

THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Chapters 8-13

Topical Essay – The Order of Melchizedek

Read 8:1-3 Where does Jesus exercise his priesthood and what does he offer as a sacrifice? (Note 8:1, 8:3)

Read 8:4-7 What is the first covenant? (Note 8:7)

Read 8:8-12 How does Jeremiah's prophecy foretell the New Covenant and how was it to differ from the Old Covenant? (Note 8:8-12)

How was the Mosaic tabernacle laid out and how do the first and second chambers symbolize the old and new covenants? (Note 9:1–14)

Read 9:1-5 What was located in the Holy Place and in the Holy of Holies? (Notes 9:2 and 9:3)

Read 9:6-7 How does the Day of Atonement liturgy compare to what Jesus does in the heavenly sanctuary? (Note 9:7)

Read 9:11-12 Why is the sacrifice of Jesus once and for all? (Note 9:12)

Topical Essay - Will or Covenant?

How is the interpretation of the passage “for where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive” best served if understood as a covenant?

Read 10:1-4 Was the Levitical cult a solution to the problem of sin? (Note 10:3)

Read 10:11-13 What is the difference of the posture of the Levitical priests with that of Jesus? (Note 10:11–13)

Read 10:19-25 How do we enter the heavenly sanctuary while here still on earth? (Note 10:19-25)

What is the meaning of the following phrase “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water?” (Note 10:22)

What does chapter 11 address? (Note 11:1-40)

Read 11:1 What is the meaning of faith? (Note 11:1)

Read 11:4-7 Is faith necessary for salvation? (Note 11:6)

Read 12:1 Are we surrounded by a cloud of witnesses? (Note 12:1)

Read 12:3-6 What is the relationship between divine discipline and divine love?
(Note 12:5–6)

Read 12:12-14 Is personal sanctification necessary in order to enter into the beatific vision? (Note 12:14)

Read 12:18-24 What is the difference between Mount Zion and Mount Sinai? (Note 12:18–24)

Word Study-Mediator

What is a mediator?