

THE EPISTLE

TO THE

HEBREWS

“...a better covenant, which was established on better promises...”

The Superiority Of Christianity

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INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

PURPOSE FOR WRITING

- A. *“The primary object of our author in writing this Epistle was manifestly to persuade his Hebrew brethren in Christ to preserve to the end in their begun Christian course; and not to fall back again to Judaism...and it was therefore also for our comfort, encouragement and consolation, as well as for the benefit of the persecuted and disponding Hebrew Christian.”* (Robert Milligan)
- B. *“The principle aims of the writer are to establish the supremacy of Christ and Christianity...”* (Henry Thiessen, Introduction to the New Testament, p. 304)
- C. The central theme of Hebrews is *“the superiority of Christianity over Judaism.”* (Frank Van Dyke)

DATE OF WRITING

- A. *Some expressions within the book indicate that it was written quite some time after the day of Pentecost.*
 - 1. ***Hebrews 5:12; 10:32-33***
- B. *Some expressions within the book indicate that it was written before the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70.*
 - 1. ***Hebrews 8:4; 10:11*** (indicates the continuance of Judaism...)
 - 2. ***Hebrews 10:24-25, 27*** - destruction seems to be close at hand....
- C. *Some dates & locations that have been suggested.*
 - 1. A.D. 67-69 (Henry Thiessen)
 - 2. A.D. 63 at Rome. (Robert Milligan)
 - 3. A.D. 62-70 (Pulpit Commentary)
 - 4. A.D. 63 in Italy, probably Rome (Barnes)
- D. *Quoted in A.D. 95 by Clement of Rome*

AUTHOR

- A. Much controversy over who wrote the book of Hebrews.**
- B. Some accept Paul as the author....**
1. Reference to Timothy, Paul's long-time associate (**13:23**)
 2. Similarities in language used here & in epistles of Paul
 3. Centrality of the person & work of Christ characteristic of Paul's writing
 4. The writer may be in prison in Rome. (**10:34; 13:19, 24**)
- C. Some reject Paul as the author....**
1. Writer does not mention his name, whereas Paul always does in the recognized Pauline epistles.
 2. **Hebrews 2:3** seems to make the author dependent upon those who heard the Lord, whereas Paul declares his absolute independence of man in his message to the Galatians (**1:11-24**)
 3. Style differs from Pauline epistles.
- D. Conclusions of some regarding the book of Hebrews and the apostle Paul.**
1. Dionysius of Alexandria quoted it as an epistle of Paul & the those at Constantinople generally accepted it as written by Paul.
 2. *"It is important to know that there is no doubt of its divine inspiration and indispensability in the canon."* (J.M. Powell)
 3. Clement of Alexandria named Paul as the author (A.D. 150-215), but argued that Luke translated the Greek.
 4. Origen (A.D. 185-253) concluded that the thoughts were those of Paul but that the phraseology & composition were those of someone who was recalling the apostle's teaching (Clement of Rome or Luke)
- E. Others who have been proposed as author.**
1. Barnabas (suggested by Tertullian)
 2. Apollos (suggested by Luther)
 3. Philip the evangelist (suggested by William Ramsay)
 4. Priscilla & Aquila (suggested by Adolf von Harmack)

OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

- Ch. 1*** — *Jesus, the Son of God*
- Ch. 2*** — *Jesus, the Son of Man*
- Ch. 3*** — *Hear The Voice of the Lord*
- Ch. 4*** — *Attainment of Rest*
- Ch. 5*** — *God Provides for Our Spiritual Maturity*
- Ch. 6*** — *Progressing In Christ*
- Ch. 7*** — *Need for a New Priesthood*
- Ch. 8*** — *The New Priest & Covenant*
- Ch. 9*** — *The New & Better Tabernacle*
- Ch. 10*** — *Now Draw Close To God & Remain Close*
- Ch. 11*** — *A People of Faith*
- Ch. 12*** — *Trained To Endure the Race*
- Ch. 13*** — *Apply Those Things Which Ye Have Been Taught*

KEY WORD & PHRASES IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

The key word of the book of Hebrews would by far have to be the word “**BETTER**”

- X** *“Better things.” (6:9)*
- X** *“The less is blessed of the better”(7:7)*
- X** *“The bringing in of a better hope”(7:19)*
- X** *“Jesus made a surety of a better testament”(7:22)*
- X** *“He is the mediator of a better covenant”(8:6)*
- X** *“Better promises.”(8:6)*
- X** *“But the heavenly things with better sacrifices than these”(9:23)*
- X** The Christian has *‘in heaven a better and an enduring substance’(10:34)*
- X** *“But now they desire a better country”(11:16)*
- X** *“That they might obtain a better resurrection”(11:35)*
- X** *“God having provided some better thing for us”(11:40)*
- X** *“Better things than that of Abel”(12:24)*

JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

Hebrews 1

Writer starts out with a look at Jesus, the Son of God...

Emphasis is placed on the superiority of Christ...

Compares Him to those of the Old Testament , and to the angels...

Shows the great works of the Christ...

CHRIST, THE WORD PROCLAIMED & PROCLAIMER (1:1-2)

A. God spoke in Old Testament times (1:1)

1. ***Deuteronomy 10:4*** - 10 commandments on tablets of stone...
2. ***Exodus 25:16-22*** - the holy of holies...
3. ***Hebrews 1:1*** - various times & ways through the prophets...
 - a. Visions - ***Isaiah; Ezekiel; Obadiah; Nahum; Amos 7:1; Habakkuk***
 - b. Conversation - ***Jeremiah 1:1-6***
 - c. ***Ezekiel 2:3***, etc - ***“..the word of the Lord came to me...”***
 - d. ***Hosea 1:1-2; Joel 1:1; Jonah....***

B. God speaks in New Testament times (1:2)

1. ***Deuteronomy 18:15*** - by His Son - ***1:2, 2:2-3, Matthew 17:5***
2. The Word of God - ***John 1:1, 14, 18; Revelation 19:13***
 - a. New tablet, the heart - ***2 Corinthians 3:3; Psalm 119:11***
 - b. New Tabernacle - God dwells with the people (later lesson)
 - c. New Covenant - ***Hebrews 8:10-11*** - an intimate covenant....

C. A greater Prophet has spoken in the last days

1. Christ is greater than Moses... - ***John 1:17; Galatians 3:10-13; Hebrews 3:1-4***
2. Christ is greater than Jonah... - ***Matthew 12:41***
3. Christ is greater than Solomon... - ***Matthew 12:42***
4. Christ is greater than Elijah/the prophets... - ***Matthew 17:3ff***
5. Christ is greater than all the patriarchs - ***John 4:12; John 8:53***

CHRIST, THE CREATOR & SAVIOUR (1:2-3)

A. Heir of all things (1:2, 4)

1. All things are His... - ***John 16:15; Colossians 1:15-18***

B. Maker of all things (1:2, 10ff)

1. Jesus is the Creator of all things... - ***John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17***

- C. Express Image of the Person of God (1:3)**
1. Jesus has been begotten of the Father... - *John 1:14*
 2. Jesus has shown us the Father... - *John 14:9-10*
 3. He is God - *2 Corinthians 4:4-6; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 2:9*
- D. Purger of Sins (1:3)**
1. The Saviour, who removes our sin - *Hebrews 9:12-14; John 1:29; 1 John 1:7*

CHRIST, GREATER THAN THE ANGELIC HOSTS (1:4-14)

- A. ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’(1:5)**
1. **BEGOTTEN** {*gennao*}
— Strong’s — to procreate, to regenerate; bear, beget, be born, bring forth, conceive, be delivered to, gender, make, spring (Strong’s)
 2. *Matthew 1:18 - “...she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.”*
 3. *Luke 1:35* - overshadowing of the Holy Spirit
 4. None other are a Son as He is...
- B. ‘Let all the angels worship Him...’(1:6)**
1. **WORSHIP** {*proskuneo*}
— Strong’s 1) to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence
2) to crouch, prostrate oneself in homage, reverence, worship...
 2. *1 Peter 3:22* - all things have been made subject to Him...
 3. *Revelation 5:11-12* - the angels worshipping the Son...
- C. ‘Your throne, O God, is forever and ever...’(1:8)**
1. **GOD** {*theos*}
 - a. Almost exclusively used in reference to the one true God...
 - i. Only exception is dealing with Greek gods/ deity - *Acts 14:11; 19:26; 28:6; 1 Corinthians 8:5; Galatians 4:8*
 2. Jesus is indeed God, the one true God...
 3. *Hebrews 3:3-4* - Jesus, God the builder...
 4. *Isaiah 7:14; 9:6* - Isaiah wrote of Jesus as God...
 5. *Matthew 1:23 - “...God with us...”*
 6. *John 10:30-33* - the Jews understood He claimed to be God...
 7. *John 20:28* - Thomas confesses Him as Lord & God...
 8. *1 John 5:20* - the one true God...
 9. *Zechariah 12:1, 10* - Jesus/Jehovah pierced...
- D. ‘Sit at My right hand...’**

1. **RIGHT HAND** { *dexios* }
—Strong's — the right hand, the right side;
metaphorically - a place of honour...
2. **Hebrews 1:3** - at the right hand of Almighty
3. **Hebrews 10:12** - obeyed and now has rest...

