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Chicago, Illinois: Moody Press, 1962.

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LESSON ONE

Chapter Eleven

THIS LESSON INCORPORATES Observation Worksheets of Hebrews 10–11, located in the Appendix

Faith—the opposite of apostasy! Faith endures . . . apostasy departs.

DAY ONE

1. To begin our study of Hebrews Part 3, let's look at the "Hebrews at a Glance" chart which is found at the end of this lesson. For those of you who studied Hebrews Part 1, you did an Overview of Hebrews to complete this chart and you may prefer to use it. But for those of you who were not with us for the study of Part 1, we have provided a completed At a Glance chart so you can see what this letter is about.

Take your time and carefully read the information on the At a Glance chart. Be sure to check out the book and chapter themes, especially for Hebrews 1–10. Also, pay close attention to the Key Words and the Author's Purpose.

2. Now read Hebrews 10:19–11:40 to see the flow of thought. You might want to note below your response to this exhortation.

DAY
TWO
THROUGH
DAY
FOUR

Using your Observation Worksheets, work on a Chapter Study of Hebrews 11. Don't rush through it, Beloved. Give yourself time for meditation. Ask God what personal lessons you can learn that will build your faith. Record your insights.

If you have never done a Chapter Study, follow the instructions from "Focusing In on the Details" in *How to Study Your Bible* or see "How to Do a Chapter Study" in the Appendix of this Hebrews study.

DAY
FIVE

1. Begin today by reading Hebrews 10:19–11:40 again. As you read and review your observations, take time to worship your God and His Christ. Worship comes from the word "worship." Therefore, its essential meaning is to look at someone's worth or value.

When you finish, write a prayer of worship.

2. One last thing: do you have the confidence and assurance that Hebrews 10:19–11:1 speaks about? Write your answer below.

HEBREW'S AT A GLANCE

Book Theme: Jesus, our High Priest / Let us hear Him, draw near, and hold fast

	Chapter Themes	Segment Divisions		
<p>Author:</p> <p>Purpose: A word of exhortation (13:22)</p> <p>When Written: possibly A.D. 64-68</p> <p>Key Words: Jesus (Son) God angel spoke (spoken, says, said) sin (sinners) priest (priests, priesthood) therefore faith (faithful) greater better (better than, more excellent) let us perfect promise covenant</p>	1 God spoke in His Son, Jesus better than angels	God spoke in His Son		
	2 Pay attention to what we have heard / Jesus became flesh and blood			
	3 Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest / Don't harden your heart	Consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our Confession		
	4 Don't come short of entering His rest			
	5 Jesus, high priest forever according to order of Melchizedek			
	6 Let us press on to maturity, some have fallen away			
	7 Jesus' priesthood permanent, able to save forever those who draw near			
	8 Jesus, mediator of a better covenant			
	9 Christ's blood—better sacrifice			
	10 Christ's body offered once, let us draw near and hold fast			
	11 Men of old gained approval through faith			Jesus, Author and Perfecter of Faith
	12 Jesus, Author and Perfecter of faith / Endure discipline			
	13 Jesus—the same yesterday, today, forever / Don't be carried away			

HEBREWS 10

Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

FOR the Law, since it has *only* a shadow of the good things to come *and* not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

3 But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by year.

4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,

“SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED,
BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE
TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

7 “THEN I SAID, ‘BEHOLD, I HAVE COME
(IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME)
TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.’ ”

8 After saying above, “SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*” (which are offered according to the Law),

9 then He said, “BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

- 10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- 11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;
- 12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,
- 13 waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.
- 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.
- 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,
- 16 “THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM
AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD:
I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART,
AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,”
- He then says,*
- 17 “AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS
I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.”
- 18 Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer *any* offering for sin.
- 19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,
- 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,
- 21 and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God,

- 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
- 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
- 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,
- 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.
- 26 For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
- 27 but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES.
- 28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*.
- 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 30 For we know Him who said, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY.” And again, “THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.”
- 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
- 32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

- 33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.
- 34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one.
- 35 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.
- 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.
- 37 FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE,
 HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.
- 38 BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH;
 AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM.
- 39 But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.

