“Introduction to Hebrews”

Intro: It is with great _____ and anticipation this Lord’s Day that we begin an expositional journey through the Book of ________________.

A. Richard Phillips writes, “In Hebrews we gain superior ______________ into God’s own view of sacred scripture; Hebrews consists largely of expositions of Old Testament passages, and in these ______________ we survey the contours of how inspiration and inerrancy work out in practice.”

B. Arthur Pink wrote, “... perhaps its (Hebrews) chief distinctive value lies in its exposition of the _____. ____ types. It is here we are taught that the tabernacle and its furniture, the priesthood and their service, the various sacrifices and offerings, all ______________ the person, office, and glories of the Lord __________________.”

C. Of any New Testament book, Hebrews will help us to understand the ______________ between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

I. The Book of Hebrews is ______________.

A. Hebrews stands as the pinnacle in Scripture regarding the absolute supremacy of __________! My dear family, we have the divine privilege of studying these Spirit-breathed Words which glorify Christ as _____ Preeminent One.

II. __________ is the ______________ of Hebrews?

A. ______ is the Author of His Word and this is what makes the Bible infallible, inerrant, authoritative and all-sufficient.

B. The name of the penman who wrote down these God-breathed words is the prophet ______________ ______________. ______________

III. Who were the original _________________ of this letter?

A. According to church history and moreover, by the preponderance of the ______________ of the letter it is mostly settled and widely accepted by the church at large as a letter written to the ________________ Hebrews, something we are very satisfied with.

IV. What was the physical ______________ of the Hebrews who first received this letter?

A. We simply __________

V. When was the letter first ______________?

A. Where the Scripture is ______________ we will not attempt to profit by speculating. We do not know the ______ in which Hebrews was written.

VI. What is the ______________ of this Hebrew letter?

A. The penman shows the Hebrew people that the ______ Covenant is extremely valuable and indispensable, as that which __________ the necessity of the New Covenant, and that the entirety of the Old Testament inescapably points to ______________ who established the New.
B. The O.T. is not erased by ____________ but Christ brings the O.T. to its culmination, Himself ____________ the requirements, the Messianic prophecies, being the revelation of the O.T. shadows and types, fulfilling the Law that no man could fulfill, ____________ then that even in the O.T. days believers were saved by faith in the coming Messiah, who has come in the God-man, Christ Jesus – ushering in the New Covenant.

C. Here the Hebrew believers can see the __T. and __T. as in perfect ____________, each as parts of the whole, neither contradicting the other, both divine, the New being the perfect fulfillment of the Old.

VII. How is the subject matter of Hebrews ____________ to us today?

A. F.F. Bruce writes, "... what has it (the book of Hebrews) to say to readers today who are not at all disposed to think that animal sacrifices play any part in the worship of God? It has this to say: that _______ religion or the worship of God is not tied to externalities of any kind. Our author is insisting on the inwardness of true religion, on the necessity of a purified conscience as the one indispensible condition for offering God acceptable ____________ in that true sanctuary which no human hands have built.

Moreover, this is the book which establishes the finality of the gospel by asserting the ____________ of Christ – His supremacy as God’s perfect Word to man, and man’s perfect representative with God. More than any other N.T. book it deals with the ministry which our Lord is accomplishing on His people’s behalf _______. In a day of shaking foundations it speaks of the kingdom which cannot be shaken.”

B. And so will we learn of the supremacy of Christ! A.W. Pink wrote, “The sum and substance, the center and circumference, the light and life of Christianity, is ____________. Therefore, the method followed by the Holy Spirit in this Epistle, ... is to show the immeasurable ____________ of Christ over all that had gone before.”

C. Dear church, in ________ Jesus was have the divine substance and the superior ____________, the supreme fulfillment of the divine shadows and types of the __Id __estament.

In closing and in anticipation of our study of Hebrews, I will again quote Pink: “Before taking up the study of this important Epistle, let writer and reader ____________ bow before its Divine Inspirer, and earnestly ____________ from Him that preparation of the heart which is needed to bring us into fellowship with that One whose person, office, and glories are here so sublimely displayed. Let us personally and definitely seek the help of that blessed Spirit who has been given to the saints of God for the purpose of guiding them into all truth, ... In Luke 24:45 we learn that Christ opened the ____________ of the disciples “that they might understand the Scriptures.” May He graciously do so with us, ...” ________!