easiest interpretation is “then therefore” but is not translated that way and leaves out the emphasis that could be said, “by these actions, therefore, ...” live a life like these that influences others.

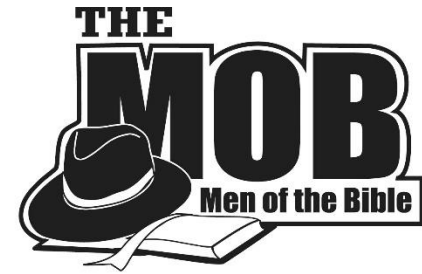
O-2: The author is constantly returning to Jesus just as he started out in [Chapter 1](#).

O-3: Jesus is not just an example but “founder” of our faith; He surely is in his model of endurance which is another theme of this letter.



Hebrews 12:1-29 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

O-1: v.3 leads into this section on Christians as children of God or “sons” by advocating to not grow weary.

I-1: It is impossible not to relate the recipients’ struggles as Christians to the Lord’s discipline. This is a tough subject that cannot be rationalized apart from our walk with Christ.

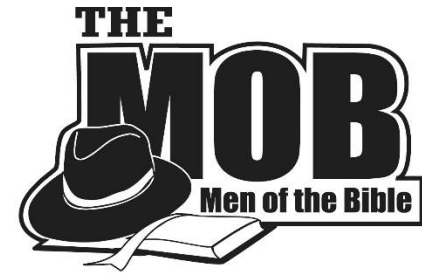
O-2: The author quotes [Proverbs 3:11-12](#) emphasizing that the reprove of the Lord has been a constant in the life of faith.

I-2: One had to be a “son” in OT times to gain an inheritance.



Hebrews 12:1-29 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



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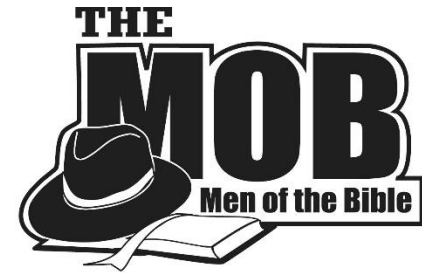
O-2: The purpose of God disciplining us is to allow us to share in God's holiness. Therefore, disciplining us is for our own good.

O-3: God's discipline is not pleasant, but look what it yields: righteousness!



Hebrews 12:1-29 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



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O-1: Hagner calls this section “Holiness and Warning.” Most other authors include this with the rest of the chapter as a final warning

O-2: This starts with a reference to [Isaiah 35:3](#), but it may also be a takeoff on [Isaiah 35:3-10](#) in its mention of holiness.

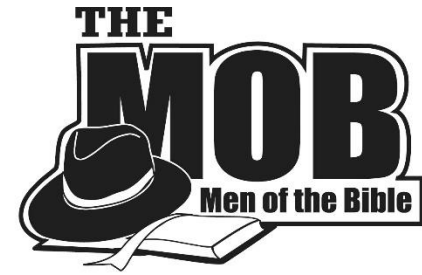
O-3: The result of holiness is expressed in [Hebrews 12:14-16](#).

O-4: The warning is not to be like Esau vs. the other saints in [Chapter 11](#).



Hebrews 12:1-29 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



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O-1: This is a contrast of the earthly covenant and the Heavenly covenant.

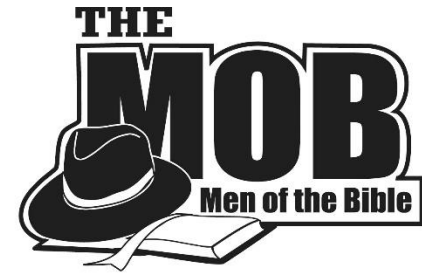
I-1: The giving of the earthly covenant was terrifying, but the giving of the Heavenly covenant was glorious.

O-2: The “sprinkled blood” of Jesus vs. that of Abel. *“Abel’s blood cried out for vengeance; Jesus’ blood cries out for mercy, forgiveness and love”* (quoted from [“The Superiority of the New Covenant: Hebrews” by Bob Utley, Logos](#))



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Observation & Interpretation



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O-1: The author makes reference back to one he made in [Hebrews 3:12](#). Its part of this final warning of “Don’t Refuse Him” (God).

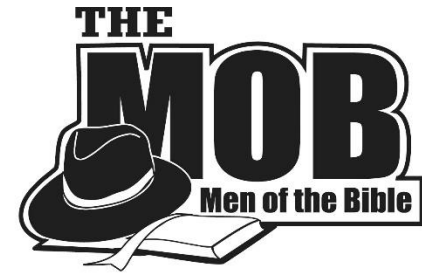
O-2: If the Israelites did not escape the Old Covenant, how can we escape the New Covenant?

O-3: The “shaken” reference comes from [Haggai 2:6](#) about the post-exile temple, but has a future meaning in the New Covenant and Jesus.

O-4: This section refers back to [Hebrews 10:26-31](#).



