

Hebrews Outlined

The structure of a book lets us into the mind of its writer and the inspiration which was received from God. It is also easier for us to understand a book of the Bible if we know a simple structure for the book and then a more detailed. It helps us remember what the book is all about. We will use this handout throughout this quarter. This outline was obtained from "Exploring Hebrews" by George R. Knight

Here is a simple structure for the Book of Hebrews:

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| a. Theological Exposition | 1.1-14 |
| b. Practical Exposition | 2.1 - 4 |
| c. Theological Exposition | 2.5 - 3.6 |
| d. Practical Exposition | 3.7 – 4.16 |
| e. Theological Exposition | 5.1-10 |
| f. Practical Exposition | 5.11 – 6. 20 |
| g. Theological Exposition | 7.1 – 10.18 |
| h. Practical Exposition | 10.19 – 13.25 |

Now a more detailed account:

- II. The Supremacy of Jesus (1.1-4)
- III. Jesus is better than the angels (1.5 – 2.18)
 - a. The divinity of Jesus (1.5-14)
 - b. Warning: Listen to Him (2.1-4)
 - c. The Humanity of Jesus (2.5-18)
- IV. Jesus is better than Moses and Joshua (3.1 – 4.13)
 - a. Moses is a servant, but Jesus is a son (3.1-6)
 - b. Warning: Don't harden your hearts (3.7-11)
 - c. Warning: Believers must persevere in order to enter Christ's rest (3.12-19)
 - d. Promise: Jesus provides a better rest than the Canaan rest of Joshua (4.1-11)
 - e. Warning: God's word judges humanity's inner thoughts and intentions (4.12-13)
- V. Jesus is superior to Aaron (4.14 – 6.20)
 - a. Promise: Christians have full access to God through Jesus their High Priest (4.14-16)
 - b. Jesus qualifies to be high priest (5.1-10)
 - c. Warning: Don't be immature Christians (5.11 – 6.3)
 - d. Warning: Those who choose to keep falling away have no hope (6.4-8)
 - e. Promise: God wants better things for Christians, including the full assurance of hope (6.9-12)
 - f. Promise: God provides a firm anchor of hope through the priesthood of Jesus (6.13-20)
- VI. Jesus has a better priesthood (7.1-28)
 - a. Jesus' priesthood is better because the priesthood of Melchizedek is superior to that of Levi (7.1-10)
 - b. Jesus' priesthood is better because it is an eternal priesthood (7.11-19)
 - c. Promise: The priesthood of Jesus is able to save all those who draw near to God through Him (7.20-28)
- VII. Jesus provides a better covenant (8.1 – 10.18)
 - a. His ministry takes place in a better sanctuary, the true sanctuary in heaven (8.1-5)
 - b. His ministry rests upon better promises and a better covenant (8.6-13)
 - c. His ministry is efficacious because it is based upon a better sacrifice (9.1 – 10.18)
- VIII. Faith in Jesus provides a better way (10.19 – 11.40)

- a. Warning: Since hope rests upon the sacrifice and ministry of Jesus, those who choose to continue to reject Him have no hope (10.19-31)
- b. Promise: Those Christians who endure and persevere will receive a great blessing (10.32-39)
- c. The OT faithful provide a positive example (11.1-40)
- IX. Following Jesus in the life of faith (12.1 – 13.17)
 - a. Christ is every Christian's example and the pioneer in perseverance (12.1,2)
 - b. Christians need to keep their eyes on Jesus as they endure discipline as God's children (12.3-17)
 - c. Promise: Christians have Jesus as their mediator and have citizenship in the heavenly Jerusalem (12.18-24)
 - d. Warning: Don't refuse Jesus, because those who do will not escape destruction (12.25-29)
 - e. Christians are to live the life of love (13.1-6)
 - f. Practical exhortations (13.7-17)
- X. Concluding remarks (13.18-25)