

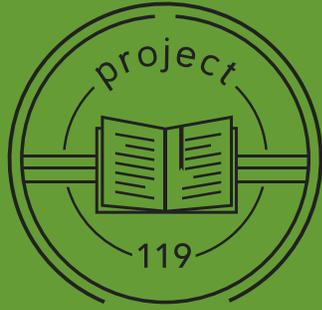


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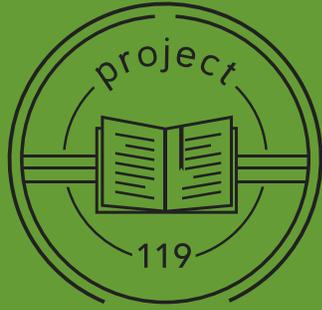
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Project 119 is a Bible reading initiative of Mountain Brook Baptist Church. Our hope is that every member of our church body would be encouraged in his or her relationship with Jesus Christ through the regular reading of God's Word. This reading plan covering the book of Hebrews is the next installment in the Project 119 series. The plan features a devotional thought for each week that will provide you with a framework for reading the assigned chapters. To learn more about Project 119 and to access previous plans, visit www.mbbc.org/project119.

Introduction

The book of Hebrews is a sermon letter that was probably written to a group of Jewish Christians prior to 70 A.D. The author of Hebrews does not identify himself and no one has been able to offer a convincing argument regarding his identity. What we do know is that the recipients of Hebrews were enduring persecution because of their commitment to Jesus Christ. This persecution caused some to consider turning back from faithfully following the Lord. The writer of Hebrews encourages his audience to remain faithful to God by focusing their attention on all that they have received through faith in Jesus. In light of the surpassing worth of Jesus, these believers are then challenged to obediently pursue the Lord with their whole hearts.



Hebrews 1:1-4:13

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How do you get to know someone?

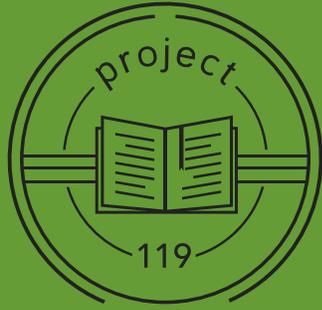
The best way to learn about someone is by listening to their words and observing their actions. The same is true for those of us who want to grow in our knowledge of the Lord. God reveals himself to us through the words he has handed down to us through the prophets and apostles (Hebrews 1:1) and through the works of redemption that he has accomplished on behalf of his people.

According to Hebrews 1:2-4, God reveals himself to us most clearly in Jesus Christ. Jesus is the “radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature” (Hebrews 1:3, ESV). As you read the book of Hebrews over the next three weeks, you will be encouraged to consider Jesus (Hebrews 3:1). That is, the writer of Hebrews wants you to carefully think about all that God has accomplished on your behalf through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The goal is for you to gain a greater appreciation for all that you enjoy through faith in Christ so that you will be empowered to live a life of greater faithfulness.

As you begin this new reading plan, thank God for graciously revealing himself to you in Jesus Christ. Ask him to give you a deeper understanding of the riches you have been given through Jesus and to empower you to live a life of faithful obedience.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11	HEBREWS 1:1-14
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12	HEBREWS 2:1-4
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13	HEBREWS 2:5-3:6
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14	HEBREWS 3:7-19
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15	HEBREWS 4:1-13



Hebrews 4:14 - 9:28

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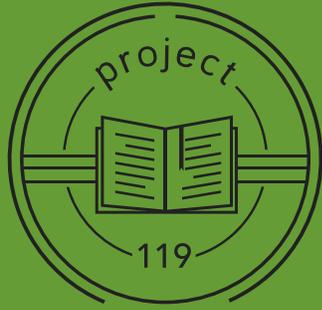
In Hebrews 2 we read about the truth that Jesus Christ was made like us in every respect so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest who is able to help those who are being tempted. The writer of Hebrews writes more about Jesus' role as our high priest in Hebrews 4:14-5:10. In these verses, the writer emphasizes the truth that we can draw near to God with confidence because Jesus is our faithful high priest.

If we are not careful, we will fail to see the true significance of the privilege that is ours to confidently draw near to God. Prior to the sacrifice of Jesus, only the high priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies once a year to offer sacrifices for himself and the people (Hebrews 9:7). However, this is no longer the case. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, each of us is invited to confidently enter into the presence of God. We don't have to wait for a special day or rely on someone else to enter God's presence on our behalf.

Ask God to give you a renewed sense of how significant it is that you can draw near to God. Ask him to give you a heart that would increasingly long to be in his presence so that you do not waste this precious gift you have been given.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16	HEBREWS 4:4-5:10
MONDAY, AUGUST 17	HEBREWS 5:11-6:12
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18	HEBREWS 6:13-7:10
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19	HEBREWS 7:11-28
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20	HEBREWS 8:1-13
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21	HEBREWS 9:1-14
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22	HEBREWS 9:15-28



Hebrews 10:1 - 13:19

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Hebrews 11 is one of the most famous passages in all of the New Testament. In this chapter, we learn that faith is the “assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1, ESV). We also learn that faith requires us “to believe that [God] exists and that he rewards those who seek him” (Hebrews 11:6, ESV).

What does it look like for someone to believe that God exists and rewards those who seek him? The writer of Hebrews gives many examples in Hebrews 11. It is very inspiring to read about these men and women of faith. They risked their lives because of their belief in God and trusted that God would reward them both in this life and in the life to come. However, we are not meant to simply marvel at the faith of the saints we read about in Hebrews 11. In Hebrews 12, we are challenged to follow in their footsteps and run our own race of faith.

Spend some time this week considering how your faith in God impacts your daily life. If someone were writing your life story, what would they say that you did by faith? Ask God to strengthen your faith in the fact that he exists and will reward you for seeking him.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23	HEBREWS 10:1-18
MONDAY, AUGUST 24	HEBREWS 10:19-39
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25	HEBREWS 11:1-7
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26	HEBREWS 11:8-40
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27	HEBREWS 12:1-17
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28	HEBREWS 12:18-29
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29	HEBREWS 13:1-19