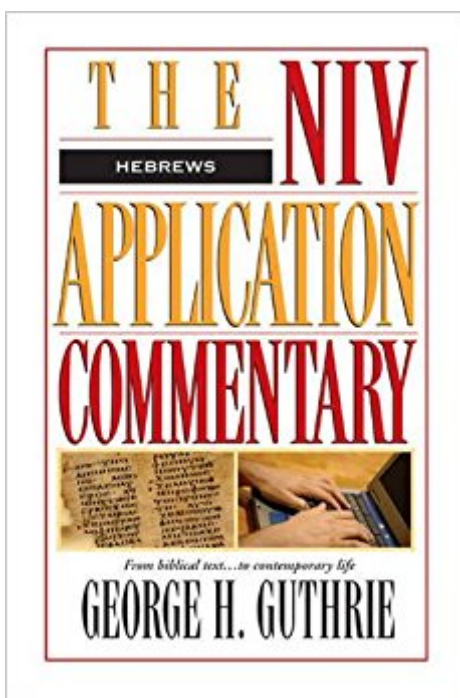


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I'll begin teaching the book of Hebrews in my Sunday School Class on 11/06/2016. I have developed study notes from my reading of the book; however, the NIV Application Commentary series are special because of their format: 1. Original Meaning, 2. Bridging Contexts, and last but not least, 3. Contemporary Significance. A teacher can teach theology but until he/she brings it to everyday application, it is just theory. I try to make this be the focal point of the class. I've had class members tell me that "bringing it home" with a practical application was the best part of the class. I highly recommend this commentary series and this book on Hebrews.

I just finished helping to lead my small group through Hebrews during the past year. When preparing lessons, I consistently found this to be the most useful of the commentaries I owned. The author consistently does an excellent job of helping to show the overall structure of the book, and how individual sections support his main goal of encouraging his audience to persevere in their faith. He offered several applications and examples that I found particularly profound and insightful. This is not a typical commentary in format, and I wouldn't recommend this as a sole text for a study in Hebrews. The format for the series is not well-suited for the book of Hebrews overall. Guthrie, however, produced an outstanding commentary in spite of this. I would highly recommend using this work alongside a more traditional commentary. It will enrich your study and deepen your appreciation for this magnificent part of the New Testament.

I especially like this commentary on Hebrews because it blends both technical exposition of the text and good ideas on teaching it and helping others with application. I am working through the book as I lead a discussion Bible study on Hebrews. Since the material in Hebrews is weighty Christology, I am grateful for help with discussion questions and application.

I am so happy to find a good (great) commentary on Hebrews. By reading this book as a whole and realizing the state of the hearers (and us), the more difficult verses make complete sense.

Superb product

This is my first experience with this series of commentaries. I like how it is thorough in treating the subject matter and I also like the bridging the context sections. They are a great combination to help

the teacher in making the obscure relevant.

from start to the end,, very extraordinary. Mr Guthrie had demonstrated an excellent academic writing and also a practical exhortation through out this book... must have and must read from start to end

I really wish that the author had done his commentary based on the NASB rather than the NIV. I will grant that the NIV is more "readable" and perhaps even more popular to the average audience, but for seminary studies it would be preferable to have a translation more truer to the original text. This is especially the case during the large portion of the book in which the author focuses his commentary on the "Original Meaning" of the writer of Hebrews and his audience. This commentary uses a somewhat unique presentation as each block of passages are broken into three sections: the "Original Meaning," "Bridging Contexts," and "Contemporary Significance." Personally, and from a scholarly perspective, I found the sections to be most valuable in that order (Original, Bridging, Contemporary) with the contemporary section being geared more toward a general reader with an emphasis on applications. I would recommend this book and is one I will keep on my reference shelf. The reason that I gave it only 4-stars is based solely on the fact that the author used the NIV translation, otherwise I would have probably given it 5-stars.-bill

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