

The Letter to the Hebrews Who is Jesus?

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Topic: Perseverance of believers	The Letter to the Hebrews – Moses, Heart, House 3:1-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allegory • Honor of the builder • The house of God • Heart of the believer
Key verses for today's study	Hebrews 3:1 <i>Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, FIX YOUR THOUGHTS ON JESUS, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.</i>

Exercise one

Have you ever built a house?	Yes or No
Rate your current health from 1 to 10, 10 being perfect, 1 being close to death	
Which of the list is not a cause of hard hearts?	A. Distractions B. Rebellion C. Church attendance D. Commitment
How many times does your heart beat every minute?	A. 50 B. 80 C. 150 D. 200

<p>Review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible study of a sermon • Jewish converts to Christianity • Complications stealing the joy • Spring up only to shrivel • Jesus better than the prophets • Jesus better than angels
<p>Idea #1 : What is an allegory?</p>	<p>Which of these is not an allegory?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The mechanic was driving a sled B. The baseball team's name is the Giants C. The candle was like a beacon in the wilderness D. Christ was faithful as a son over his house, whose house we are.
<p>Idea #2: Moses the builder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did Moses ever build a non-allegorical house? • What is more honorable the house or the person building the house?
<p>Idea #3 The house that was built</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the best understanding of the house built by Moses? • What is the best understanding of the house built by Jesus? • What is the best understanding of the importance of the builder?
<p>Idea #4: The heart and its allegorical meaning</p>	<p>What are some of the things we can do for our hearts?</p> <p>What are some of the thing we can for our allegorical hearts?</p>

<p>Idea # 5: The heart is the reason for the building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The heart is the _____ center of our lives. • The heart has four parts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ _____ ○ _____ ○ _____ ○ _____ • Our heart may well be considered our immortal _____.
<p>Idea #6: The big</p> <p>IF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hebrew Christians were becoming like the house of Moses. • They heard the voice but they _____ _____ • They wanted revelation on their own terms • They hardened their hearts.
<p>Idea #7: How to keep your hearts soft?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fix your thoughts 2. Hear his voice 3. Encourage
<p>List to do this week:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read Hebrews 4:1-13 at least three times this week 2. Stay focused, don't let the world push out your attention to God. By an act of the will FIX your heart on God twice every day this week. 3. Take time every day this week to encourage a fellow Christian. 4. Find a special place to call your own to simply listen to God's voice.

Encouragement

Encouragement is not telling someone they have done well. That is simply a reward for something done. You may well call it honor, or accolade but it is simply something acknowledging effort spent that accomplished something. It is something expected after a job is well done. While it is a good thing, encouragement, is telling others that you believe in them before they even start. It is action before the battle.

Encouragement is to help someone to make a good start.

Six ways to encourage a brother or sister in Christ

1. **Show you care** - When you take the time to learn about others, it shows that you care. This empowers and encourages them. One of the single best ways to encourage others is to care about what they care about.
2. **Tell them with words** - Take the time to tell your small group, your brothers in Christ, that you believe in their abilities and that you are confident that they will succeed.
3. **Tell them in writing** - The great thing about encouraging someone in writing is that he can keep the note forever. It is the gift that keeps on giving.
4. **Share with others** – When you are in public praise your fellow Christians. Be open with our praise and private with your criticisms.
5. **Trust them with greater responsibilities** - When you assign responsibility to someone, even if you verbalize it, you are saying, "I trust you." Trust conveys belief. When you give someone responsibility, remember you are not only trusting them with the expectation of success, but you are allowing them to make mistakes. When you micromanage or try to "fix" things along the way, it is discouraging and demotivating. Give responsibility, trust the person, and get out of the way.
6. **Help them** - This might sound like the opposite of #5, but let me be clear that helping is not micromanaging or meddling. Simply ask how you can help them. It's important for others to know that while you trust them, you are also there to help. This goes beyond just helping with projects or tasks, though.