

The Book of Hebrews

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Morning Devotions

Select a passage in God's Word. Talk with the Lord as you read the passage, then go back and find one or two verses that the Lord has impressed on your heart and meditate on them.

Morning Study

This morning we study the seventh section of **Hebrews – 8:7-10:18**. This section can be divided into four subsections.

Read Hebrews 8:7-13

- Why would a new covenant need to be established? (8:7).
- What did God find fault with in the old covenant? (8:8).
- Under the new covenant, where would God write his laws? (8:10).
- By calling the covenant “new,” what has that made the old covenant? (8:13).
- What will happen to that which is obsolete and aging? (8:13).

Read Hebrews 9:1-10

- What were the three items inside the Ark of the Covenant? (9:4).
- Who was the only one allowed to enter the inner room? (9:7).
- What was the Holy Spirit showing by all of this? (9:8).
- What is all of this an illustration for and what does it indicate? (9:9).
- When do the ceremonial rituals of the old order apply until? (9:10).

Read Hebrews 9:11-28

- When Christ came as high priest, where did he go? (9:11).
- How is Christ's priesthood different from the old priesthood? (9:7,12-14).
- Because Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, what do we receive? (9:15).
- What does the law require everything to be cleansed with? (9:22).
- What are the “better sacrifices” mentioned in 9:23?
- How many times was Christ sacrificed and what does that mean for his high priesthood? (9:23-28).

Read Hebrews 10:1-18

- Why couldn't the old covenant make its worshipers perfect? (10:1-4).
- What did Christ do in order to establish the second (covenant)? (10:9).
- By what “will” have we been made holy? (10:9-10).
- How has Christ made his worshipers perfect? (10:14).

Memory Verse

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Hebrews 9:14

Here are a few suggestions that may help you to memorize your memory verse:

- ➡ Ask the Lord to help you remember his Word (see [John 14:26](#)).
- ➡ Use the version of the Bible you are most familiar with. What you normally read in your Bible is what you need to be memorizing.
- ➡ Don't just memorize the contents of the verse; memorize its "address" (the verse reference) as well. You can do this by following this pattern: Step 1: **reference**; Step 2: **verse content**; Step 3: **reference**. Then repeat steps 1-3. Note that you are quoting the reference twice as many times as you quote the actual verse content. This gives the verse a clear "reference tag."
- ➡ After you have read your memory verse out aloud several times, try going through your memory verse *without* reading your computer screen.
- ➡ Look up your memory verse in your Bible. Look at its immediate context and read the verses that come before and after your memory verse.
- ➡ Print out your memory verse or jot it down on a piece of paper. Take this paper with you when you go to work or do other daily activities. Meditate on the meaning of the verse throughout the day.
- ➡ During your noon appointment with the Lord, take out your memory verse and go over it again. Talk to the Lord about what this verse means to you personally.
- ➡ In the evening (at either your evening study or your evening devotions), see if you can quote your memory verse from memory. Then, without looking at the memory verse itself, see if you can find it in your Bible.
- ➡ The next day, before you begin committing a new verse to memory, rehearse your previous day's memory verse and see if you can remember it (without cheating!).
- ➡ Finally, at the end of the week (possibly on the Sunday), collect all your week's memory verses, rehearse them and see if you can recall them without reading them. Spend a little extra time on any verses you have difficulty recalling.
- ➡ Remember: Don't just memorize a verse. Put it into practice ([James 1:22](#)). It is not being able to quote a verse from memory that counts. It is His Word *abiding* in your heart that counts ([John 15:7](#)). When you actually apply a verse consistently to your daily life, that is when you *truly* know that verse!