E. No longer sent forth....

1. In times past, He was sent forth...
 - a. Days of Lot, Ahraham, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, etc.
 - b. In the days of His flesh - **Matthew 10:40; Luke 4:43; John 3:17; 5:36**
 - c. He was sent to the cross for sin - **Hebrews 9:28**
 - d. Now seated at the right hand of God; rest...
2. Angels are ministering spirits sent forth to minister...
 - a. **Acts 5:19** - apostles freed by angel of the Lord...
 - b. **Acts 10:3** - angel with Cornelius...
 - c. **Hebrews 1:14** - angels sent forth to care for the people of God...
 - d. **Matthew 18:10** - their angels....

CONCLUSION

1. Writer has begun on the mission of his epistle...
 - a. Superiority of Christ & Christianity...
 - i. The law in the New Testament is greater than that of the Old Testament in its source & power....
 - ii. The Creator Himself has dwelt with us & ministered to us...
 - iii. Christ's deity has been established, He truly is God...

JESUS, THE SON OF MAN

Hebrews 2

Hebrews writer presents to us Jesus, the Son of man...

Though He is God, He made Himself man to save man...

Jesus in coming to earth did not become 50 % man, was 100 % man...

THE GREAT SALVATION AVAILABLE (2:1-4)

A. Give the more earnest heed

1. Recognizes the possibility of falling away... - **v 1 ...thus,**
2. The importance of the Word of God - **v 2-3**
 - a. ***"...word spoken through angels..." - Psalm 68:17; Acts 7:53***
 - b. The new message is greater, for it was spoken by the Lord Himself!

B. Witnesses to this great salvation

1. Spoken by the Lord...
2. Confirmed by the apostles - **John 15:27; Mark 16:20**
3. Confirmed by God, via signs, wonders, miracles, gifts of the Spirit...

MAN, LOWER THAN THE ANGELS (2:5-10)

A. The glory of mankind

1. We shall be glorified with Christ (no longer lower than the angels)
 - a. Testimony of David - **Psalm 8**
 - i. God has deep concern/care for man...
 - ii. God has crowned man with glory & honour...
 - iii. Man had been appointed by God to rule...
 - X** Over creation - **Genesis 1:26-28**
 - X** In eternity - **Revelation 22:4-5**
 - X** We shall be transformed to His image - **2 Corinthians 3:17-18; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:49**
 - iv. Our glory not yet given....

B. The glory of Christ

1. ***"...but we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels..."***
 - a. Jesus became a man...
 - b. He suffered in the place of all...
 - i. He tasted death that all might taste life and reign..
 - ii. Our glory & honour are because of Him...
2. **v 10** - we have been brought to glory by Him...
 - a. He was made perfect through suffering...
 - i. We are made perfect by His suffering...

JESUS, MADE LIKE HIS BRETHREN (2:11-18)

A. He is not ashamed to call us brethren

1. We have been made one in Christ, we are brethren...His brethren...
 - a. He is not ashamed to call us brethren...
 - i. We are His body...His bride...His church...
 - ii. He will declare to us the things of God - ***v 12-13***
 - iii. He will confess us before the Father - ***Matthew 10:32-33***

B. As we are flesh and blood, He shared in the same

1. Jesus became flesh & blood - ***v 14***
 - a. The Word became flesh - ***John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 10:5***
 - b. He came in the likeness of men - ***Romans 8:3; Philippians 2:5-8***
2. Victory is found in His death - ***1 Corinthians 15:54-55; 2 Timothy 1:10***
 - a. His death destroyed him who had the power of death - ***Hosea 13:14***
 - b. His death gave freedom from bondage to death - ***Isaiah 25:8***

C. The Helper of mankind

1. ***“..Gave aid to the seed of Abraham...”***
 - a. He did not need to take on the nature of angels...
 - b. Rather, He took on the nature of men to save men from sin...
2. ***“..Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren...”***
 - a. Born of woman - ***Galatians 4:4***
 - b. Increased in wisdom & stature as He grew up - ***Luke 2:52***
 - c. Endured temptation - ***Hebrews 4:15***
 - d. Had human feelings (pain, joy, sorrow, sadness, weariness, etc.)
3. ***“..That He might be a merciful & faithful High Priest...”***
 - a. He is able to sympathize with us - ***Hebrews 4:15***
 - b. Being in our likeness, He is able to be our High Priest - ***Hebrews 5:1-6***
4. ***“..He Himself has suffered, being tempted...”***
 - a. ***Hebrews 4:15 - “..tempted as we, yet without sin...”***
 - b. ***Matthew 4:1-11*** - Satan tempts Jesus...
 - c. ***Matthew 26:37-39*** - tempted, yet submit's to the Father's will...

Jesus perfection as a man was not due to His perfection as the Son of God, but rather because He chose to do what pleased the Father. Else, He could not be a sympathetic High Priest...

CONCLUSION

1. Jesus, made a little lower than the angels...
 - a. Jesus truly was 100 % man...
 - b. He endured temptation as we, yet remained sinless...
 - c. He qualifies as our High Priest before God...

HEAR THE VOICE OF THE LORD

Hebrews 3

writer has established who the Lord is... -*ch. 1* - 100 % God; *ch. 2* - 100 % man
now impresses upon us the importance of heeding His voice...
already mentioned in *1:1-2; 2:1-4*
now a whole chapter to that end...

COMPARED WITH MOSES (3:1-6)

A. Consider The Apostle And High Priest Of Our Confession (1-2)

1. APOSTLE - {*apostolos*} - delegate, messenger, he that is sent forth
2. High Priest - noted in *ch. 2* that Jesus is qualified... (more in *ch. 5*)
3. Moses also served in such a capacity...
 - a. Moses was faithful in serving God - *Numbers 12:7*
 - b. Jesus was faithful - *John 6:38; Hebrews 2:17*

B. Moses & Christ, serving before God (3-6)

1. Jesus is worthy of more glory...
 - a. Moses was leader of the nation Israel (note, God built it)
 - b. Jesus is leader & builder of the church, and is thus worthy of glory...
2. The Faithfulness of Christ...
 - a. Moses was faithful over Israel - Hebrews 11
 - b. Jesus was faithful over the church, which He built...
We are His house, if we hold fast... - *1 Peter 2:4-5*

HEAR THE VOICE OF THE LORD (3:7-15)

A. David's Words, *Psalms 95:7-11* (7-11)

1. Note some things from the text:
 - a. **"..IF.."** - hearing the voice of the Lord is our choice... (*v 7*)
 - b. We ought not harden our hearts, for then we are rebellious (*v 8*)
 - c. Rebellion is testing & trying of God... (*v 9*)
 - d. Rebellion will spark the wrath of God... (*v 9-10*)
 - e. Rebellious people have not know the way of God (*v 10*)
 - f. There is no rest for those who have rebelled... (*v 11*)

B. Beware Brethren (12-13)

1. Writer has just shown an example of God's people rebelling, Israel...
2. Again affirms the possibility of falling away from God...
3. The solution, **"..but exhort one another daily.."**
 - a. Encouragement is what will keep one faithful...
 - b. Sin cannot harden the heart of those who are continually exhorted...

C. Endurance Is Necessary (14-15)

1. ***“..we are partakers IF we hold...steadfast to the end...”***
2. Again, the exhortation of David...
 - a. We are the ones who choose to hear...
 - b. We are the ones who choose to harden our hearts...

REBELLION OF THE NATION ISRAEL (3:16-19)

A. Israel Heard, Yet Rebelled (16)

1. Again affirms that one call fall from grace... —Israel did!!
2. God blessed Israel so bountifully...
 - a. Freedom from Egyptian oppression...
 - b. Provided for their needs in the wilderness...
 - c. Provided a promised land for them...
 - d. Yet, they rebelled...

B. God’s Wrath Comes Upon Those Who Disobey Him (17)

1. The rebellion sparked the God’s wrath... - 40 yrs in wilderness...
 - a. None of that generation entered into the promised land...
 - b. Their rebellion was sin...

C. No Rest For The Disobedient (18-19)

1. Because of their disobedience, they would not enter the land...
2. Note the pattern in **16-19**
 - a. Heard ± Rebelled (sinned) ± God’s anger ± no rest...
 - b. Did not enter the land because of unbelief...
 - i. They that rebelled were guilty of unbelief...
 - ii. If one is a believer, then faithfulness falls in suit....

CONCLUSION

1. Hear the voice of the Lord...
 - a. Pharaoh - ***“who is the Lord that I should heed His voice...”***
 - He is the King of kings...
 - He is the Lord of lords...
 - He is the Redeemer of man...
 - He is the Creator of all...
 - He is the Saviour of man...
 - He is the Judge on the final day...
 - b. We must heed the voice of the Lord!!

ATTAINMENT OF REST

Hebrews 4

ch. 3 expressed the necessity of hearing the voice of the Lord...

because of the disobedience & unbelief of Israel, they did not enter into rest (*3:16-19*)
writer encourages us to consider ourselves in the light of the example of Israel...

