

**Monday****Hebrews 3:16-19**  
**Numbers 14**

This text begins an in-depth warning for what happens for those who do not believe. The warning stretches into chapter 4 of Hebrews, and what begins here at the end of chapter 3 is a reminder to the author's audience (who would be quite familiar with Old Testament Scripture) of the consequences of disobedience and rebellion for the people of Israel in the day of Moses. As you reflect on this passage and read through events in Numbers 14, you will see that the same people who God miraculously delivered from slavery were the same ones whose hearts turned from God so rapidly and drastically. Therefore, what we observe in this Hebrews text is a summary that disobedience and rebellion against God (aka, sin), is appropriately met, and always has been met, with some form of separation from God. This is a great opportunity to reflect. We deserve no less than the people of Israel. How different would our lives be if we did not have a loving relationship with God through Christ? Pray to know God more.

**Tuesday****Hebrews 4:1-10**  
**Exodus 20**

This text transitions the Old Testament truths into 3 realities that have remained true since the beginning of humanity: 1) Sin still separates us from God. 2) For those who do not believe, they will never enter His rest. 3) God still promises rest for His people who do believe, but the rest He promises is far greater than just a physical "promised land." There is another rest where we are with God for eternity. Take a moment to appreciate the fact that God's plan for His people was not fully complete as Joshua led them to the promised land of Canaan. Instead, God's plan was that all people—Jews and Gentiles—would be reconciled to Him and would then spread His glory throughout the Earth. As a believer, you, by definition, have a particular role in His plan to spread His glory throughout the Earth. Do you know your role? If so, how are you being obedient to fulfilling that role?

**Wednesday****Hebrews 4:11-13**  
**Psalms 19**

Today's reading includes a powerful reminder that we have a responsibility to deeply examine ourselves. Now, if the Word can expose our inner-most thoughts and desires, and we are held accountable to God for those thoughts and desires, then praise be to God that we have access to His Word. His Word helps us identify and bring our thoughts and desires to surface and to confess our sins! As we grow in awareness and continue to confess and repent, we become increasingly inclined to obedience to God, which results in us receiving God's promised rest! In what ways has the Holy Spirit revealed to you areas of your thoughts and desires that are disobedient? In what ways are you currently dealing with disobedient thoughts and desires?

**Thursday**

**Hebrews 4:14-16**  
**Matthew 4:1-11**  
**Deuteronomy 8:1-5**

As you take into account the readings from earlier in chapter 4, you have been provided the clear reality that our disobedience (aka sin) to God equals separation from God, and you cannot hide your sin from God because His Word examines every element of your being. Take a moment and reflect on the Gospel of John, which begins by stating that Jesus is the Word made flesh. As such, Jesus is the same Word that knows every essence of who we are. However, He did not exist simply on the sidelines of Creation, but has come to Earth and set Himself as a servant and dealt with every temptation that faces us. Through His death and resurrection, our belief in Jesus allows us to boldly approach God at any and every point of our lives. Now, as sinful people, we tend to ruin this idea of "boldly" approaching God. There is a difference between boldness, arrogance, and fear. Boldness means that we approach God secure in knowing that we are His children and can draw near to Him at all times, yet we are also immensely aware that His will and wisdom always surpasses our desires. Without this awareness of God's greatness over our desires, our boldness is actually arrogance. Without the security of being His children and willingness to bring everything to Him, our boldness is actually fear. Consider how you approach God and ask yourself in what ways you struggle to approach God with true boldness, and pray for God to humble any arrogance and calm any fear as you seek to approach Him with boldness.

**Friday**

**Hebrews 5:1-4**  
**1 Corinthians 15**

While Aaron was considered to carry the first official title of High Priest in the Old Testament, several Biblical characters preceded him with holding the responsibilities of this role (i.e. Abraham, Levi, Noah). Becoming a high priest was not a matter of making a career choice, but it was a role given to one who was uniquely chosen by God to both offer sacrifices to God for the sins of the people and minister to people from a position of understanding and authenticity. This position of understanding and authenticity was granted by the fact that the high priest was a human being who dealt with sin and temptation just like any other person. Consider the truth that in Jesus, you are not only grafted into the family of God, but also, you are now identified as part of this priesthood under which Jesus is High Priest (1 Peter 2:9). In what ways do you struggle to have compassion/understanding/patience for unbelievers and/or believers?

**Saturday****Hebrews 5:5-10**  
**Psalm 110**

Today's reading transitions the definition of a High Priest into the reality that Jesus was chosen by God and fulfilled the traditional duties of a High Priest. By identifying with the struggles of humanity and given His life of perfection, he was qualified to become a perfect High Priest unlike any High Priest humanity has had before (since all prior were sinful). As a result, Jesus' High Priesthood is infinitely more capable than that of the High Priest of old. He represents all people, from all tribes and tongues, and through His resurrection, He rules and reigns as High Priest forever. God is amazing. His plan to reconcile Creation through Jesus was foreshadowed throughout the ages in the priesthood He established with man not long after the fall of humanity. Incredible! Spend some time stepping back and enjoying the presence of a God who saved you because He always intended to graft you into His will and to adopt you as His son/daughter. *(Note: if you are curious about the reference to Melchizedek, here is a great article: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Melchizedek.html>)*

**Sunday****Hebrews 5:11-14**  
**1 Corinthians 3**

After reading today's text, what is the first thing that comes to mind? For some, it may be, "Oh my, the author is talking about me," and for others it may be, "Oh my, he's talking about this person I know." For the sake of being humble before Christ, assume that in some way, the author is speaking to you. It is safe to arrive at this conclusion that you are included in this text because you have areas in your life where you struggle to know what is right or wrong. Religious, political, and social culture has defined so much for what is right and wrong, that many times as believers we simply agree or disagree without exploration. Think about some areas in your life in which you have simply gone along with something without having sought a biblical understanding. For example, praying before a meal, cursing, modesty, obeying the law, being honest, etc... Choose a topic like that and pray and consider God's word on how you can live like Christ and be informed in your actions by Christ.