

# A Much Better Way

## An overview of the Book of Hebrews

Text: [Hebrews 1-13](#)

### Introduction

#### KEY THINGS TO REMEMBER

- KEY WORD — “Better”
- WORDS TO KEEP IN MIND — eternal, perfect, once, blood, without, better, “we have...therefore let us,” sat down, and heavenly.
- THE AUTHOR — Undetermined...However, I am more inclined to consider Paul as the author and Luke the penman. If you are familiar with Paul’s style and Luke’s style, and the fact Luke is considered to be with Paul during the time Hebrews was written, it is very plausible.
- NICKNAME — The fifth Gospel; Describing Jesus ministry at the right hand of God.
- While other books of the Bible are largely about the apostles journeys, disciples, the Jews, pagans, and the church, Hebrews is lasered focused on the Lord Himself:
  - (1:1-3) Great than the prophets
  - (1:4—2:18) Greater than angels
  - (3:1-19) Greater than Moses
  - (4:1-16) Greater than Joshua
  - (5:1-10:18)(Most importantly) Greater than Aaron
  - All of these were crucially important in the Rabbinical teachings.

#### WHY WAS THEIR FAITH WAVERING?

- The Jewish believers had begun to think they had lost everything because of their new found faith in Jesus Christ.
- Notice these passages: 5:11-12; 6:10-11

### 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Christ Is Superior

#### Focus = Chapters 1-4:13

##### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (ch.1-2)

- Chapters 1 & 2 emphasizes this truth more than anywhere else in scripture.
  - [Hebrews 2:17–18](#) “17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make

reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.”

### *B. Having a more \_\_\_\_\_ upon Christ (ch. 3&4)*

- The writer was instructing these Jews to get their spiritual telescope out and gaze upon Jesus.
- Quote: (Saint Augustine) “No soul found rest until it found it’s rest in God.”
- [Psalm 37:5](#) “5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; Trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.”

#### *a) There are a couple of warnings to consider*

- First — Don’t neglect salvation (2:1-4)
- Second — Don’t depart from God’s Word (3:12)

### *C. Having a deeper \_\_\_\_\_ toward God’s Word (ch.4)*

- “Let us labor” = Give diligence
- [Ephesians 6:17](#) “17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”

## 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Christ Is Superior

Focus = 4:14-10:18

### *A. Jesus being a better \_\_\_\_\_ is the main theme*

- [Hebrews 8:1](#) “1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;”
- This is the “central” part of this book: Jesus’ eternal priesthood and sacrifice for the sin of the world.
- Notice how the writer defines the superiority of Jesus’ Priestly office:
  - A better covenant (8:13)
  - A better tabernacle (9:1-12)
  - A better sacrifice (10:18)

### *B. Jesus as Priest provided better \_\_\_\_\_*

- Notice these passages: 7:25; 8:1; 10:12; 9:24; 10:19-20

### *C. Jesus as Priest provided a better \_\_\_\_\_*

- The sin question is settled forever! (10:10-18)

### 3) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Christ Is Superior

Focus = 10:19-13:25

#### *A. The kind of \_\_\_\_\_ a Believer should live*

- God wants you live at a higher lever where you are able to focus on Him better.

#### *B. You must have a faith that \_\_\_\_\_*

- There is nothing mysterious about faith. Either you choose to believe God or not.
- Notice 11:6
- Faith is not about what we do for God, but a response to what God has done for us!