

# Hebrews

## Chapters 5-6

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### OPEN:

Share one of your favorite Bible stories, if you have one. Why do you like this story?

### REVIEW:

What is the main issue confronting the church at the time of the writing of Hebrews?

What Old Testament examples did the author give in chapters 3-4 to encourage the people to hang on in faith?

### STUDY:

Read Hebrews 5:1-10. What does the author say about mortal high priests in these verses?

How is Jesus like these mortal high priests?  
How is he different?

Read Hebrews 5:11-14. What does the author say here about the people to whom he is writing?

What are the “basic elements of the oracles of God” (v.12, NRSV)?

Read Hebrews 6:1-12. What is the author concerned about in these verses?

Why would this be a concern?  
What are some of the basic teachings about Christ, according to these verses?

What does the author of Hebrews claim in verses 4-6?

Why would he write this?

According to vv.9-12, what will God not overlook?  
How does this square with what is written in v 1 about faith and “dead works?”

How can we be imitators of those who “through faith and patience inherit the promises?”

Read Hebrews 6:13-20. What Old Testament character is used as an example here?

For what is he praised?

Do you have any quibble with how his story is utilized here?

Who was faithful to the promise?

What does this tell us?

What did God do in this Old Testament story to guarantee the promise?

Why?

How can God's activity to Abraham help us now?

Where does this hope lead us?

### REFLECT

Can we lose our salvation today? Why or why not?

What would you say are the basics of the Christian faith? If you were to meet someone who knows nothing about Christianity and wanted to know what you believed, what would you tell them?

How does your faith help you to do good works in the world?