

## "Hebrews - A Portrait of the Better" Sermon Date: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

## **Reflections on Sunday's Sermon**

<u>The New City Catechism—Lord's Day 21</u>
What Sort of Redeemer is Needed to Bring Us Back to God?
One who is truly human and also truly God. (Isaiah 9:6)

## Scripture

**Hebrews 1:** <sup>1</sup>Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

**Hebrews 3:** <sup>12</sup> Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

**Hebrews 4:** <sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Hebrews 7:** <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

**Hebrews 8:** <sup>1</sup>Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

## **Understanding and Applying**

1.	<b>Theme:</b> In your own words, what has been the overarching <i>theme</i> for Hebrews 1-8?
2.	<b>Doctrine:</b> What are some profound <i>truths</i> that you have learned about the person and work of Jesus?
3.	Implications: Are there any implications (promises, commands, or consequences) that flow from the person and work of Christ that have stood out, comforted, or challenged you?
4.	<b>Jesus:</b> Overall, how has the book of Hebrews impacted the way you see Jesus or understand salvation?
5.	<b>Life:</b> Overall, how has the book of Hebrews impacted the way you see the Christian life?