1 Corinthians 10:11; Romans 15:4

THE PROMISE OF REST (4:1-10)

A. *Since a promise remains of entering His rest (v 1)*

1. We have a promise of rest - *Matthew 7:21; John 14:1-3*
2. We must walk cautiously, lest we come short - *Hebrews 2:1; Romans 11:20; 1 Corinthians 10:12*

B. *But the word did not profit them (v 2-3)*

1. The gospel message is the same - *Galatians 3:8; Acts 13:46; 1 Peter 1:10-12; Romans 10:16*
2. It did not profit them - *Romans 10:17; Hebrews 3:12, 19; Hebrews 11:6*
3. By faith we will enter His rest - *James 1:21; Matthew 11:28-29; Romans 5:1-2*

C. *The rest of God (v 4-10)*

1. Different rests spoken of
 - a. (v 4) God rested the seventh day... - *Genesis 2:2; Exodus 20:11*
 - b. (v 8) The promised land of Canaan... - *Joshua 22:4*
 - c. (v 9) The promised land of heaven... - *Revelation 21:4*
2. (v 6) Will the generation which did not enter Canaan be in heaven? *3:18; 4:2*
3. (v 7) God's plea throughout time has been that people would enter His rest
4. One enters rest when work is done... (ie. day of work)
 - a. God worked 6 days & rested the 7th
 - b. Israel worked in Egypt & came out to serve God, before going to rest
 - c. Jesus ascended to heaven after His work - *Hebrews 1:3, 10:12*
 - d. We must work the works of God before we enter His rest...
5. (v 9) **REST** - {*sabbatismos*} - only occurrence in the New Testament
 - a. A keeping Sabbath
 - b. The repose of Christianity; heaven

THE POWERFUL WORD OF GOD (4:11-13)

A. *Let Us Therefore Be Diligent (v 11)*

1. *Philippians 2:12; 2 Peter 1:10*
2. We must give it our all... - nothing greater than to enter His rest...
3. *"..Lest..."* - Again, the recognition that one can fall due to disobedience

B. *The Word Of God Is Living... (v 12)*

1. Scriptures affirm the power of the Bible - *Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18*
2. Living & powerful - *John 1:1, 14; 1 Peter 1:23; John 6:51*
3. Sharper than any 2 edged sword - *2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Acts 2:37; 5:33; Ephesians 6:17; Revelation 1:16; 2:16*
4. Discerner of thoughts/intents - *Psalms 139:2-4; 1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Chronicles 28:9*

C. *All Things Open To The Eyes Of Him (v 13)*

1. None of us are hidden from God - *Psalms 33:13-15; Psalm 44:21; Proverbs 15:3; John 2:24*
2. Cannot hid sins - *Psalms 90:8; 1 Corinthians 4:5; Ecclesiastes 12:13*
3. He is the judge - *Ecclesiastes 12:14; Romans 2:16; 2 Corinthians 5:10*

HELP FOR TIME OF NEED (4:14-16)

A. *The Place Of The Great High Priest (v 14)*

1. Only Jesus is qualified to be our High Priest... - *Hebrews 2:17*
2. He has passed to the heavens - *Hebrews 8:1; Hebrews 9:24; 10:12; Mark 16:19*
3. Therefore, let us hold fast our confession - *Hebrews 3:14; 10:23*

B. *The Sympathy Of The Great High Priest (v 15)*

1. He is the sympathetic High Priest - knows what we go through...
 - a. *Isaiah 53:3-5; Philippians 2:7-8; Hebrews 2:17-18; Luke 4:2*
 - b. Tempted as we are, yet without sin!

C. *Our Access To The Throne, By The High Priest (v 16)*

1. Because our High Priest has endured & now entered into the heavens, there is help for us....
2. We now have access to the throne of grace - *Hebrews 10:19; Ephesians 3:12; Philippians 4:6*
3. We now can obtain mercy - *1 Peter 2:10*
4. We now can find grace to help in the time of need...

CONCLUSION

1. God desires that we enter His rest. To do so, we must...
Believe & obey His message with all diligence...
2. God's word is powerful...
living, powerful, discerner of thoughts/intents...
3. We have a High Priest who is in the heavens on our behalf...
He is sympathetic; we have access to the throne of grace...

We can now obtain mercy & help for the time of need...

GOD PROVIDES FOR OUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Hebrews 5

God desires that people have spiritual maturity & guidance....

appointment of Aaron & his sons for this cause...

certain things necessary of a high priest....

God has richly provided for our spiritual maturity in New Testament times....

APPOINTMENT OF A HIGH PRIEST

A. Appointed For Men.

1. The High Priest is a representative of men before God...
2. The priest offered both gifts & sacrifices for the people...

B. Compassionate.

1. Must have compassion for the ignorant (those who err through mistake)
2. He too is subject to weakness, subject to the same temptations...

C. Required To Bring Sacrifices For the People & Himself.

1. Brings sacrifice for sinners, himself included, for he too is a sinner...

D. None Became Priest On Their Own.

1. High Priest were called of God...

CHRIST, OUR HIGH PRIEST

A. Christ Did Not Glorify Himself

1. He did not take the position Himself, but was chosen by God...

B. "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek..."

1. He was not of the order of Aaron...
2. He was to be an eternal royal priest... - ***Genesis 14:18***
3. refer to ***Hebrews 7:1ff*** for significance...

C. Jesus offering up prayers and supplication with tears...

1. ***Matthew 26:39, 42, 44***
2. ***Matthew 25:53***

- D. *Jesus, the Son of God learned by suffering.... — **Philippians 2:8*****
1. He has been perfected... How? - **Hebrews 2:10** - “...through sufferings”
 2. Now the author of eternal salvation...
 3. Again, Jesus has been called by God as High Priest...

SPIRITUAL IMMATURITY CONDEMNED

A. *The Apostles Had Much To Say Concerning Jesus.*

1. Hard to explain...
 - a. Not because the message is hard...
 - b. Because the hearers have become dull of hearing...

B. *By This Time You Ought To Be Teachers.*

1. By this time —sometime before the destruction of Jerusalem...
 - a. They have had sufficient time to now be teachers...
 - b. They need someone to again teach them the first principles...
2. Needing milk, not solid food... - **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**
3. Partakers of milk are unskilled... - **1 Peter 2:2**

C. *Solid Food Belongs To Those Who Are Mature.*

1. Those who have their senses exercised to discern both good & evil.
 - a. By reason of use - habit, continual practice...
 - b. We ought to be able to discern good & evil... - **Romans 12:1-2**
 - i. The word of God gives the ability to discern...
 - ii. **1 Corinthians 2:16**

CONCLUSION

1. The High Priest Was Important
 - a. representative of the people....
 - b. sympathetic to the people...
2. Jesus Fulfills The Duty Of A High Priest For Us
 - a. He not only made the sacrifice for sin, He was the sacrifice for sin...
 - b. He is sympathetic to us, having also been tempted - **Hebrews 4:15**
3. Importance Of Growing Spiritually.
 - a. Let us not be those needing to be fed with milk
 - b. We must grasp the first principles, that we can move on...
 - c. Might our desire and aim be to be fed with the meat of the word...

PROGRESSING IN CHRIST

Hebrews 6

ch. 5 - God provides for our spiritual maturity....

People to who letter was written had not progressed in the faith...

We need to progress in the faith of Jesus Christ...

THE PERIL OF NOT PROGRESSING (1-8)

A. ***“...leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ...”***

1. Cannot grow on the first principles... - ***Hebrews 5:12-14; 2 Peter 2:2***
2. ***“...Let us go on to perfection...”*** — ***teleiotes*** - a state of more intelligence....
3. ***“...Not laying again the foundation...”***
 - a. The insufficiency of the law & its works... (***Hebrews 9:14***)
 - b. The necessity of faith towards God... (***Hebrews 11:1, 6***)
 - c. The necessity for baptism into Christ... (***Acts 19:3-5***)
 - d. The laying on of hands....
 - e. The resurrection of the dead....
 - f. The judgment to come...
4. ***“...If God permits...”*** - ***“...if the Lord wills...”***

B. ***“...it is impossible...if they fall away to renew them again to repentance...”***

1. Not because of God’s lack of mercy, rather man’s lack of repentance...
 - a. Apostates set a wall between themselves & the things of God...
2. ***“...Since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God...”***
 - a. To return to sin is to trample the Son of God underfoot (***10:29***)

C. ***The Example Of The Earth...***

1. Earth is blessed of God as it bears fruits which are good...
2. If it bears thorns & briers, it is rejected & cursed...

CONFIDENCE OF BETTER THINGS (9-12)

A. ***“...we are confident of better things concerning you...”***

1. Harsh words needed to stir people up... - ***2 Timothy 4:2; 1 & 2 Corinthians***
2. Confident they will not bear thorns & briers....

B. ***“...God is not unjust to forget your work & labour of love...”***

1. God doesn’t throw away our good works...
2. Our works in His service are ever before Him...

- C. *“..we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope...”*
1. Do not become sluggish...
 2. Imitate those who inherit the promises... - *Hebrews 10:36*

ASSURANCE OF THE PROMISES OF GOD (13-20)

- A. *“..He could not swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself...”*
1. None are greater than God... - *Genesis 22:16-17*
 2. Swore a promise to Abraham... — he obtained after he had endured...
- B. *“..for men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute...”*
1. Men made oaths of the Lord... - *Exodus 22:11*
 - a. An oath is binding...
 - b. It requires honouring the agreement made...
 2. God confirmed His promise by an oath on Himself...
 - a. 2 immutable things: - neither can be broken...
 - i. His word of promise...
 - ii. His oath...
 - b. God cannot lie, therefore, there is absolute assurance of His promise...
- C. *“..this hope we have as an anchor for the soul...”*
 song based on this verse...
1. Anchor - a stay or safeguard...
 - a. Used to keep one in place...
 - b. Our hope is both sure & steadfast... **It will not fail...**
 2. Our hope enters the Presence behind the veil...
 - a. The holy of holies, where Jesus has entered...
 - b. High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek...

