

Specific Questions of Church Members after Reading Hebrews

1:1 "Why did God have to give us his son when he already had prophets to tell us his messages?"

1:4 "What name did he inherit? How do you inherit a name?"

1. "So God created the Son to rule and the angels to serve?"

2:10 "How could Jesus have been made perfect? Was he wrong before?"

2:12 "Why 'tell your name to my brothers?' What about sisters? Why are there so few women in here? Why is the Bible written to just men?"

2:14. "How did the devil get power over death? Who gave it to him?"

2:17 "What does propitiation mean? Why not use a word we can all understand?"

2. "How can we be called Jesus' brothers when he's the Savior?"

3:1 "How can Jesus be an apostle?"

3:1. "Why is Jesus a priest? What is a priest?"

3:6 "We're a house? How can we be a house?"

3:40 "Why is it all on us? Do you only get to be saved if you can do it yourself?"

3-4. "What's this rest we're supposed to enter into? Why is it so important that it keeps getting repeated?"

4:2 "Who are the 'they,' 'those,' 'them' referring to?"

4:2, 6 "Good news—what is that? If it's the gospel, how did that apply to the people before Jesus? How could people in the Old Testament have any good news?"

4:6. "What was that disobedience? Also, there's pronoun attribution problems all over this book."

4:8-10 "Does this mean we're supposed to follow the command to keep the Sabbath holy?"

5-6 "What's the milk all about? Why does it go here? Why would we leave the doctrine of Christ? I don't agree with that statement."

5:14 "What's the relationship between the idea of solid food and distinguishing between good and evil?"

6:3-8 "Who is he talking to? Do I lose my salvation if I don't work hard enough? What's he talking about? Also 3:14."

6:6. "How can we possibly re-crucify Christ? Is this hypothetical? Exaggeration? Hyperbole? Nonsense?"

6:18. "What are the two things? He only mentions one."

7:1-2 "Where is Salem? What's that talking about?"

7:17 "Who is this guy? Why does he have so much power? Is Melchizedek actually Jesus appearing in the Old Testament? What?"

7:18-22 "How does the stating of a new promise nullify an old one? How is the law replaced?"

7:28 "What oath?"

8:2. "True tent. What on earth is that? There's a tent in heaven?"

8:11. "What? How will this happen?"

9:10 "What does he mean by reformation?"

9:21ff "Is this communion? Is it something we have to do in some way to deal with our sins?"

10:20 "How is Jesus' flesh a curtain?"
10:26-31. "What does this mean?"

11:4-38 "What is this doing here? Is it telling us about people who are super great—because some of them were not, and I know that because I just read Judges."

11:11. "WHAT? Sarah had no faith."

11:22 "Of all the things in Joseph's life I should pay attention to, why is it important to remember the exodus and the bones? I don't think those are important things Joseph said or did."

11:26 "WHAT? How could he have possibly known Christ?"

11:28 "Who are the firstborn? Destroyer?"

12:3-5 "What does "to the point of shedding blood" mean?"

12:9 "Who is he talking about?"

12:16-17. "Is there a time when we won't have the opportunity to repent anymore? How could God be so unfair to Esau, when he wanted to repent?"

12:22-24. "Who comes to all that stuff? What does Mt. Zion even mean?"

12:23 "What is the assembly the firstborn?"

12:24. "What on earth is the speaking blood about? How does blood speak? Also, who is Abel?"

12:29. "Wait, what? God is a consuming fire? That doesn't sound right. What does it mean? If our worship is not good enough, will he consume us?"

13:2. "So angels still visit us regularly?"

13:4. "Why is this random bit about marriage in here? How do all these instructions relate back? Why THESE things in particular? Was he running out of paper?"

13:8. "Explain how we understand this verse. Is that referring to the cosmic Jesus?"

13:9-10 "Who is he talking about? What's the altar some don't have the right to eat from? Why not?"

13:22 "This is "briefly"?!"

General Book Questions

"What is all this angels stuff about?"

"What's all this "created" (begotten) nonsense?"

"Why is there so much quotation of the Old Testament? It sounds like a bunch of sermons plagiarized and mashed together."

"I want to know, if all these Jews are sacrificing goats, and it can't take away their sins, then why the heck are they doing it?"

"Who wrote this? Does it matter? Who knew Timothy?"

"Sometimes I feel convicted like I should know all these things; but you know—how could I if no one teaches me?"

"What is this argument about? I don't get it."