

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 begin reading **Hebrews** in more detail. The book of Hebrews can be divided into eleven main sections:

- ☞ **1:1-2:18** – The Son's superiority to angels
- ☞ **3:1-6** – The Son's superiority to Moses
- ☞ **3:7-4:13** – Warnings from Israel's history
- ☞ **4:14-5:10** – The Son's superiority to the Aaronic Priesthood
- ☞ **5:11-6:20** – Warning against falling away
- ☞ **7:1-8:6** – The Son as High Priest
- ☞ **8:7-10:18** – The two covenants compared
- ☞ **10:19-39** – Encouragement to persevere in trial
- ☞ **11:1-40** – The examples of faith and hope
- ☞ **12:1-29** – Encouragement to endure hardship
- ☞ **13:1-25** – Final words of encouragement

The first section – **1:1-2:18** – can be divided into three subsections.

Read Hebrews 1:1-14

- ☞ How is the Son superior to angels? (**1:1-4**).
- ☞ What promises has the Son received that angels have not received? (**1:5-13**).
- ☞ What are angels? (**1:14**).

Read Hebrews 2:1-4

- ☞ Why must we pay careful attention to what we have heard? (**2:1**).
- ☞ How did God testify to the message? (**2:4**).

Read Hebrews 2:5-18

- ☞ Why was Jesus made a little lower than the angels? (**2:6-9**).
- ☞ In order to bring many sons to glory, what did God do? (**2:10**).
- ☞ Why was Jesus made like his brothers in every way? (**2:14-18**).

Memory Verse

Because he himself suffered when he
was tempted, he is able to help those
who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:18

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!