



# Drawing Near



The letter to the Hebrews was written to Christians in the first century, encouraging them to persevere and remain faithful in the face of severe persecution. It has been said that they were "in danger of giving up ... they had been physically assaulted, their homes had been plundered; some had been cast into prison . . . others had been ridiculed in public because of their resolute trust in Jesus". The temptations to compromise assailed them daily.



The writer of this letter (no-one is exactly sure who it is), knows that the strength to remain faithful lies in one place alone. In Jesus himself. We are to fix our eyes on him, and through him, to enter boldly into the Most Holy Place where we are known, welcome and accepted. Jesus is our Great High Priest, He empathises with us in all our struggles; and He alone can supply what we need to remain true.

For every Christian, prayer is vital. Without prayer, we are in grave danger of drifting away from the One we love. With prayer comes the strength to remain true: the daily experience of the love of God that lifts us up, and the still small Voice that guides us on our journey of faith. Jesus said that we should abide in the vine; this is how we do it - by coming boldly day after day, receiving the grace we need that strengthens and empowers us. This daily encounter changes us and will make us shine with hope among our neighbours and friends.

As we read through this amazing (and at times complex) epistle, let us intentionally do what Hebrews tells us that we can confidently do . . . 'draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.'

**“ To desire revival, and at the same time neglect (personal) prayer and devotion, is to wish one way and walk another**

A. W. TOZER



**“ To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing**

MARTIN LUTHER


**“ Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tyre?**

CORRIE TEN BOOM

Monday	Hebrews 1:1-14. <b>Jesus greater than the angels</b>
Tuesday	Hebrews 2:1-9. <b>Don't allow yourself to drift away</b>
Wednesday	Hebrews 2:10-18 <b>We are the family of Jesus</b>


**WEDNESDAY**


**Holding on to the One who holds us**




Thursday	Hebrews 3:1-6. <b>Jesus greater than Moses</b>
Friday	Hebrews 3:7-19. <b>Beware of unbelief</b>
Saturday	Hebrews 4:1-13. <b>Entering God's rest</b>
Sunday	Hebrews 4:14-16. <b>Jesus our Great High Priest</b>

**Sunday: Boldness** Hebrews 4:14-16



Monday	Hebrews 5:1-10. <b>Jesus like Melchizedek</b>
Tuesday	Hebrews 5:11- 6:8. <b>Healthy disciples grow in maturity</b>
Wednesday	Hebrews 6:9-20. <b>God will reward his faithful ones</b>



**WEDNESDAY**


**Melchizedek** Hebrews 7



Thursday	Hebrews 7:1-10. <b>Melchizedek</b>
Friday	Hebrews 7:11-28. <b>A new and better covenant</b>
Saturday	Hebrews 8:1-13. <b>God's law in our hearts and minds.</b>
Sunday	Hebrews 9:1-10. <b>The old tabernacle points forward to the new</b>

**Sunday: Holiness** Hebrews 10:10



Monday	Hebrews 9:11-14. <b>The blood of Christ</b>
Tuesday	Hebrews 9:15-28. <b>Jesus the perfect sacrifice</b>

Wednesday

Hebrews 10:1-18.

**No need for repeated sacrifices for sin**



WEDNESDAY

**Drawing Near** Hebrews 10

Thursday

Hebrews 10:19-25. **Boldness in the Most Holy Place**

Friday

Hebrews 10:26-31. **A warning about deliberate sin**

Saturday

Hebrews 10:32-39. **Perseverance in suffering**

Sunday

Hebrews 11:1-12. **The importance of faith**

Sunday: **Faith** Hebrews 11



Monday

Hebrews 11:13-22. **Longing for a better country**

Tuesday

Hebrews 11:23-40. **God's faithful people**

Wednesday May

Hebrews 12:1-3. **Fix your eyes on Jesus**

WEDNESDAY

**Discipleship and Discipline** Hebrews 12



Thursday

Hebrews 12:4-13. **Suffering and discipline**

Friday

Hebrews 12:14-24. **Citizens of the Holy City**

Saturday

Hebrews 12:25-13:8. **Love and obedience**

Sunday

Hebrews 13:9-25. **Final exhortations and blessing**

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