CONCLUSION

1. It is necessary for us to progress in Christ...
 - a. Must go beyond the first principles of the matters of Christ...
 - b. Many deep things to understand, faith building....
2. Are you beyond the first principles...
3. We have a assurance of the promise of God!
 - a. He cannot lie...
 - b. Christ Himself has entered behind the veil on our behalf...

NEED FOR A NEW PRIESTHOOD

Hebrews 7

writer has established the greatness of Christ...
has established that Jesus in fact is the High Priest of the New Testament
uses this chapter to illustrate again His greatness, and the need for the new High Priest...

THE KING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, MELCHIZEDEK (7:1-10)

A. Melchizedek Was...

1. Appointed by the God to be both king of righteousness & peace...
2. ***"...without father, without mother, without genealogy..."*** - not of tribe of Levi...
3. ***"...having neither beginning of days nor end of life..."*** — perpetual priesthood...

B. Melchizedek, A Great Man...

1. Levites receive a tithe from brethren — ***Numbers 18:21***
2. Melchizedek received 1/10 from Abraham... (***LEVITES THROUGH ABRAHAM***)
3. ***"...the lesser is blessed by the better..."*** - Abraham blessed by Melchizedek...
4. Priests here die, but Melchizedek lives forever in heaven...

THE NEED FOR A NEW PRIESTHOOD (7:11-19)

A. Perfection Was Not Of The Levitical Priesthood.

1. Need for a new priesthood & new law outside of Levi...
2. Jesus is of tribe of Judah ***"...of which no man has served at the altar..."***
3. His priesthood based on endless life, not upon fleshly commandment...
4. The coming of Jesus annuls the former priesthood & establishes a better...

THE GREATNESS OF THE NEW PRIEST (7:20-28)

A. Made Priest With An Oath Of God...

1. Jesus has become for us a guarantee for a better covenant....

B. Levitical priesthood prevented by death, He continues forever

1. Jesus is able to save continually...

C. Character of the High Priest...

1. Holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, higher than the heavens...
2. No daily sacrifices for self & the people...
 - a. Sacrifice self once for all...
 - b. Law appoints men of weakness....
 - c. Oath of God appointed the Son, who is perfected forever....

THE NEW HIGH PRIEST & COVENANT

Hebrews 8

Has said all that has been said thus far to introduce the things in this chapter...

- Established the Deity of Christ
- Established the humanity of Christ
- Established the preeminence of Christ
- Established the promise of God in Christ
- Established the qualifications of Christ as High Priest

THE NEW PRIEST (8:1-6)

A. “..We have such a High Priest...”

1. He is not on the earth dwelling in tabernacles made by men...
2. He is a minister of the true tabernacle...

B. “..something to offer...”

1. Offered Himself.... — ***Ephesians 5:2***
2. Not a priest as those on the earth, of a different tribe/different priesthood...
3. They offer gifts according to the copy....
4. Copy & shadow of the heavenly things...

C. “..He has obtained a more excellent ministry...”

1. More excellent...
2. Provides hope, removes sin, purifies man....
3. Jesus only is the Mediator... — ***1 Timothy 2:5***
4. Better covenant/ better sacrifices....

THE NEW COVENANT (8:7-13)

covenant - gr. *diatheke* {dee-ath-ay'-kay}

a disposition, arrangement, of any sort, which one wishes to be valid, the last disposition which one makes of his earthly possessions after his death, a testament or will contract, testament, agreement, promise, pledge, swear, treaty, oath, pact...

A. “..if that first covenant had been faultless...”

1. You don't repair what's not broken....
2. The first covenant was a broken covenant....
3. The new covenant was promised by the Lord — ***v 8-12***
4. Quoted from ***Jeremiah 31:31-34***

B. “..I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts...”

1. The new covenant is not merely a set of laws...
2. Judaism became a matter of strict keeping of the law....
3. Our hearts & minds must be given to the Lord - “*..worship in spirit & truth...*”
4. Laws written on heart, not tablets of stone...

C. “..none of them shall teach his neighbor...brother...”

1. Old Testament — born into the covenant relationship & then taught about it...
2. New Testament — must learn about God & accept His ways before entering into the covenant relationship...

D. “..their lawless deed I will remember no more...”

1. In the old covenant, sins were not removed...
 - a. Man was still sinful before God....
 - b. No sacrifice was sufficient to remove sin...
2. Under the new covenant, God will forget our sins & unrighteousness...
 - a. We are able to appear before God righteous and holy....
 - b. A fit sacrifice has been made, Jesus Christ...

E. “..He made the first obsolete...”

1. **Obsolete...** — *gr. palaios {pal-ah-yo'-o}*
 - a. *To make ancient or old*
 - b. *To become old, to be worn out*
 - c. *To declare a thing to be old and so about to be abrogated*
 - d. *Outdated, useless, of no effect, canceled, void.....*
2. The Old Testament covenant was to pass away...
 - a. Next chapter shows it did...
 - b. How much of the old covenant stayed?

CONCLUSION

1. A new priesthood has been established, Jesus Christ being the High Priest...
 - a. We are the priests of the new covenant...
 - b. **1 Peter 2:9**
2. A new covenant has been established...
 - a. One with better promises....
 - b. One with better sacrifices....
 - c. One with better hope...
 - d. One with a better High Priest...

THE NEW & BETTER TABERNACLE

Hebrews 9

Contrasts the 2 tabernacles....

The Jewish tabernacle vs. the Christian tabernacle...

Contrasted in their style...

Contrasted in their effectiveness....

Contrasted in their service & servants....

THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY (9:1-5)

A. 2 Parts To the Sanctuary.

1. Note the diagram....

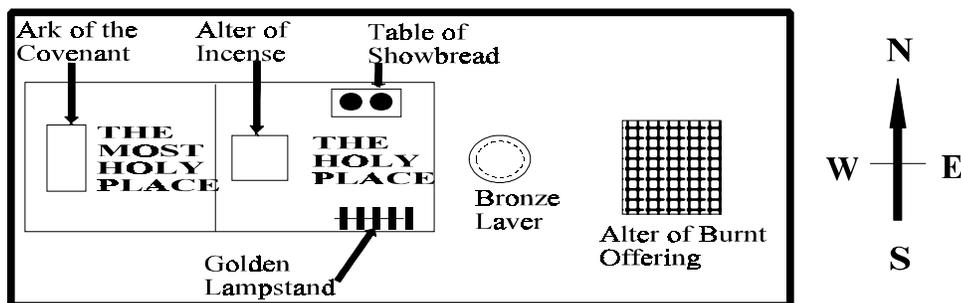
a. The Holy Place —lampstand, table & showbread, etc.

b. The Most Holy Place —golden censer, ark of covenant...

B. Cannot now speak in detail...

1. They are the shadow, unimportant now...

The Tabernacle of the Old Covenant



SERVICE IN THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY (9:6-10)

Priests performed service in the Holy Place daily....

High priest performed service in the Most Holy Place once a year...

Holy Spirit indicated that a way was not yet made manifest to the Holiest place....

A. “..it was symbolic...”- not the true & complete divine service....

1. “..gifts & sacrifices...” —symbols...

2. Could not make the worshipers “..perfect in regard to the conscience...”

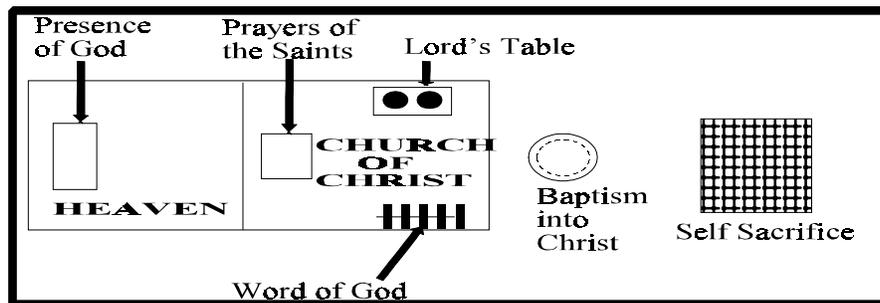
3. Their sacrifices could not cleans them, but rather pointed to the perfect sacrifice which would save them...

- B. “..being only (foods & drinks)...carnal ordinances...”**
1. The old covenant & its sanctuary was carnal in its nature & service...
 2. Various washings/cleanings...
 3. These fleshly ordinances did nothing to cleanse the soul...
- C. “..imposed until the time of reformation..”**
1. These ordinances were not eternal...
 2. They would be “*..until the time of reformation..*”
 3. There were a temporary measure until the perfect covenant had come...

THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY AND SERVICE (9:11-15)

- A. “..greater & more perfect tabernacle....”**
1. An heavenly sanctuary... - created by God....
 2. Blood of bulls & goats replaced with the blood of Jesus Christ...
 - a. Blood of bulls & goats purified the flesh in the Old Testament;
 - b. Blood of Christ is able to cleanse the soul in the New Testament...
 3. Christ has entered into the Most Holy Place for all & remains there...
 4. Jesus has become the Mediator of the new covenant...

