Hebrews

Theme:
- God’s final revelation of Himself in His Son
- Substance: Christ’s person and high priestly work

Biblical context
- The first promise – Genesis 3:15
- The promise to Abraham – Genesis 12:1-3.
  1. Blessing – salvation through Abraham
  2. A great nation – the nation Israel
  3. Blessing to the nations – “universal” salvation
  4. The Seed of Abraham
- The plan in history
  1. Patriarchal era
     History: waiting – testing – slavery – waiting
  2. The Mosaic or Old Covenant era
     The formation of Israel
     The Law of Moses
     History: testing – captivity – waiting
  3. The Christian or New Covenant era
     Jesus Christ
     The New Covenant
     History: testing – persevering – waiting

Issues
- What about the Law of Moses?
- What is the New Covenant order?
The Purpose of Hebrews

- Explanation of the New Covenant
- Exhortation to obedience
- Key verse: Hebrews 13:20-21

Review of Lessons 1-4

God has spoken to us by His Son

The excellence of Christ v. angels
- He is God
- He became man

The excellence of Christ v. Moses
- He is the builder/founder v. member
- He is the Son v. the servant

Two warnings or applications:
- Pay close attention to Christ
- Believe in Christ (3:7-4:13)
Warning #2

How do we respond to Jesus?

The “rest of God”

Exhortation – “Let us . . .” (13 times)
   4:1, 11, 14, 16
   6:1
   10:22, 23, 24
   12:1 (twice), 28
   13;13, 15
Lesson outline

1. The promise still stands (4:1)

2. *Let us* fear lest any fail to reach it (4:1-10)
   - The wrath of God
   - The rest of God

3. *Let us* strive to enter that rest (4:11-13)

4. *Let us* hold fast to our confession (4:14-15)

5. *Let us* draw near to the throne of grace with confidence (4:16)
A Rest for the People of God

1. The promise of entering the rest still stands (4:1)
   ▶ “Rest” – Hebrews 3:11-4:11
     – Entry into the Promised Land (3:9-11)
     – More than the Promised Land
   ▶ It is an ongoing expectation or hope for the people of God.

2. Let us fear lest any fail to reach it (4:1-10)
   ▶ What is this rest He has promised?
     – The Promised Land
     – Rest of God
   ▶ The call to fear

3. Let us strive to enter (4:11-13)
   ▶ Strive or labor to enter.
     – Hard work
     – Faith
   ▶ The Word of God is quick and powerful.
     – The Bible
     – The Son of God
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4. Let us hold fast to our confession (4:14-15)
   ▶ Jesus our Great High Priest
   ▶ Tempted like we are

5. Let us boldly draw near to the throne of grace (4:16)
   ▶ Jesus our Great High Priest
   ▶ Mercy and grace