Next Meeting



Exhortation to Love

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 12](#)

Study: [Hebrews 13:1-17](#)

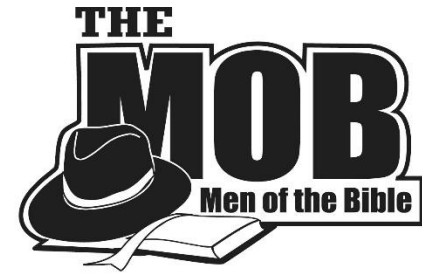
- [Jeremiah 32:36-41](#)
- [Matthew 22:37-40](#)
- [Mark 12:29-31](#)
- [John 19:17-22](#)
- [Philippians 2:12-13](#)
- [1 Thessalonians 4:1-12](#)

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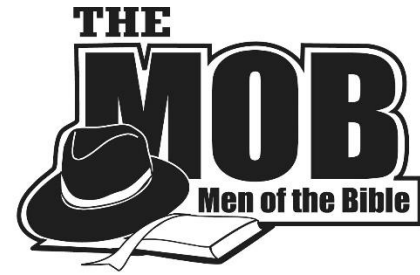
Application / Discussion



1. What steps do you take in “returning” to Jesus when you refocus your life and faith?
2. Talk about the discipline that you have seen in your life. Its OK to talk about learning from your sins.
3. Discuss the differences in discipline for suffering for you faith versus for your sins. ([Romans 5:3-5, 8:28-30](#))
4. What do you think of when you think of holiness? What does being at peace with one another have to do with this?
5. What is your response to the New Covenant? Are you sure of your salvation? If not, talk to your leader.



Closing

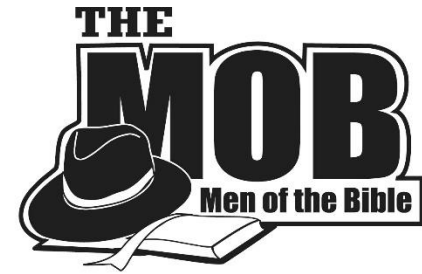


- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



Hebrews

Quick Review & Bottom Line



- *Pros Ebraious* (“To Hebrews”)
- Author and Place of Writing: Known only by God
(Paul, Barnabas, Luke, Clement of Rome, Apollos, Silvanus (Silas), Philip, Priscilla)
- Date: c. 64 – 68 AD ([before the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple](#) during the [First Jewish–Roman War, 66-73 AD](#))
- Audience: Jews who are...
 - Saved, but wavering due to growing persecution; considering going back to practicing Judaism
 - Close to being Saved, but haven’ t committed yet
- Bottom Line: **Jesus Christ is superior in every aspect**
“There is more to be gained in Christ than to be lost in Judaism.”

Better Things (6:4-5)

- Enlightened
- Tasted heavenly gift
- Partakers of the Holy Spirit
- Tasted Word of God
- Guaranteed by Jesus (7:22)
- Faultless (8:7)
- Written on our hearts (8:10)

New Covenant
(Jeremiah 31)

- Those who inherit salvation (1:14)
- Brethren of Christ (2:10)
- Subject over the world (2:17)

- Ministering spirits (1:14)

(5:6, 5:10, 6:20, 7:1, 10, 11, 15)

- King (3:1)
- Priest (2:17)
- Without genealogy (7:6)

Melchizedek

Like

(2:17, 3:1, 4:14, 4:15, 5:5, 5:10, 6:20, 7:26-28, 8:1, 9:11)

High Priest

- Holy (7:26)
- Innocent
- undefiled
- Separated from sinners
- Exalted above the heavens

(9:11-28, 10:1-12, 26-29)

Sacrifice

- His own blood (9:12)
- Without blemish (9:11)
- Death required (9:17)
- Eternal redemption (9:12)
- Shedding blood for forgiveness (9:22)

• Eternal Inheritance (9:15)
• Redeemed transgressions under the first covenant (9:15)
= PERFECT

Hope

by access to

At the right hand... (1:3, 1:13, 8:1, 10:12, 12:2)

Sanctuary (heaven)

- Heaven based (8:1)
- Not made with hands
- Greater and more perfect (9:11)

access through His own blood (9:12)

YHWH

The radiance of His Glory
The exact representation of His nature (1:3)



Superior to

Mediator (8:6, 9:15)

Totally Human

- Apostle (3:1)
- Made like his brethren in all things (2:17)

To make propitiation for sins of the people (2:17)

Sympathize with our weaknesses; tempted in all things (e.g. completely identifies (4:14))

Man

Lower than

Angels

Prophets

Like

- Abraham (6:13)
- Joshua (4:8)
- Moses (3:2)

Sacrifice

(5:1, 7:27, 8:3, 9:9, 23, 10:1-11)

High Priest

(3:1, 4:15, 5:1, 7:27, 8:5, 9:7, 9:25)

Priesthood Δ -> Law Δ (7:12)
• Weakness
• Uselessness (7:18)

- Like Levi
- Beset in weakness (5:2)

Sanctuary (tabernacle)

(8:5, 9:2-6)

- Simple
- Specific (8:5)
- Required (9:1)

Old Covenant

- Temporary (8:7-9)
- Repetitious (9:6, 25, 10:11)
- Obsolete (9:1-10)
- Inadequate (10:4)

Jesus Christ: The Perfect Sacrifice

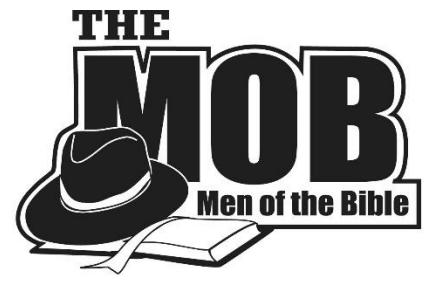
Hebrews 1 thru 10

Spoke in many portions and in many ways (1:1)



Hebrews 11

Quick Review



Hebrews 11:1-3
Hebrews 11:4
Hebrews 11:5-6
Hebrews 11:7
Hebrews 11:8-19
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Definition of **Faith**
Examples of Faith: Abel
Enoch
Noah
Abraham & Sarah
Isaac
Jacob
Joseph
Moses' Parents
Moses
Joshua & Rahab
Many Other Heroes of Faith