The Tabernacle of the New Covenant



THE NECESSITY OF HIS DEATH (9:16-22)

- A. *If there is a testament/will, there must be death of the testator/will writer....***
1. No will/testament has any power until after the death of the testator...
 2. Christ had to die before His will would be in force...
- B. *The 1st covenant too was dedicated/begun with blood....***
1. Exodus 24:1-8
- C. *Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins...***
1. No remission without the shedding of Christ's blood....

THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST'S SACRIFICE (9:23-28)

A. The new covenant has better sacrifices...

1. The earthly things (the copy) provided purification by the blood of bulls/goats, etc.
2. The heavenly (the true & everlasting covenant) required a better sacrifice than bulls/goats, etc. —Christ Himself...

B. Christ has not gone into the earthly Holy Place on our behalf, but into heaven itself...

1. He does not enter in once a year as the High priest of the old covenant to make sacrifice on our behalf...
2. He has not entered into the copy, but the true Holy Place...
3. ***“..He has appeared once to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself...”***

C. Appointed for men to die once....

1. Men have only one life to live...
2. We live, we die, then the judgment...
3. As man only lives once, so also Christ was offered up once to bear sins...

D. He appeared the 1st time for sin, He appears the 2nd for salvation....

1. He came the first time to redeem man...
2. He came to be the sacrifice for sins...
3. He will come again, apart from sin for salvation...
4. Next time Jesus comes, it will be to take His people home...

CONCLUSION

1. We have a better sanctuary —an heavenly one....
2. We have a better sacrifice —the Son of God...
3. We have a better High Priest —Jesus Christ Himself...
4. We have a better covenant... —one established on better promises...

NOW DRAW CLOSE TO GOD & REMAIN CLOSE

Hebrews 10

Continues to show the superiority of Christianity over Judaism to the reader...
We are encouraged to draw close to God by faith, enduring in all things to the end...

THE INSUFFICIENCY OF ANIMAL SACRIFICES (10:1-4)

- A. ‘For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come...’**
1. A shadow — ***Hebrews 8:5; 9:23; Colossians 2:17***
 2. The sacrifices of the law are imperfect... — ***Hebrews 7:19; 9:9***
- B. ‘...would they not have ceased to be offered?’**
1. Yet they did not cease...
 2. They served as a reminder of sin...
 3. The blood of bulls & goats could not remove sin...

PERFECTION FOUND IN THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST (10:5-18)

- A. ‘Sacrifice and offering You did not desire...’**
1. ***Psalms 40:6-8; Isaiah 1:11; Jeremiah 6:20; Amos 5:21-22***
 2. God does not want heartless sacrifice of animals...
 3. ***‘I have come to do Your will...’*** —Jesus’ determined purpose...
- B. ‘He takes away the first that He may establish the second.’**
1. ***Hebrews 8:7; 8:13***
 2. Sanctification is through the 2nd will...
 - a. ***Sanctified*** — *gr. hagiazo*
 - i. *To render to be hallowed..., to renew...*
 - ii. *To separate from profane things, dedicate to God...*
 - iii. *To consecrate, dedicate, purify, cleanse, free from guilt...*
 3. Mentioned in the Old Testament, but real meaning given in the new...
- C. ‘...one sacrifice for sins forever...’**
1. Priests offer sacrifices daily... - He offered once for all time...
 2. By one offering He perfected all the sanctified...
 3. ***‘This is the covenant I will make with them...’***
 4. ***‘Their sins & their lawless deeds I will remember no more...’***
 5. ***Psalms 103:12*** - illustrate...
- D. no longer an offering for sin... (v 2)**

DRAW NEAR TO GOD IN KEEPING THE FAITH (10:19-39)

A. “*..brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus...*”

1. Boldness; liberty; free and fearless confidence.....
2. We have access to the holiest place...
3. A concept entirely foreign to the Jew!!!
4. Access by the blood of Jesus; by a new and living way...

B. “*..let us....let us....let us....*”

1. ***“..LET US draw near to God...”(James 4:8)***
 - a. ***“..with a true heart...” (Psalms 119:2, 80; Acts 8:21)***
 - b. ***“..in full assurance of faith...”(Ephesians 3:12; James 1:6; 1 John 3:19)***
 - c. ***“..having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience...” (Hebrews 9:14)***
 - d. ***“..and our bodies washed with pure water.” (1 Peter 1:2; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21)***
2. ***“..LET US hold fast the confession of our hope....”(Hebrews 3:6, 14; 4:14; Revelation 3:11)***
 - a. ***“..without wavering...”(James 1:6)***
 - b. ***“..for He who promised is faithful.” (Hebrews 6:18; 1 Corinthians 1:9; 10:13; Titus 1:2)***
3. ***“..LET US consider one another....”(Romans 12:15; 15:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)***
 - a. ***“..in order to stir up love and good works...”(Titus 3:8; 1 John 3:18)***
 - b. ***“..not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...” (Acts 2:42; 20:7; Hebrews 3:13)***

C. “*..if we sin willfully....*”

1. 2 types of sin
 - a. Sins of ignorance — we sin unawares, unintentionally; mistakingly...
 - b. Sins of arrogance — we sin willfully, fully knowing what we are doing is sinful, yet not caring...
 - i. The writer has already mentioned such sins — ***Hebrews 6:4-6***
 - ii. Moses warned the Jews about such sins — ***Deuteronomy 17:12***
 - iii. The apostle Peter warned of such sins — ***2 Peter 2:20-22***
2. ***“..there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin...”***
 - a. We have trampled the sacrifice of Christ underfoot...
 - b. We count His suffering on our behalf to be meaningless...
3. ***“..but a certain fearful expectation of judgment...”***
 - a. Knowing that one’s transgressions are wrong...
 - b. One who willfully sins certainly cannot expect anything else...
 - c. ***Hebrews 12:29; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; Revelation 20:15***
4. Reject Moses & die without mercy, how much more they that reject Christ!!
 - a. ***“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.”.....***
 - b. ***“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”***

D. “..but recall the former days...”

1. Remember these brethren are in a time of weakness - *Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:9*
2. Reminds them of struggles which they had endured - *Galatians 3:3-4*
 - a. They joyfully accepted the plundering of their goods, for the hope of heaven...

E. “..do not cast away your confidence...”

1. Continue to be confident, bold...
2. Endurance is necessary...
3. *Habakkuk 2:3-4* - He will come in a short time....
 - a. He has no pleasure in those that draw back....
4. We are not of those... (the writer includes himself with them)

CONCLUSION

Indeed, Judaism is insufficient to save...

One must come to Christ and be subject to His covenant to be saved....

Must obey & remain faithful...

Must endure to the end...

A PEOPLE OF FAITH

Hebrews 11

The writer has moved his focus from Judaism to Christianity...
Concerned with the law of faith, as opposed to the law of works...
Emphasizes to the reader the example of these faithful servants of God...

faith — gr. *pistis*

conviction of the truth (gospel)

conviction that God exists & is creator, ruler, provider...

conviction that Jesus is the Messiah, King & Saviour

THE NATURE OF FAITH (11:1-3)

A. ‘Now Faith Is The Substance Of Things Hoped For...’

1. Substance — a foundation; a firm standing place; confidence...
2. No room for wavering. — **James 1:6; Ephesians 4:14**
3. Deals with reality, not vain fantasy — **Hebrews 1:3**
4. Everything in which the Christian has hope is tied back to faith....

“Faith is the **SUBSTANCE** of things hoped for...”

Sub stance

under, below...

stand...

FAITH is that which
STANDS UNDER
our HOPE.

B. “..The Evidence Of Things Not Seen...”

1. Evidence — a proof, something by which things may be tested....
2. Cannot see God, but faith provides all that is necessary...
3. Do not see with bodily eyes, but with spiritual understanding...

C. ‘Through Faith We Understand That The Worlds Were Framed By The Word Of God...’

1. Answer to creation is found in Christianity...
2. Christian evidences... — **Genesis 1:1ff; Psalms 33:6; John 1:3; Romans 1:19ff**

FAITH AT THE DAWN OF HISTORY (11:4-7)

A. ‘By Faith Abel Offered To God A More Excellent Sacrifice...’

1. Abel did what was righteous... — **Genesis 4; 1 John 3:11-12; Titus 1:16**
2. “..through it he being dead still speaks...”
 - a. **Revelation 14:13**

- B. ‘By Faith Enoch Was Taken Away...’**
1. He did not taste death... — **John 8:51**
 2. **“..he had this testimony, that he pleased God...”** — **Genesis 5:21-24; Romans 8:8**
- C. ‘But Without Faith It Is Impossible To Please Him...’**
1. Faith is essential... — **Hebrews 3:12; Hebrews 4:2; John 8:24**
 2. He is a rewarder... — **Ruth 2:12; Matthew 5:12**
- D. ‘By Faith Noah...Prepared An Ark...’**
1. **“..being divinely warned of things not yet seen...”**
 - a. Floods not yet known... — **Genesis 2:5; Genesis 6:17**
 - b. Noah received word of the flood well in advance...
 2. **“..moved with godly fear...”**
 - a. He respected God... — **Genesis 6:22; 7:5**
 3. **“..for the saving of his household...”**
 - a. Obedience saved Noah — **1 Peter 3:18-21**

FAITHFUL ABRAHAM (11:8-12)

- A. ‘By Faith Abraham Obeyed When He Was Called To Go Out...’**
1. Became a sojourner — **Genesis 12:1-4)**
 2. Note, **“..Abraham obeyed...”**
- B. ‘By Faith He Dwelt In The Land Of Promise As In A Foreign Country...’**
1. Did not receive the land of promise on earth...
 2. Dwelt in the land in tents, wandering....
 3. Abraham looked to the great city whose builder is God...
- C. ‘By Faith Sarah Herself Also Received Strength To Conceive Seed...’**
1. A physical impossibility, with man... — **Genesis 18:11-14**
 2. Bore a son to Abraham — **Genesis 21:1-2**
 3. A great nation came from Abraham through the seed...

