



Evangelism Motivation from Hebrews: The First Ten Chapters

Encouragement to Share our Faith with Boldness!

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Holy Text: Hebrews 10:31 (Starting where we will end!)

Today's Goals

1. To review some of what we have learned
2. To love Christ and obey His command to preach the Gospel and make disciples
3. To remember that people's souls are both precious and eternal
4. To love people deeply and with the Truth of God's Word
5. To recapture a sense of urgency, especially during the coming Resurrection Season
6. To be reminded that death and judgment are coming
7. To be unashamed and bold soul-winners!

Evangelism Motivation from Hebrews

Hebrews 1:1-3 (KJV) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Motivation!

1. We must acknowledge eternal and spiritual realities!
2. We must know the God we preach!
3. We must believe that He is as He said!
4. We must see that Christ has fulfilled all prophecies concerning Him up to this point in history. His Coming, Life, Death, and Resurrection confirms the Word!
5. We must declare His glory among the nations! (1 Chr 16:24-25)

A Few More Thoughts

1. First, the author assumes there is a God!¹
 - He exists! He created all things! (Gen 1:1)
 - His Nature is Triune! The Father is God. (1 Cor 8:6) The Son is God. (John 1:1, 14) The Holy Spirit is God. (Acts 5:3-4) There is only one God! (Deut 6:4; 1 Tim 2:5)
 - There are no other reasonable explanations for our reality other than a Creator!
 - *Did the universe create itself? No!* For the universe to create itself, it must have existed prior to itself, which is impossible.
 - *Has the universe always existed? No!* This option is even disproved by science. The Big Bang Theory says galaxies are moving away from each other at tremendous speeds suggesting a powerful and abrupt starting point. By tracing this movement backwards, scientists believe that at some point in time, a tremendous explosion occurred that ejected all matter outward from a central point of high density compression. Also, the Second Law of Thermodynamics tells us that the amount of usable energy in the universe is continually decreasing due to heat loss. In any isolated system, entropy (a measure of disorder) tends to increase. This universal principle of increasing disorder and decay stands in direct contrast to the idea that the universe, by itself, is naturally progressing from disorder to higher and

¹ <https://calvaryreformationchurch.org/sermons/2023/10/the-book-of-hebrews-11-the-revelation-and-names-of-god>

higher order and complexity.² The overall testimony of the Second Law is that the creation is running down...exactly what we would expect in a world that has been subjected to futility and groaning under the curse of sin. (Rom 8:20-22) This points us away from any notion of unguided, self-organizing evolution and back to the sovereign Creator who upholds all things by the word of His power! (Heb 1:3)

- *Creation by a Creator? Yes! It is only thing that makes sense!*
 - The Cause and Effect Argument (Cosmological) says it is an observable fact that everything in the physical universe has a cause that is greater than it. Who caused God? God, by definition is "uncaused" or the "first cause." If He was not, then the universe would be eternal, which we've already shown to be untrue! From this foundation, it is not hard to believe that the "first cause" must exist outside the observable universe.
 - The Design Argument asks "Could the universe, with its infinite complexity have happened by chance?" Scientists have estimated that for just one of the 200,000 chains of amino acids in each human cell to be formed by accident would take 293.5 times the scientific age of the earth (4.6 billion years, although we don't buy that!). Even Charles Darwin couldn't argue with this!
 - The Moral Argument says there is a standard of right and wrong that exists for all mankind. Atheists say that the existence of evil means that there cannot be a God. We say that the fact that we recognize evil means that there is an absolute moral standard, which comes from God!

- So boldly proclaim our God!
 - Elohim - God..the Supreme Being! (Gen 1:1)
 - Adonai - LORD and Master! (Gen 15:8)
 - El Elyon - The Most High God! (Gen 14:17-20)
 - El Shaddai - Almighty God! (Gen 17:1)
 - Jehovah Shalom (The LORD is Peace, Judges 6:24)
 - Jehovah Nissi (The LORD my Banner, Ex 17:15)
 - Jehovah Rapha (The LORD Who Healeth Thee, Ex 15:26)
 - Jehovah Shammah (The LORD is There, Ezek 48:35)
 - Jehovah Tsidkenu (The LORD our Righteousness, Jer 23:6)
 - Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The LORD Who Sanctifies You, Lev 20:8)
 - Jehovah Sabaoth (The LORD of Hosts, Ps 24:10; Isa 6:5)
 - Jehovah Jireh (The LORD Who Provides, Gen 22:14)

2. Second, the Father has spoken to us via the Son, Jesus Christ! He is...

The Son of God!

John 3:16 (KJV) *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

God the Son (and the Word of God)!

John 1:1-2 (KJV) *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.*

John 1:14 (KJV) *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

² While local order can appear in open systems (like crystals forming or plants growing), such increases in order always come at the expense of greater disorder elsewhere, and they require an external energy source.

John 10:30 (KJV) *I and my Father are one.*

- Jesus Christ our LORD is fully human and fully divine. Having taken on a human nature at the Incarnation, He is forever the God-Man, His perfect humanity being necessary to be our perfect High Priest (Heb 4:14-15); His divinity being necessary for His sacrifice to be sufficient for all mankind!

The Creator of all Things!

Colossians 1:15-17 (KJV) *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

The King of kings & LORD of lords!

