Note:
Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form.
MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

BI 3333 Hebrews, 3 credit hours

Course Description

An expository study of the book that emphasizes the preeminence of the Lord Jesus Christ in His deity and high priestly ministry as a fulfillment of Old Testament theology. Applies the great spiritual truths of Hebrews to everyday living and Christian service.

Prerequisites: Not open to Freshmen

Course Goals

In this course you will:
- Understand the rhetorical argumentation consistent with the Epistle’s theme
- Utilize correct Hermeneutical steps using OT passages in Hebrews
- Follow the logical thought and progression of Soteriological themes
- Discover key Biblical-Theological themes
- Learn careful discourse analysis when reviewing warning passages
- Enjoy the beauty of this great epistle when applying the reading to life and ministry

Course Objectives

By the completion of this course you should be able to:
1. Analyze key historical, thematic, and problem passages for interpreting Hebrews
2. Practice the use of independent observation apart from commentary analysis to determine the seven key Biblical-Theological Themes
3. Apply steps in discourse analysis using version comparison as the beginning step for interpreting problem passages
4. Critique broad and conservative theological interpretations of the Epistle of Hebrews
5. Synthesize various positions on authorial intent, soteriological framework, and textual criticism interpretations
6. Summarize data into a final project presentation

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Textbook:

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the Required Textbooks section of the Moody website.

Bible:

Student will be reading through Hebrews about once each week in either the English Standard Version (ESV) or the New American Standard Bible (NASB) as well as in the New Living Translation (NLT).

Note: These translations are available online at www.biblegateway.com
Journal Articles:

Article #1: Due Week 1
http://bible.org/seriespage/striving-rest-hebrews-411-16

Article #2: Due Week 2 (may be accessed through Moody’s Crowell Library online ATLA database (you must log in to the library through your my.moody.edu portal)


Article #3: Due Week 4

Article #4: Due Week 6
http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/Ted_Hildebrandt/NTeSources/NTArticles/BSac-NT/MacLeod-HebrewsLiter-BS.pdf

Audio/Videos:

Gospel Coalition Sermons by D.A. Carson, John Piper, and Alister Begg for Assignment #1.

Assignments Overview

All assignments are due according to the schedule listed on the Course Schedule.

READING: The completion of the course reading/listening is an important part of the course. You are expected to complete the reading/listening prior to class for discussion purposes. You will be required to submit a reading report at the end of each week.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Attendance is expected. You must maintain a significant presence in the discussion boards by posting your initial answer to the discussion question by mid-week (Friday, 11:59pm CST) and reading/responding to at least two classmates’ initial posts by the end of the week (Monday, 11:59pm CST) that the discussion is due. Please refer to the discussion board rubric included in the Course Resources section of this course for more information on how your participation in the discussion board will be assessed.

ASSIGNMENT #1: SERMONS – DUE DURING EACH WEEK’S DISCUSSION BOARD

Explore eight (8) sermons on the book of Hebrews. These sermons can be accessed through the following website: http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/category/sermons/a/scripture/Hebrews

The scope of the assignment: Listen to each link and evaluate the message of Carson, Piper or Begg in a reflective/meditative process. Submit your thoughts through Blackboard’s discussion board. The reflections should identify the major points, themes, and an application of the messages. You should also connect these thoughts by identifying key similarity in commentary/journal article readings.

Listen #1: http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Part-1-As-the-Son-He-Eclipses-the-Angels-Hebrews-1
ASSIGNMENT #2: COMMENTARY REVIEW – DUE WEEK 7
Complete a five to seven (5-7) page book analysis of The Letter to the Hebrews, by Peter O’Brien.

Consult these warning passages: Hebrews 2:1-4, 3:1–4:13; 5:11–6:20; 10:26-39; 12:14-29. The paper should reflect substantive and robust effort commenting on specific examples of the commentary. Establish subject headers for organizational purposes. Correct MLA style documentation and the insertion of references within the body of the paragraphs are expected.

ASSIGNMENT #3: JOURNAL ARTICLES – DUE WEEKS 1, 2, 4, & 6
Read the four (4) interpretative journal articles from various themes on the Epistle of Hebrews (listed in the Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information section). Note: The Journal articles do not necessarily reflect MBI’s theological position, but are designed to challenge student’s critical thinking skills and theological foundation through reading diverse articles of biblical exegesis. These assignments are worth 5% each. The length of the reflections should be three to four (3-4) pages of summation. Succinct, robust, and substantive effort is expected. The project should contain section headers, bolded and underlined: (e.g., Strengths, Weaknesses, Critique, and Question).

ASSIGNMENT #4: MAJOR PROJECT – DUE WEEK 8
The Major Project is to be 10-12 pages in length and double-spaced, using correct MLA citations and necessary rules of grammar. Completion of the major project includes the following elements:

A. Biblical Theology on Seven (7) Major Themes:
B. Commentary Analysis on Each Major Theme:
C. Preliminary Discourse Analysis:
Assessments

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Course Resources

Online students have access to the Moody Library. Though students may wish to check out books via inter-library loan, the online database has a number of articles and reviews available for download. You can access the online database by logging into your account at my.moody.edu.

In addition to the resources available at the Moody Library, you may wish to visit http://www.biblicalstudies.org.uk or www.bible.org. These sites contain content on various topics written by competent biblical scholars. It is also suggested that you download a free version of the NET Bible at bible.org.

The final resource that deserves mention here is iTunes University. Apple has developed a platform for colleges and universities to post audio and video content. There are a number of lectures available on iTunes U, from various schools such as Covenant Theological Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary, Seattle Pacific University, Duke, and Yale.

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Course Bibliography

Journal Articles:


Audio Files:

Carson, D.A. http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Part-1-As-the-Son-He-Eclipses-the-Angels-Hebrews-1
---. http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Part-3-Jesus-Rest-is-Better-Than-All-the-Rest-Hebrews-37-413
---. http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Part-4-Jesus-Priesthood-is-Better-Than-Aarons-Hebrews-7-also-4-5
---. http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/Part-6-Jesus-Sacrifice-Better-Than-the-Temple-Sacrifices-Hebrews-9
Piper, John. http://thegospelcoalition.org/resources/a/In-These-Last-Days-God-Has-Spoken-by-a-Son

Online Resources:

www.bible.org
www.netbible.org
www.preceptaustin.org
www.biblegateway.com
www.soniclight.com