FAITH PROVIDES A BETTER HOMELAND (11:13-16)

- A. “..Not Having Received The Promises, But Having Seen Them Afar Off...”**
1. **“..not having not received...”** —promised land, great nation, blessings to all nations through his seed...
 2. **“..but having seen them afar off...”** —trusted God’s promise...— **John 8:56**
 - a. **“..they were persuaded of them...”** — **Hebrews 6:17ff**
 - b. **“..embraced them...”** —to grasp strongly as one’s own...

- B.** “*..Confessed That They Were Strangers And Pilgrims On The Earth...*”
1. Wanderers in search of a homeland... - Ur of the Chaldeans??
- C.** “*But Now They Desire A Better Country...*”
1. A “**BETTER**” country.... - 3rd world ± G7 nations ± Heaven!!!
 2. Therefore, God will call them His children...
 3. He has prepared a city for them... — *Revelation 21 & 22; John 14:1-3*

FAITH OF THE PATRIARCHS (11:17-22)

- A.** *Faith Of Abraham...*
1. Abraham offered up Isaac.
 - a. No questions, just trusted God’s will...
 - b. *Genesis 22* —see his obedience at the will of God...
 2. Leaving Ur, his home to wander...
 3. Received circumcision in his flesh...
 4. Trusted God concerning the birth of Isaac
 5. Pleaded with God on behalf of the city of Sodom...
- B.** *Faith Of Isaac...*
1. Isaac prophesied of the future concerning his sons...
 2. A man blessed of the Lord — *Genesis 26:29*
- C.** *Faith Of Jacob...*
1. Jacob in his dying hours focused on spiritual things...
 2. His service for Leah & Rachel. — *Genesis 29*
 3. Prosperity in the field — *Genesis 30*
- D.** *Faith Of Joseph...*
1. *Genesis 50:24-25* —believed earnestly that God would free Israel...
 2. Sold into slavery, served in Egypt, provided for the his father’s household..

FAITHFUL MOSES (11:23-29)

- A.** *The Faith Of Moses’ Parents.*
1. Decree —all male children born to be put to death... — *Exodus 1:22*
- B.** “*..Refused To Be Called The Son Of Pharaoh’s Daughter....*”
1. Could have had all riches & pleasures he ever desired...
 2. “*..Chose rather to suffer...*” —uncommon/illogical...
 3. “*..Passing pleasure of sin...*”
 - a. Egypt offered temporary happiness...
 - b. God offers eternal happiness
 4. “*..the reproach of Christ...*” —*Romans 8:18*
 5. He looked to the reward — *Philippians 3:7ff*

- C. “..Forsook Egypt...”**
1. Not fearing the wrath of the King... — **Matthew 10:28**
 2. Enduring as seeing... — **Hebrews 11:1**
- D. “..Kept The Passover...”**
1. Moses & Israel...
 2. Believed the power of God & the wrath to be brought...
- E. “..They Passed Through The Red Sea...”**
1. Believed God could and would do it... —passed as by dry land...
 2. Egyptians did not know God, thus drowned..

BY FAITH THEY OVERCAME (11:30-40)

- A. The Walls Of Jericho**
1. **Joshua 6:1-20** — the strangest battle plan, yet the greatest battle!!!
 2. A battle not won by the strength of men, but by faith in God!!
- B. The Harlot Rahab**
1. **Joshua 2:1, 8-13; 6:23** —housed Israel’s spies, saved with her household...
 2. A deed done by faith in God...
- C. Gideon** — Judges 7:1-25 —great victory with 300 over the Midianites...
1. Down cast @ first — **Judges 6:13**
 2. Promise of the Lord — **Judges 6:14**
 3. Army of 300 — **Judges 7**
 4. A great work of God! — **Judges 7:22**
- D. Barak** — **Judges 4:1-24** —God delivered Sisera & his armies into his hands.
1. Israel did evil in God’s sight — **Judges 4:1**
 2. Captive & harshly oppressed by Jabin, king of Canaan — **Judges 4:2-3**
 3. Israel freed from captivity by Deborah & Barak’s faithfulness — **Judges 4:4ff**
 4. The Song of Deborah & Barak —note **v 2...**
- E. Samson** — **Judges 13:24-16:31** —great strength, defeated the Philistines...
1. A Nazarite to God... — **Judges 13:5**
 2. Samson gets a Philistine wife. — **Judges 14:1ff**
 3. Samson defeats the Philistines — **Judges 15:1ff**
 4. Samson enticed by Delilah & overcome — **Judges 16:1-22**
 5. Samson destroys 3000 Philistines — **Judges 16:23ff**

- F. Jephthah** — *Judges 11:1-12:7* —harlot's son...defeated people of Ammon...
1. Described as “*...a mighty man of valor...*”—*Judges 11:1*
 2. Son of a harlot; forced to leave his father's house — *Judges 11:1-3*
 3. Asked to be the head and commander of Israel — *Judges 11:4-11*
 4. Said would sacrifice whatever came out the door first — *Judges 11:31*
 5. Defeated the people of Ammon — *Judges 11:32-33*
 6. Defeated the people of Ephraim — *Judges 12:1-7*
- G. David** —man after God's own heart... —king of Israel...
1. David anointed as king of Judah — *1 Samuel 16; 2 Samuel 2*
 2. David & Goliath — *1 Samuel 17*
 3. David spares Saul, who breathed murder at David continually — *1 Samuel 24, 26*
 4. Writer of *Psalms*...
- H. Samuel** —righteous King of Israel... —relief from Philistines....
1. Served before the Lord, even as a child — *1 Samuel 2:18*
 2. Last Judge of Israel — *1 Samuel 7*
 3. Anointed Saul as king
 4. Anointed David as king
- I. Prophets**
1. Isaiah
 - a. Name means “**Salvation is Yahweh**”
 - b. Great prophet of Israel...
 - c. Reveals the coming of Christ
 - d. Jewish tradition says King Manasseh had Isaiah sawn in two
 2. Jeremiah
 - a. Name means “**the appointed one of the Lord.**”
 - b. A call for the people of Judah to come back.
 - c. Jewish tradition says he was stoned in Egypt by Jewish refugees
 3. Ezekiel
 - a. Name means “**God strengthens**”
 - b. Prophesied at the time Nebuchadnezzar captured the temple in Jerusalem.
 - c. Reminded the people Jeremiah prophesied of these very things.
 - d. Later chapters; restoration from exile & spiritual renewal...
 4. Elijah
 - a. Showdown with the prophets of Baal - *1 Kings 18*

b. Caught up in a whirlwind to heaven - **2 Kings 2:11**

J. Works Of Faith

1. **“...Subdued kingdoms...”** — Jericho; Ai; Amorites, etc, etc.
2. **“...Worked righteousness...”** — prophets...
3. **“...Obtained promises...”** — promise of God to the faithful...
4. **“...Stopped the mouth of lions...”** — Daniel — **Daniel 6:22**
5. **“...Quenched the violence of fire...”** — Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
6. **“...Escaped the edge of the sword...”** — many battles of Israel...
7. **“...Out of weakness were made strong...”**
— Gideon, David, Jephthah, etc.
8. **“...Became valiant in battle...”** — Barak, Jephthah, Samson, David, etc.
9. **“...Turned to flight the armies of the aliens...”**
— Jericho, etc.
10. **“...Dead raised to life again...”** — Elijah & widow’s son — **1 Kings 17**
11. **“...Tortured...”** — **Acts 7** — Stephen’s defense...
12. **“...mockings and scourgings, chains and imprisonment...”**
— Joseph in prison— **Genesis 39**
13. **“...Stoned, sawn in two, tempted, slain with the sword...”**
— Naboth (**1 Kings 21:13**)
14. **“...Wandered in sheepskins, destitute, afflicted & tormented...”**
— **Zechariah 13:4**
15. **“...wandered in deserts & mountains, dens & caves...”**
— **1 Kings 18; 19; David**

K. “All these...did not receive the promise...”

1. They obtained good testimony through faith, yet did not receive the promise...
2. God has given us the promise of heaven above, eternal life...
3. We and they are made perfect together through Christ Jesus...

CONCLUSION

Faith is essential!!

We have countless examples of faith, let us follow such...

Note how **Hebrews 11** and **James 2** agree:

“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”- James 2:17

“But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?”- James 2:20

“You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.”- James 2:24

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”- James 2:26

TRAINED TO ENDURE THE RACE

Hebrews 12

The writer has presented the faithful of times past...

