

Hebrews: The Crossing Point is a six part Adult Bible Study suitable for Small Groups or Private Study; Especially helpful to new believers in understanding God's overall plan for redemption through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews: I call it the "BETTER BOOK" because Jesus is better than....



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Hebrews Chapters 3 and 4

Jesus: "Better than" Moses. [Chapter 3: 1-2]

Hebrews 3:1 "...*Holy brethren, partakers of the Heavenly calling..*" Hebrew's author is talking to Christians, not the unsaved. Knowing this will keep us from getting doctrine confused in verse 11 about eternal security.

Jesus was faithful to His commitment to be our sacrifice for sin that He established from the foundation of the world. He gave us glimpses throughout the Old Testament of what He intended to do. He came right on schedule and fulfilled all things faithfully as promised.

Moses was faithful in his entire house because he brought the Hebrews/Jews to the brink of the Promised Land but the analogy ends here. Moses did commit sin just as we do. One serious sin was the second occasion where Moses struck the rock when he had been specifically instructed to speak to it.

Our Rock was struck down once as our way to salvation. Now we come to the Rock of salvation by speaking to Him in repentance.

Discuss why God punished Moses so severely over this sin and let him commit murder much earlier in his life and seemingly got away with it.

God's endorsement of Moses [Chapter 3: 3-5]

Moses still enjoys a superb reputation among the Jews and Christians. In **Deut. 34:10** "*And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face*" shows why he has been such a legend. God places a BIG endorsement on Moses. However, now He qualifies that Moses is no match for Jesus.

Think about the guiding pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day that guided Moses and the people. Now understand that Jesus as part of the Triune God was that pillar!

Crossing from being a "Worrier" to become a "Warrior" [Chapter 3: 6-19]

These verses will confuse if you do not keep in mind verse one. Some churches will use these verses out of context to say that you can lose your salvation. Remember who is being addressed here, HOLY BRETHREN. As you read verse six keep the thought from verse five and one.

Verse 11 alludes to the first generation that left Egypt. They did not enter into the Promised Land. Some people say that this is like God taking them through the wilderness and call it our life here on earth; then crossing Jordan into Canaan and call it Heaven. **That analogy is incorrect.**

The wilderness and Canaan are both involved in our life. The wilderness is testing and growth times. The Promised Land is walking in fellowship and being victorious.

When we get to Heaven we won't be battling: In Canaan they had many battles just as we have battles here. We may get bruised and tired but we understand that the Victory has already been won!!

Crossing the river Jordan is like crossing the boundary of being a "worrier" to becoming a "warrior."

Refer to:

Joshua 1:7 "Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law."

Joshua 3:5 "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

Joshua 14:12 "Now therefore give me this mountain,"

Trail Note:
*"Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts..." Hebrews 3:15
"...they could not enter because of unbelief."
Hebrews 3:19*

Why would you go to the river crossing; see the goal of the other side of the river where victory and rest await; then sit down and give up?

Jesus is better because He is perfect Grace [Chapter 4: 1-3]

We should remember the Word of God was recorded for our benefit.

Trail Note:
*The Lord never rejects anyone; neither does He force anyone to accept Him.
But anyone that is His must come through repentance.*

We have to accept it as absolute truth.

Trail Note:
The Word of God is absolute Truth.

Hebrews 4:2 "...but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." The promise of verse one is the Gospel or good news because of what verse two states. It is still talking to Christians and tells us to keep in mind our reaction to the time

when we repented and asked Jesus into our heart. Furthermore, it tells us to do all we can to tell others about the Savior so they, too, can have the opportunity to be saved.

The Lord said that He is *"not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance"*. The key is that they must exercise the same faith that I did and that you, as any saved person, did.

Some hear the good news and walk away from it: the Lord never pushes them away or rejects anyone.

In verse three, the use of the word "rest" expands to talk about the victorious walk of a Christian with the promise of eternal life. It also reminds us that the sacrifice of Jesus was planned and promised (as if it were already accomplished) *"from the foundation of the world"*.

Jesus accepted by Faith [Chapter 4: 4-11]

This series of verses explains that every time a person hears the good news of salvation and rejects the Lord's sacrifice, that their heart grows harder. (Read [Ps. 95:6-11](#))

On a personal note this helps explain why I love to preach to children. They have fewer walls built up in their life against the Lord. Jesus said "*except ye come as this little child*" to demonstrate that a hard heart that has to have facts and cannot believe by faith cannot get saved.

One of the great "rests" of a Christian is the comfort that our works do not enter into God's plan of salvation. God the Father and God the Son know that the finished work of Jesus on the cross and His glorious resurrection takes care of my sin debt.

Jesus knows All [Chapter 4: 12-13]

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4: 12 can be applied both inwardly and outwardly.

- INWARDLY: When we read God's Word, the Holy Spirit can convict us, or reveal our true motives.
- OUTWARDLY: Don't worry about how good you are at telling others, it is the Holy Spirit that does the real work. God's Word is alive and powerful. This lessens the fear we have of telling others.

Jesus: Better than any earthly High Priest [Chapter 4: 14-16]

Jesus is better than any High Priest that sacrificed offerings for the Hebrews. Jesus sacrificed himself.

Since Jesus is as much God as God the Father is God, then don't you think He knew how to offer the perfect sacrifice?

When He took on the flesh of a man He showed us that He understood how feeble our flesh is.

Jesus experienced all of the temptations that we do but He did not ever yield to even the smallest one.

Hebrews 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Because of the perfection of Jesus Christ, we have permission to come boldly to God and expect His forgiveness if we have repented.

We then have confidence that eternal life is ours.