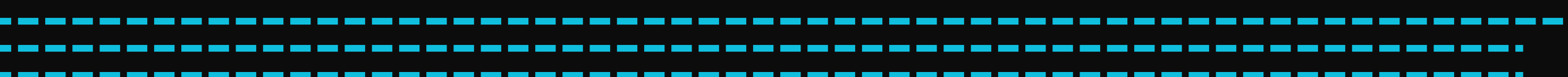


# Better

A Study of the Book of Hebrews



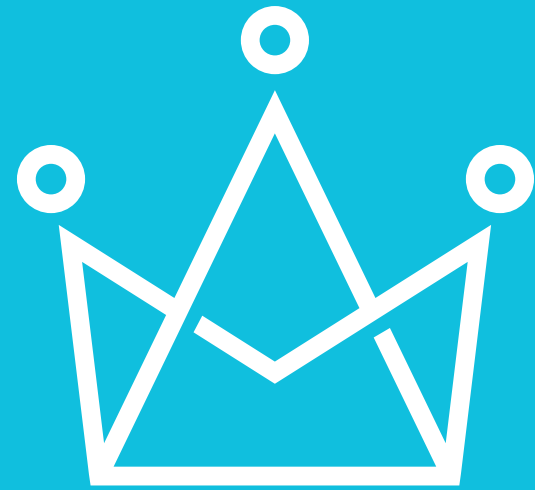
Where in  
the Bible  
does it claim  
that Jesus  
*is* God?



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*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.*

**HEBREWS 1:3**



**KING JESUS**



**Better**

- **ANGELS & TORAH**
- **MOSES & PROMISED LAND**
- **THE PRIESTHOOD**
- **SACRIFICES & COVENANT**

# Textual Commentary:

- v.1
  - **Jesus** is “apostle” because he brings the very message of God
  - **Jesus** is “high priest” because he is the ultimate bridge from us to the Father.
- v.5-6a
  - Moses is the faithful servant. Jesus is the faithful son. The servant **benefits** from the Master. The Son **inherits** from the Master.
- v.6b
  - This is encouragement to keep faith and speak of our hope!

## Hebrews 3:1-6

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, **the apostle and high priest of our confession,** <sup>2</sup> who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. <sup>3</sup> For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)<sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all God's house **as a servant,** to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup> but Christ is faithful over God's house **as a son.** And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our **confidence and our boasting in our hope.**

# Textual Commentary:

- v.7
  - This author rightly attributes the Psalms to **the word and work of the Spirit**.
- v.7b-11
  - This is an adapted quote of Psalm 95:7-11.
  - The author compares the situation of the Hebrew Christian audience to that of testing in the wilderness.
  - The danger is the same both groups: “going astray in their heart” and “not knowing” God’s ways.

## Hebrews 3:7-11

Therefore, **as the Holy Spirit says,**

“Today, if you hear his voice,

<sup>8</sup> **do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion,

on **the day of testing** in the wilderness,

<sup>9</sup> where your fathers put me to the test

and saw my works for forty years.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I was provoked with that generation,

and said, **‘They always go astray in their heart;**

they have not known my ways.’

<sup>11</sup> As I swore in my wrath,

**‘They shall not enter my rest.’”**





**“The people of Israel had recently been delivered from bondage in Egypt, had passed through the Red Sea, and were headed for Canaan to take possession of the Promised Land as God’s special covenant people. Had they taken a direct route across the Sinai Peninsula along a well-established trade route, the journey would have taken less than two weeks. But their sin against God and their hardness of heart led to a forty-year delay!”**

**// Charles Swindoll**



**Moses:**  
**God's**  
**Messenger**



**40 years**  
**of rebellion &**  
**wandering!**

**Jesus:**  
**God's**  
**Messenger**



**How much**  
**worse will it**  
**be to reject**  
**Jesus???**



# Textual Commentary:

- v.12

- The danger is not the hostile government / world coming to literally kill you. **YOUR UNBELIEF IS YOUR BIGGEST THREAT IN THIS WORLD!**

- v.13

- **Exhort one another daily** to fight hardness of heart & deception from sin.

- v.14

- We share in Christ **by way of our faith.**

- v.15

- Do not reject God like Israel did!

## Hebrews 3:12-15

<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.**

<sup>15</sup> As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
**do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”**

## Textual Commentary:

**BEWARE  
OF YOUR  
UNBELIEF!!**

## Hebrews 3:16-19

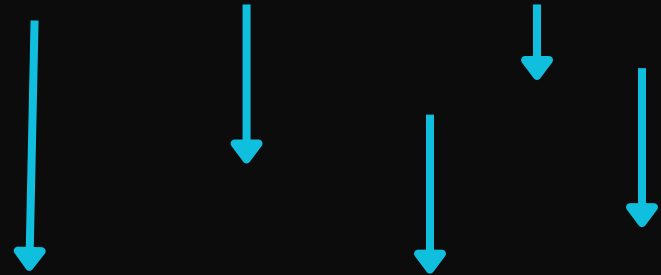
<sup>16</sup> For who were those **who heard and yet rebelled?** Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup> And with **whom was he provoked for forty years?** Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those **who were disobedient?**

<sup>19</sup> **So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.**

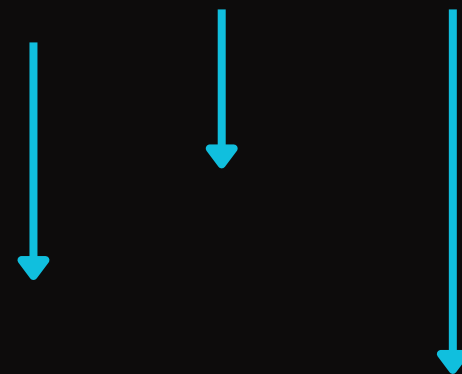


# Persecution

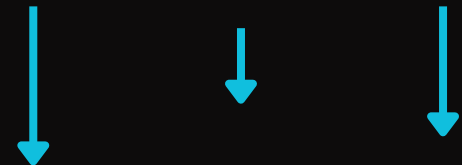
“Worship Caesar!”



“Where are your  
sacrifices to Yahweh?”



“You think a mere  
human was God?!?”



**Jewish Christians in Rome**

“Is it  
really  
**worth it** to  
follow  
**Jesus?**”

**LIVE  
THE  
TEXT**





## **1.Reflection Questions:** *Are you living in open rebellion to God?*

- Do you know that you are sinning and continue to sin anyway? (**Israel**)
- Are you putting off learning the ways of God? (**v.10**)
- Do you receive exhortation to fight the deceitfulness of sin? (**v.13**)
- Do you give exhortation to help others fight the deceitfulness of sin? (**v.13**)

## **2.Action Steps:**

- **Come to the front**, pray for the strength to repent (turn away from sin) and believe God will give you that strength.
- **Ask the elders** to connect you with a disciple-maker and participate in Midweek Discipleship.
- **Ask trusted Covenant Members** if they sin or an unrepentant attitude in your life.
- **If you are asked**, respond with truth, gentleness, and biblical support.

**LIVE THE TEXT**