Asks the reader to be the faithful of the present generation...

We all need to arm ourselves with a mind of faithfulness...

God's discipline is a help to the child of God, and should be joyfully accepted...

MAKING READY FOR THE RACE (12:1-4)

A. *Preparing ourselves for the race.*

1. ***"...surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."*** — *martus...*
 - a. "Seeing that we are in the company of the faithful of all time..."
 - b. "Seeing that we also have those with us that have seen Christ..."
2. ***"...lay aside every weight and the sin..."***
 - a. ***"...lay aside..."*** — *apotithemi* - put off, cast out, lay down
 - i. ***Acts 7:58*** —they laid down their clothes...
 - ii. ***Romans 13:12; Ephesians 4:22, 25*** —works of darkness...
 - iii. ***Colossians 3:8; James 1:21; 1 Peter 2:1*** —filthiness...
 - b. ***"...every weight..."*** — *ogkos* - weight, encumbrance, burden...
 - c. We must set the things of this life aside...
 - i. ***Matthew 16:24ff***
 - ii. ***Luke 18*** —rich young ruler...
 - iii. ***2 Corinthians 7:1*** —cleanse selves, perfecting holiness...
 - iv. ***2 Timothy 2:4*** —do not entangle in the affairs of this life....
3. ***"...let us run with endurance the race..."***
 - a. ***Hebrews 10:35-36*** —endurance is needed...
 - b. ***1 Corinthians 9:24*** —run in such a way that you will win...
 - c. ***Philippians 3:12, 14*** —there is a need to press on...

B. ***'Looking unto Jesus...'*** —illustration of the foolish runner...

1. Why look unto Jesus?
 - a. Context — He is the author and finisher of our faith. Our example...
 - i. ***Author*** — *archegos* - chief leader, pioneer, one that leaves an example
 - ii. ***Finisher*** — *teleiotes* - perfecter, one who has shown highest example
 - b. He is the way — ***John 14:6***
 - c. He was offered for our sins — ***Hebrews 9:28; John 1:29***

2. **“..who for the joy that was set before Him...”**
 - a. Joy — for the happiness or gladness before Him... - salvation of man/heaven
 - b. **“..endured the cross...”—Philippians 2:8**
 - c. **“..despising the shame...”** — *kataphroneo* - thinking little of...
 - d. **“..sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

C. ‘Consider Him who endured such hostility...’

1. Consider the hostility He endured from sinners...
 - a. Constant ridicule, blasphemy, mocking, scourging, betrayal, crucified...
2. **“..lest you become weary and discouraged...”**
 - a. **John 15:18-20** —we will suffer, even as He...
 - b. **Isaiah 40:30-31** —words of encouragement...
 - c. **1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9** —words of encouragement...
3. **‘You have not yet resisted to bloodshed...’**
 - a. **Resisted** — *antikathistemi* - to stand in line against....
 - b. Reminds them they have not so stood that they have died in the war against sin yet. Jesus died in battle against sin. The prophets died in the war against sin. Many faithful died in the war against sin...

THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD (12:5-11)

Question: If bad things happen to the Christian, is that the chastening/discipline of God?

A. “..Do not despise the chastening of the Lord...”

1. **Proverbs 3:11**
 - a. **“..do not despise...”**— *oligoreo* — regard lightly, care little for, make small
 - b. **“..nor be discouraged...”** — *ekluo* —to be feeble, weary, weak...
 - c. **“..whom the Lord loves, He chastens...”**
 - d. Chastening — *paideia* — nurture, instruction, train/educate, chastising...
2. **“..If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons...”**
 - a. Heed His word, mold to His ways, He considers you a son...
3. **‘If you are without chastening...then you are illegitimate and not sons.’**
 - a. Reject His word, walk in own paths, He considers you an outcast.

B. “..We have had human fathers who corrected us...”

1. **“..we paid them respect...”**
 - a. **Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 30:17** — Honour your father and your mother...
 - b. **Ephesians 6:1-2; Colossians 3:20** —must obey father and mother...

2. ***“..shall we not much more...be in subjection to the Father of spirits...”***
 - a. ***James 4:7, 10; 1 Peter 5:6*** —submit selves to God...
3. ***“..for they...chastened us as seemed best..., but He for our profit...holiness”***
 - a. Father’s bring up children as best they can...
 - b. He chastens us for our profit... —spiritual.. — ***Romans 8:28***

C. *“..Chastening...yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness...”*

1. ***“..no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful...”***
 - a. Discipline is not fun. Children don’t appreciate discipline at present...
 - b. Note —discipline: spanking, talks, teaching, training, etc.
 - c. ***“..painful...”*** — *lupe* —grievous, sorrowful, heaviness...
2. ***“..afterwards it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness...”***
 - a. ***James 3:17-18*** —we get the wisdom which is from above...
 - b. If we are trained by God’s chastening, we will be found blameless in Christ...

STRENGTHEN YOURSELVES (12:12-17)

A. *Renew your strength...*

1. ***“..strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees...”***
 - a. ***Isaiah 35:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:14*** —strengthen the weak...
2. ***“..make straight paths for your feet...”***
 - a. ***Proverbs 4:27***
 - b. Do so, so that healing might occur, not further harm...

B. *Pursue peace and be watchful... dioko* —to run quickly to catch...

1. ***‘Pursue peace with all people...’***
 - a. ***Psalms 34:14; Proverbs 15:1; 16:7***
 - b. ***Romans 12:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Matthew 5:9***
2. ***“..and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord..”***
 - a. ***Matthew 5:8; 1 Peter 1:15-16***
3. ***“..looking carefully lest anyone fall short...”***
 - a. ***Hebrews 2:1; 3:12; 4:1; 4:11; 6:4-6; 10:26*** —He has established we can fall!!
 - b. ***2 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Peter 1:10ff*** —must be watchful, careful...
4. The example of Esau
 - a. priorities were off. For a savory meal, he dealt away a birthright from God
 - b. Afterward, though Esau desired to change what had happened, he could not
 - c. ***Repent*** — *mentanoia* —a change of mind

THE GREAT ZION (12:18-24)

We are before a greater mountain, with a greater Leader!

- A. “..You have not come to the mountain...”**
1. We are not at the base of mount Sinai — ***Deuteronomy 4:11; 5:22***
 2. The voice from the mount — ***Exodus 20:18-26***
 3. The could not endure the commandment/terror — ***Exodus 19:12-13***
 4. Even Moses was greatly afraid before the Lord — ***Deuteronomy 9:19***
- B. “..You have come to Mount Zion...”**
1. Mount Sinai was truly an awesome sight, but we have come to something greater!
 2. We are at Mount Zion.
 - a. ***“The city of the living God”***
 - b. ***“The heavenly Jerusalem”***
 - c. ***“An innumerable company of angels...”***
 - d. ***“The general assembly and church of the firstborn registered in heaven...”***
 - e. ***“To God, the Judge of all”***
 - f. ***“To the spirits of just men made perfect”***
 - g. ***“To Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant”***
 - h. ***“To the blood of sprinkling...”***

HEAR THE HEAVENLY VOICE (12:25-29)

- A. “Do not refuse Him who speaks...”**
1. Do not refuse the words of God!
 - a. They refused God when He spoke from earth, @ Sinai, prophets...
 - b. Shall we refuse His words from heaven?
 - i. ***“This is My beloved Son...”***
 - ii. ***Hebrews 1:2*** & the revealing thru the Holy Spirit.
 2. The power in His voice
 - a. ***“..whose voice then shook the earth...”*** - ***Exodus 19:18***
 - b. ***“..Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven..”***
 - i. ***Haggai 2:6***
 - ii. At the word of the Lord, all things shall be destroyed, except the eternal things of God..
- B. “Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom...”**
1. We are receiving a heavenly kingdom...
 - a. It is one that cannot be shaken...
 2. Let us serve God acceptably with reverence — ***Romans 12:1***

C. *‘For our God is a consuming fire.’*

1. *Exodus 24:17*

CONCLUSION

1. *2 Peter 3:10-12; 1 Peter 4:17-19*
2. Christian life requires continual preparing, adjusting, improving...
 - a. lay off weights, watch our example...
 - b. endure God’s discipline...
 - c. listen to the voice of God.

APPLY THOSE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT

Hebrews 13

The writer has provided much direction for the Christian in his writing...
Substantially proved the superiority of Christ and the new covenant...
Now draws letter to a close with important moral & religious responsibilities for the brethren...