HEBREWS 11
Observation Worksheet

Chapter Theme _____

NOW faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

- 2 For by it the men of old gained approval.
- 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.
- 4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.
- 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.
- 6 And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- 7 By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
- 8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

- 9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign *land*, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;
- 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
- 11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.
- 12 Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, *as many descendants* AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.
- 13** All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
- 14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own.
- 15 And indeed if they had been thinking of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return.
- 16 But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them.
- 17** By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten *son*;
- 18 *it was he* to whom it was said, “IN ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL BE CALLED.”

- 19 He considered that God is able to raise *people* even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.
- 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.
- 21 By faith Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, *leaning* on the top of his staff.
- 22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.
- 23** By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.
- 24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
- 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,
- 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.
- 27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.
- 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that he who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.
- 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though *they were passing* through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.
- 30** By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

- 31 By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.
- 32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, 33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed *acts of* righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.
- 35 Women received *back* their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment.
- 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (*men* of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.
- 39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

HOW TO DO A CHAPTER STUDY ~ Let's Get Started!

To learn more about doing a chapter study and other inductive Bible study skills, we encourage you to keep on hand a copy of **How to Study Your Bible**. If you don't yet have a copy, you can order one by visiting www.precept.org or calling 800-763-8280.

A **chapter study** helps you to focus in on the details in the chapter to better understand what the author is saying. Each of the skills is used to bring important points to light.

- **Look for the 5 Ws and H**

Read the text asking the 5 Ws and H—*Who, What, When, Where, Why, How*. For example, when studying John 1, read the text asking questions like:

Who is this about?

When?

Where was the Word?

Who was the Word?

What did the Word do?

Don't expect every verse or chapter to answer all the 5 Ws and H about a particular subject or person, but you should read with a questioning mind-set.

Marking key words and phrases and making lists help you to answer the 5 Ws and H.

- **Mark key words and phrases**

Key words are repeated words within a text which are vital to its meaning.

Mark in a distinctive way each key word or phrase in the chapter along with its pronouns and synonyms. Use colors and/or symbols.

Example: "Word" is a repeated word that is **key** to understanding John 1.

- **Lists**

The next step is to list what the chapter says about each of the key words. Look at each place you marked a key word and list what the text says.

A **list** is a compilation of the facts given about a particular word or person. It gives the 5 Ws and H (who, what, when, where, why, how) about that word or person. Use words from the text.

A list about the **Word** from John 1 begins this way:

was in the beginning, v. 1

was with God, v. 1

was God, v. 1

was in the beginning with God, v. 2

• **Mark and evaluate:**

Contrasts—point out differences. To mark a contrast, put a symbol in the margin by the verse(s), such as *N*.

John 1:17: “For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”

“But,” “however,” or “nevertheless” might indicate a contrast.

John 4:2: “...Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were....”

Comparisons—point out similarities. To mark a comparison, put a symbol in the margin by the verse(s), such as *=*.

John 10:9: “I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved....”

Sometimes “like” or “as” indicate a comparison.

John 3:14-15: “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.”

Terms of Conclusion—show that a conclusion or summary is being made. These help us understand “why.”

Look for the words signifying a conclusion or result such as “therefore,” “for this reason,” and “finally.”

John 12:50: “I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

Expressions of Time—give timing, sequence of events, or progression.

Look for words such as “then,” “after,” “when,” “until,” “the day of....”

John 1:2: “He was in the beginning with God.”

• **Identify subjects or themes**

Identify main subjects, events, or points of a chapter by observing it paragraph by paragraph. Paragraphs can be shown with boldface type for the first verse number of a paragraph, by a paragraph symbol, or by an indention at the beginning of a paragraph.

Read each paragraph, and in the margin list the event, subject, or main point of the paragraph.

John 1:6-8

6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.

*John testified
about the Light*

7 He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him.

8 He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.