Revelation 17:14 (KJV) *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

The Judge of all Men

John 5:22-29 (KJV) *For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

Hebrews 2:3 (KJV) *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; Motivation!*

1. The author uses the word “escape” if we neglect so great a salvation. This raises the question, “Saved from what?”
2. The biblical answer: The wrath of God!

Matthew 23:33 (KJV) *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*

John 3:36 (KJV) *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Ephesians 5:6 (KJV) *Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*

Revelation 20:11-15 (KJV) *And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. **13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Hebrews 3:13 (KJV) **13** *But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

Motivation!

1. Sin is deceitful! It tricks us, through the world, flesh, and devil, to believe it is good.
2. But it is not! "It bringeth forth death." (Jam 1:14-15)
3. When we minister to unbelievers, we must help them see these truths:

1 John 3:4 (KJV) *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

Romans 3:23 (KJV) *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

Romans 6:23 (KJV) *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 5:8 (KJV) *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 10:9-10 (KJV) *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

Hebrews 4:12-13 (KJV) *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. **13** Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.*

Motivation!

1. The Word does what we cannot do! It is alive! It is powerful! It both cuts and comforts! It shows men themselves and lays them bare! (See also Jam 1:23)
2. Apologetic arguments can crack open mental doors, putting forth philosophical and intellectual answers. But the Word of God goes to the heart!
3. So don't be afraid to use the Word of God in evangelism! Don't be afraid to say, "Thus sayeth the LORD!"

Hebrews 5:9 (KJV) *And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*

Motivation!

1. Our salvation is eternal! He gives everlasting life to the redeemed!

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2. Share the eternal life-giving Gospel!

Jesus Christ, the Son of God and God the Son, came to this earth through the virgin Mary, revealed the truths of God, lived the perfect life in our place, died on the cross to pay the penalty of sin that we might be brought into relationship with God. He rose again on the third day, and gives eternal life to those He has called, who believe in Him by His grace and through faith.

Those who reject Him will spend eternity apart from Him in Hell. At a future date, He will return to complete the restoration of God's creation.

Hebrews 6:4-6 (ESV) *For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6** and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.*

Motivation!

1. A sobering thought: not everyone in church is saved!
2. Yes, minister to those "outside." But be sensitive to opportunities to share the Gospel with those "inside!"
3. We do not know with 100% certainty who is in the "impossible" situation; only God does!

Hebrews 7:25 (KJV) *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

Motivation!

1. Sometimes, it may be tempting to think that someone has fallen too far, become too hardened, and will never listen or receive the Truth.
2. Be reminded that Christ is able to save them to the uttermost! Christ is able to grant faith and repentance to all His elect!
3. Also, be reminded that as He sends you out to minister, He Himself is making intercession!

Hebrews 8:12 (KJV) *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

Motivation!

1. Remember who you were..how rebellious, confused, and lost! Yet He was merciful unto us! Pray for God's mercy on unbelievers and to be used in extending that mercy!

2. Tell men that God is able and willing to forgive their sin and remember no more their iniquities!
3. After you preach the Law (which holds the whole world accountable and by which comes the knowledge of sin, Rom 3:19-20), preach the grace of God in Christ!

Ephesians 2:8 (KJV) *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

Hebrews 9:27-28 (KJV) *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

Motivation!

1. According to recent census data, approximately 170,000 people die every day. This is about 7200 deaths per hour, 121 deaths every minute, or roughly two deaths every second.
2. Beloved, this is a divine appointment, unless the LORD returns first, that we all will keep!
3. Such motivation! Are the people in your life ready to meet God?

Hebrews 10:31 (KJV) *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Motivation!

1. Finally, let us be reminded of the painful rigors of judgment and hell. Hell is...
 - A place of unquenchable, everlasting fire and torment (Matt 25:41; Mk 9:43-44; Rev 20:11-15)
 - A place of darkness, weeping, and gnashing of teeth (Matt 13:40-42; 25:30)
 - A place of conscience torment (Lk 16:22-23; Rev 14:10-11, 20:10)

Closing Prayer

Gracious Father, kindle afresh in our hearts a burning love for Christ and a holy obedience to His command to preach the Gospel and make disciples of all nations. Help us to see souls as precious and eternal—immortal beings who will either rejoice forever in Thy presence or fall into Thy fearful hands in judgment. Deliver us from the deceitfulness of sin and from any hardness of heart. Grant us a renewed sense of urgency in these days, especially as we remember Thy Son's Resurrection and await His glorious return.

Our King, make us bold and unashamed soul-winners. Fill our mouths with Thy Word, which is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. Give us courage to declare Thy glory among the nations, to warn men of the wrath to come, and to hold forth the free offer of eternal life through faith in the LORD Jesus Christ. Where we have been timid, make us fearless. Where we have been silent, loose our tongues. Where we have loved our own comfort more than souls, forgive us and renew our zeal.

LORD, have mercy upon the lost...those outside and those inside the visible church. Open blind eyes, soften hardened hearts, and grant repentance and faith to Thy elect. Use us, weak and unworthy though we be, as instruments in Thy mighty hand to snatch souls as brands from the burning. Remind us daily that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God, and that today is the day of salvation.

In Jesus' mighty Name, Amen.