COMMENTS ON MORAL RESPONSIBILITIES (13:1-6)

A. Love Your Fellow Man

1. **'Let brotherly love continue.'**
 - a. *philadelphia* —love of the brethren...
 - i. *philos* —friend; *adelphos* —brethren...
 - ii. "...an unselfish love, ready to serve." (Vines)
 - b. **Romans 12:10; 2 Peter 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 4:9**
2. **'Do not forget to entertain strangers...'**
 - a. **'Entertain strangers'** — *philoxenia* —love of strangers...
 - i. *philos* —friend; *xenos* —stranger
 - b. **Romans 12:13**
 - c. Some have entertained angels — **Genesis 18:1-22**
3. **'Remember the prisoners...'**
 - a. **'...as if chained with them...'** —have great compassion...
 - b. Endure with them — **Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Romans 12:15**
 - c. Writer knew the what it was like — **Hebrews 10:34; 13:19**

B. Honourable And Right Conduct

1. **'Marriage is honourable...'**
 - a. Marriage is precious, of a great price...
 - b. The bed is undefiled —unstained, not soiled, clean, right....
 - c. All marriages??? —one's that do not violate Scripture!
2. **'...fornicators and adulterers God will judge.'**
 - a. Sexually immoral & those who are unfaithful in marriages...
3. **'Let your conduct be without covetousness...'**
 - a. Do not be a lover of money... — **1 Timothy 6:10**
 - b. Be content with such as you have. — **1 Timothy 6:8; Philippians 4:11**
 - c. God will care for you.. — **Psalms 27:1; 118:6**

COMMENTS ON RELIGIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES (13:7-17)

A. Follow The Faith Which Has Been Given

1. ***‘Remember those who rule over you...’***
 - a. ASV — ***‘Remember them that had the rule over you...’***
 - b. Past tense used in reference to those who ruled, as though they were dead. Refer to Supplemental notes on ***Hebrews 13:7*** (p 40)
 - c. “At the date of this epistle, James the brother of John, and "James the brother of our Lord", both so closely connected with the Jerusalem church, had suffered martyrdom. The last named, whose martyrdom is recorded by Josephus, was put to death in A.D. 63.”
 - d. ***“..whose faith follow...” —1 Corinthians 11:1***
 - e. ***“..considering the outcome of their conduct...”*** —heavenly home...
2. ***‘Jesus Christ is the same...’***
 - a. Comfort for those who serve God. He is unchanging...
 - b. Same yesterday, today & forever.
 - i. Power, love, faithfulness, etc.
3. ***‘Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines...’***
 - a. Warning to remain steadfast in the truth.
 - b. ***Ephesians 4:11-16; Matthew 24:24; Acts 20:30; Galatians 1:6; Colossians 2:8***
 - c. Encourages them to be established in grace, not the law.

B. Christianity Excels Over Judaism

1. ***‘We have an alter...’***
 - a. Our alter consists in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ...
 - b. Those who cling to tabernacle service have no right to it...
2. Our great sacrifice.
 - a. Old Testament sacrifices, blood brought to the mercy seat, body & entrails burned outside the camp, for it was a sacrifice for sin/accursed thing.
 - b. Jesus, that He might atone for our sins was led outside the gate, and sacrificed as an accursed thing.
 - c. ***“..let us go forth to Him, outside the camp...”***
 - d. Outside of unbelieving Israel...
3. ***‘For here we have no continuing city...’***
 - a. The temple & Jerusalem (their city of origin) were about to be destroyed!
 - b. They were pilgrims seeking a city, even as their fathers. (***Hebrews 11:13-16***)

C. *Serving Before The Lord*

1. ***"...Offer the sacrifice of praise to God..."***
 - a. Jesus has been the blood sacrifice, no longer do that continually.
 - b. Now the continual sacrifice is that of praise from our lips...
2. ***"...do not forget to do good and to share..."***
 - a. Certainly praising God is necessary, & to be continual, but we cannot forget that there is a practical/work side of our service before Him.
 - b. We must be about good works. — *Titus 2:14, 3:8, 3:14, etc.*
 - c. We must share our goods — *1 Timothy 6:18-19*

D. *Submit To The Shepherds Of The Flock*

1. ***"Obey those who rule over you..."***
 - a. Be subject to the elders. — *1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Peter 5:1-5*
2. ***"...for they watch out for your souls..."***
 - a. They are spiritual leaders who care for the flock — *Acts 20:28*
3. ***"...as those who must give account..."***
 - a. They must give an account of what they have done — *2 Corinthians 5:10*
4. ***"Let them do so with joy..."***
 - a. Do not make their job grievous...
 - b. Unprofitable for you... —discipline, etc.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND FAREWELL (13:18-25)

A. *Prayer Requests —Paul often made request of brethren for prayers.*

1. ***"...we are confident that we have a good conscience..."***
 - a. Refers to upright living, possibly due to being arrested in Jerusalem as an evildoer. — *Acts 21:33; 24:5*
2. ***"...that I may be restored to you..."***
 - a. Language implies that the writer is in prison...

B. *Final Words*

1. ***"...may the God of peace...make you complete in every good work..."***
 - a. Only in Him & following Him are we complete.
 - b. Need to allow Him to work in us...*Philippians 2:13*
2. ***"...bear with the word of exhortation..."***
 - a. Listen to and accept the words of this letter.
 - i. Nature of Christ.
 - ii. Superiority of Christ
 - iii. Need to have active obedience to the word of God.
 - iv. Superiority of Christianity over Judiasm.
 - v. Need for them to progress in faith.
 - vi. Examples of the faithful.
 - vii. Admonition to receive the chastening of the Lord.

3. ***“..Timothy has been set free...”***
 - a. Timothy apparently arrested. No record in history besides this.
 - b. Timothy joined Paul in Rome. Note salutations of so-called “prison epistles”
 - c. ***Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:1; Philemon 1:1***
4. ***‘Greet all...’***
 - a. Greet the elders, and all the saints in Jerusalem/Judea.
 - b. Those from Italy greet you. (Rome, Italy)

—Supplemental notes Hebrews 13:7 —

CONSIDER HEBREWS 13:7 FROM SEVERAL TRANSLATIONS

‘Remember them that had the rule over you, men that spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith.’—American Standard Version

‘Keep in mind those who were over you, and who gave you the word of God; seeing the outcome of their way of life, let your faith be like theirs.’—Bible in Basic English

‘Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.’—King James Version

‘Remember your leaders who have spoken to you the word of God; and considering the issue of their conversation, imitate their faith.’—Darby

‘Remember them who have the rule over you, who have spoken to you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their manner of life.’—Webster

‘Be mindful of those leading you, who did speak to you the word of God, whose faith — considering the issue of the behaviour —be imitating.’—Young’s Literal Translation

CHAPTER SUMMARY & REVIEW

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

Chapter 1 — Jesus, The Son Of God.

- ! *“..has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds...”(1:2)*
- ! *“..having become so much better than the angels...”(1:4)*
- ! *“You are My Son, today I have begotten You.”(1:5)*
- ! *“Let all the angels of God worship Him.”(1:6)*
- ! *“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever...”(1:8)*

Chapter 2 — Jesus, The Son Of Man.

- ! *“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.”(2:1)*
- ! *“But we see Jesus who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.”(2:9)*
- ! *“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...”(2:14)*
- ! *“Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”(2:17)*

Chapter 3 — Hear The Voice Of The Lord.

- ! *“For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honour than the house.”(3:3)*
- ! *“Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion...” (3:7-8)*
- ! *“For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt?...”(3:16)*

Chapter 4 —Attainment Of Rest.

- ! *“Therefore since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.”(4:1)*
- ! *“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”(4:12)*
- ! *“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”(4:15)*

Chapter 5 —God Provides For Our Spiritual Maturity.

- ! *“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”(5:6)*
- ! *“...of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.”(5:11)*

Chapter 6 —Progressing In Christ.

- ! *“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God...”(6:1-2)*
- ! *“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened...if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.”(6:4-6)*
- ! *“But beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.”(6:9)*
- ! *“For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself...”(6:13)*

Chapter 7 —Need For A New Priesthood.

- ! *“Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?”(7:11)*
- ! *“For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.”(7:18-19)*
- ! *“...Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.”(7:22)*

Chapter 8 —The New High Priest And Covenant.

- ! *‘Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: we have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens...’* (8:1-2)
- ! *‘But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also the Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.’* (8:6)
- ! *‘For if the first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.’* (8:7)
- ! *‘...in that He says, ‘A new covenant.’ He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.’* (8:13)

Chapter 9 —The New And Better Tabernacle.

- ! *‘But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people’s sins committed in ignorance.’* (9:7)
- ! *‘Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood he entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.’* (9:12)
- ! *‘For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of a testator.’* (9:16)
- ! *‘And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.’* (9:22)
- ! *‘Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.’* (9:23)
- ! *‘And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many...’* (9:27-28)

Chapter 10 —Draw Close To God And Remain Close.

- ! *‘For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices...’* (10:1-2)
- ! *‘...He takes away the first that He may establish the second.’* (10:9)
- ! *‘Let us...let us...let us...’* (10:22-24)
- ! *‘...if we sin willfully...’* (10:26)
- ! *‘...but recall the former days...’* (10:32)

Chapter 11 —A People Of Faith.

- ! *‘Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.’* (11:1)
- ! *‘By faith...by faith....by faith....’* (11:3-40)

Chapter 12 —Trained To Endure The Race.

- ! *“..let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us...”(12:1)*
- ! *‘Looking unto Jesus...’(12:2)*
- ! *‘Do not despise the chastening of the Lord...’(12:4)*
- ! *‘You have not come to the mountain that may be touched...’(12:18-24)*
- ! *‘Do not refuse Him who speaks...’(12:25)*
- ! *‘Our God is a consuming fire.’(12:29)*

Chapter 13 —Apply Those Things Which You Have Been Taught.

- ! *‘Let brotherly love continue...entertain strangers...remember the prisoners...’(13:1-3)*
- ! *‘Marriage is honourable...’(13:4)*
- ! *‘Remember those who rule over you...’(13:7)*
- ! *‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.’(13:8)*
- ! *‘Do not be carried about...’(13:9)*