

something *more*

Hebrews

LENT JOURNAL 2024

READING THROUGH HEBREWS TOGETHER

You are invited to join us in observing the 40 days of Lent this year

Wednesday 14 February - Saturday 30 March

Lent is how many people commemorate Jesus' 40 days fasting in the desert before He began His public ministry. It is a period of repentance and restraint before the great celebration of Easter. It is an opportunity to spend time with God and discover *something more* as we follow Jesus together.

Why fast?

'Ultimately we fast simply because we want God more than we want anything this world has to offer us.'

Why read Hebrews?

This is a fascinating book. It explores the key themes of Jesus' superiority over all creation, God's gracious offer of forgiveness, and the comfort of Jesus in suffering. It is all about how God offers us something more, something better.

Here are 3 ways you could join in with observing Lent this year

1. Use DAY during your day (Devote, Ask, Yield) leedsvineyard.org/day
 - During the *Devote* section of your day, read the passage from Hebrews for that day
 - During the *Ask* section of your day, you could include our *something more* prayer (on the back page)
2. Record your reflections or questions so that you can continue to pray through them or to bring them to your Growth Group
3. Fast (there are lots of ideas at leedsvineyard.org/fasting)

Find all the resources and links at leedsvineyard.org/lent





Hebrews

The main message of Hebrews

Jesus is the clearest, fullest, and most ultimate revelation of God, and He is worthy of total trust and devotion. Following Jesus means remaining faithful to Him, despite persecution because God will not abandon His people.

Who Wrote the Book of Hebrews?

Although it is possible that Barnabas, Paul, or Apollos wrote the letter to the Hebrews, the author is not explicitly mentioned in the text.

Context

The events described in Hebrews take place primarily in the occupied lands of the Greco-Roman empire. Hebrews was composed between 60 and 70 AD, likely during Nero's persecution of the Church.

Literary Styles

The book of Hebrews is a letter written in prose discourse to a church community. It assumes that this community understands and knows the Old Testament.

Key Themes

- Jesus' superiority over all creation
- God's gracious offer of forgiveness
- The comfort of Jesus in suffering

Structure

Hebrews has five parts. Jesus is compared to angels and the Torah in 1-2, to Moses and the promised land in 3-4, to the priests and Melchizedek in 5-7, and to sacrifices and the covenant in 8-10. 11-13 are a challenge to follow Jesus no matter the cost.

Credit: The Bible Project

Hebrews 1-2

Jesus is the full revelation of God

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1:1-5 God's one and only Son

WEDS
14 FEB

Watch Bible Project
Hebrews overview



2

1:6-14 The Messiah is superior to Angels

THUR
15 FEB

3

2:1-4 Don't neglect God's Salvation

FRI
16 FEB

4

2:5-9 Jesus as the Truly Human Being

SAT
17 FEB

Revisit one of the readings that felt significant. Take your time.
What do you notice? What is God's invitation to you?

SUN
18 FEB

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2:10-18 The Messiah who Helps those who are Tempted

MON
19 FEB

Hebrews 3-4

Jesus is superior to Moses

The invitation to enter into God's rest

6

3:1-6 Jesus and Moses

TUES
20 FEB

7

3:7-13 Today's the time to listen

WEDS
21 FEB

8

3:14-19 Hold on tight!

THUR
22 FEB

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4:1-10 Getting through to the Sabbath Rest

FRI
23 FEB

10

4:11-13 God's Word is at work

SAT
24 FEB

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SUN
25 FEB

11	4:14-16 Jesus the High Priest
MON 26 FEB	
Hebrews 5-7 Jesus is your great High Priest	
12	5:1-3 Jesus the sympathetic High Priest
TUES 27 FEB	
13	5:4-10 The Son becomes the Priest
WEDS 28 FEB	
14	5:11-14 Solid Food
THUR 29 FEB	
15	6:1-8 A Warning
FRI 1 MAR	
16	6:9-12 Keep up the good work
SAT 2 MAR	

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SUN 3 MAR	
17	6:13-20 God's Unchangeable Promise
MON 4 MAR	
18	7:1-10 Melchizedek, the great Priest - King
TUES 5 MAR	
19	7:11-19 A New Order of Priesthood
WEDS 6 MAR	
20	7:20-28 The Permanent Priesthood of Jesus
THUR 7 MAR	
Hebrews 8-10 Jesus compared to sacrifices and the Covenant	
21	8:1-6 Superior Covenant
FRI 8 MAR	

22	8:7-13 The Promise of a New Covenant
SAT 9 MAR	
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SUN 10 MAR	
23	9:1-10 The Old Tabernacle Points Forward to the New
MON 11 MAR	
24	9:11-14 The Sacrifice of the Messiah
TUES 12 MAR	
25	9:15-22 The Purpose of the Blood
WEDS 13 MAR	
26	9:23-28 The Messiah's Work in the Heavenly Sanctuary
THUR 14 MAR	
27	10:1-10 The Stopping of the Sacrifices
FRI 15 MAR	

28	10:11-18 The Finished Achievement of the Messiah
SAT 16 MAR	
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SUN 17 MAR	
29	10:19-31 Encouragement to Persevere
MON 18 MAR	
30	10:32-39 Receiving what has been promised
TUES 19 MAR	
Hebrews 11-13 An encouragement to stay faithful to Jesus	
31	11:1-12 How do we respond? Faith in Action
WEDS 20 MAR	
32	11:13-22 Faith that looks beyond death
THURS 21 MAR	

33	11:23-40 Faith and the Future
FRI 22 MAR	
34	12:1-3 Looking to Jesus
SAT 23 MAR	
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SUN 24 MAR	
35	12:4-11 Christian Suffering
MON 25 MAR	
36	12:12-17 Watch Out
TUES 26 MAR	
37	12:18-29 Mountains
WEDS 27 MAR	
38	13:1-8 The Practical Life of God's People
THUR 28 MAR	

39	13:9-16 Seeking the New
FRI 29 MAR	
40	13:17-25 The God of Peace be with you
SAT 30 MAR	

NOTES

Lord Jesus, we have sensed that there is something more and we believe that we will find it in You.

Renew our souls, soften our hearts and sharpen our minds so that we may find what is good and acceptable and perfect in Your eyes.

Open our eyes to see beyond the lures of the world – the prizes of success, the rewards of wealth and position, the seductions of a materialistic life and self-centred life lived out at a frenetic and competitive pace.

Help us to sever our dependencies on the world's distractions and guide us into the better, safer, stronger story you have prepared for us.

Amen

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*Credits: Hebrews introduction page and Hebrews headings - The Bible Project
Daily passage headings - 'Hebrews for Everyone' by Tom Wright*