

# Introduction

## I. Introduction to the RTS Women's Bible Study

- A. Why a RTS Women's Bible Study?
- B. Overview of Daily and Yearly Schedule (see handout in folder)

## II. Introduction to the Book of Hebrews

- A. Why study the Book of Hebrews?
  - It is a book that is often overlooked or neglected
  - It helps us understand the relationship between the OT and the NT
  - It magnifies the supremacy of Christ, especially as our great highpriest
- B. Background to the Book of Hebrews
  - Authorship
  - Date
  - Audience

## III. Overall Message of the Book of Hebrews

- A. Main Theme: The Supremacy of Christ over All Things (or "Jesus is Better")
  - Hebrews focuses particularly on how Jesus is the fuller and superior revelation of God than what is offered in the Old Testament
- B. Why Does This Message Matter?
  - We believe Jesus is better, but have never thought about *Why* or *How*
  - Sometimes we doubt whether Christ is better—we feel like giving up and turning to other things

## IV. Structure/Outline of the Book of Hebrews

- I. Christ Superior to the Prophets (1:1-3)*
- II. Christ Superior to the Angels (1:4-2:18)*
  - First Warning: "Pay Attention" (2:1-4)***
- III. Christ Superior to Moses and Joshua (3:1-4:13)*



**Second Warning: “Don’t be like the Israelites in the Wilderness” (3:7-19)**

IV. Christ Superior to Aaron (4:14-7:28)

**Third Warning: “Don’t Fall Away” (5:11-6:12)**

V. Christ Superior to the Old Covenant (8:1-10:18)

VI. Faith as the Superior Way of the New Covenant (10:19-13:19)

**Fourth Warning: “Don’t keep on sinning” (10:19-39)**

**Fifth Warning: “Don’t Miss the Grace of God” (12:14-24)**

**Sixth Warning: “Don’t Refuse to Listen to God” (12:25-29)**

VII. Concluding Exhortations and Greetings (13:1-25).



# Discussion Groups

1. Tell us about yourself and your family. How did you hear about the RTS women's Bible study?

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2. What makes you excited about studying the book of Hebrews? What do you hope to get out of this time together?

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3. Do you ever struggle with giving up on the Christian life? Where are you tempted to turn for comfort and security apart from Jesus?

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