Hebrews Structure

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Doctrinal Exposition: 4:15–5:10 Practical Exhortation: 5:11–6:20 Warning: 6:4–8 Hebrews 2:3, "how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,"

- Man was made lower than the angels to be elevated above the angels, 3:5–8.
- Jesus Christ as True Humanity has been elevated above the angels, so that a human being is now over the angels and is at the command post of the universe, 3:9.
- In His humanity Jesus qualified for this through the humility of obedience and His spiritual growth to maturity through adversity testing, 3:10–13.
- He is the archegos, the pioneer of our spiritual life.
- Since Christ had victory He is promoted to our High Priest and can come to our aid in times of testing.

Hebrews 3:7, "Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: 'Today, if you will hear His voice,

Hebrews 3:8, "Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness," 1. We have a High Priest who has passed through the heavens, therefore HOLD FAST. 4:14

2. General Principle on Priests: Priests are called by God to serve others and offer gifts and sacrifices to God. 5:1–4

3. In the same way Christ was called by God to serve as a Priest on the pattern of the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:8, "though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered."

1. Don't ever be satisfied with where you are spiritually, press forward.

2. Be warned: you can regress, you can loose ground.

3. It is possible to regress to the point of no return, from which you will most likely not recover.

4. However, with God all things are possible, and IF HE PERMITS, vs. 3, you will recover.

5. The "impossible to renew them to repentance" i.e., change, means that for us to renew them, for the renewal which comes through the application of encouraging one another.

6. Spiritual progress or failure, the choice is yours.

Hebrews 3:13, "but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

Hebrews 10:24, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Hebrews 10:25, "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:19, "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 10:20, "by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh," Hebrews 10:21, "and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,

Hebrews 10:22, "let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful."

7. The goal of the spiritual life is to generate spiritual fruit or production which is defined as spiritual character, producing Christian service.

Romans 7:4, "Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be joined to another that is to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

Romans 7:5, "For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death."

Romans 7:6, "But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter."

Ephesians 5:9, "(for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),"

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

Colossians 1:10, "that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

Romans 7:5, "For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death."

1 Cor 3:13, "each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

1 Cor 3:14, "If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward."