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A Study of the Book of Hebrews

TOP 50

RADIO SONGS

TOP 50

STREAMING SONGS

TOP 25

DIGITAL SONG SALES

BILLBOARD

The three components of HOT 100

Charts

PulsePlanet Charts

August 23rd, 2025

TOP 10

PLAYS

OF THE NIGHT



WHICH ARE THE

Best Universities

IN AMERICA?

2023-2024

RANKING	UNIVERSITY	TUITION AND FEES (\$USD)	PRIVATE	PUBLIC	IN-STATE TUITION	OUT-OF-STATE TUITION	IVY LEAGUE
1	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	\$59.7K					Princeton has topped these rankings for 13 straight years.
2	MIT	\$60.2K					
3	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	\$59.1K					Harvard is the most affordable Ivy League university (\$59,076/year).
TIED 3	Stanford University	\$62.5K					
5	Yale	\$64.7K					
6	Penn	\$66.1K					
TIED 7	Caltech	\$63.0K					
TIED 7	Duke	\$48.6K					
9	BROWN	\$68.2K					
TIED 9	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	\$63.3K					
TIED 9	Northwestern University	\$66.0K					
12	COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	\$65.5K					
TIED 12	Cornell University	\$66.0K					

MOST ANTICIPATED MOVIES OF 2025

FANDANGO

1

CAPTAIN AMERICA: BRAVE NEW WORLD

2

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE - THE FINAL RECKONING

3

JURASSIC WORLD REBIRTH

4

FROM THE WORLD OF JOHN WICK: BALLERINA

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THE FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS

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AVATAR: FIRE AND ASH

7

WICKED PART TWO

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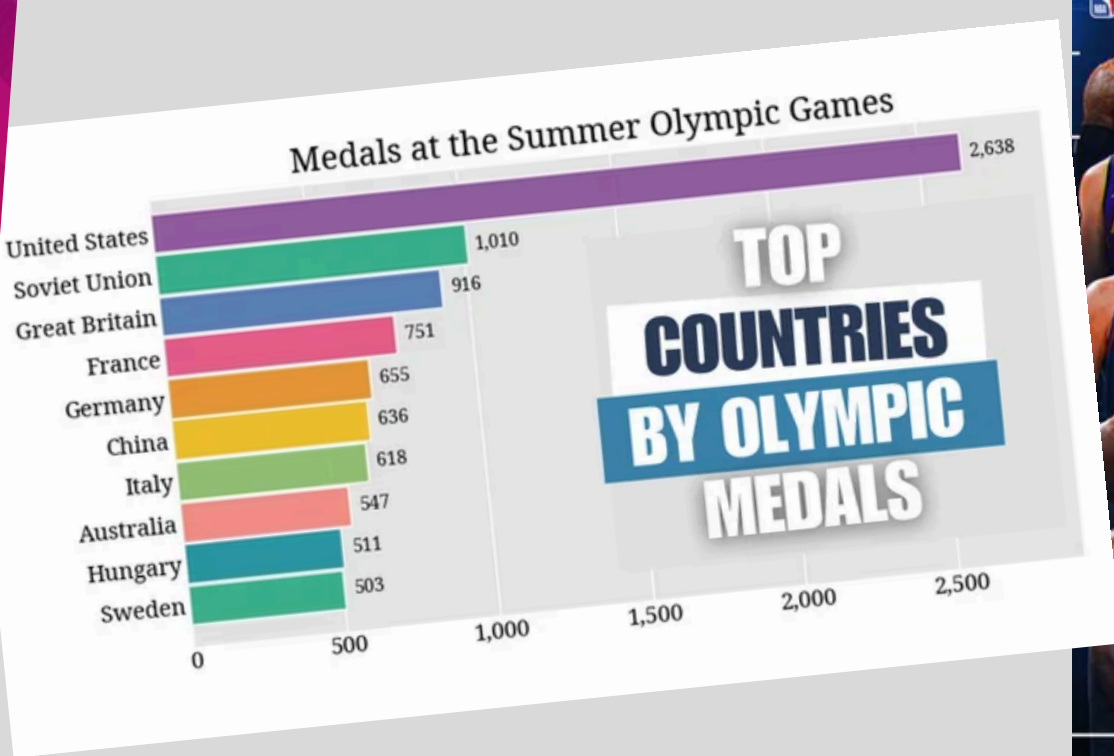
THE ACCOUNTANT 2

9

SUPERMAN

10

28 YEARS LATER



TOP 10 MOST-VIEWED PLAYERS 2024-25 SEASON

1	LEBRON JAMES	3.23B
2	STEPHEN CURRY	2.56B
3	LUKA DONČIĆ	1.82B
4	VICTOR WEMBANYAMA	1.47B
5	NIKOLA JOKIĆ	1.20B
6	JA MORANT	1.09B
7	SHAI GILGEIOUS-ALEXANDER	1.06B
8	GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO	897M
9	ANTHONY EDWARDS	800M
10	JAYSON TATUM	766M

CHOCOLATE IS
Better
THAN VANILLA

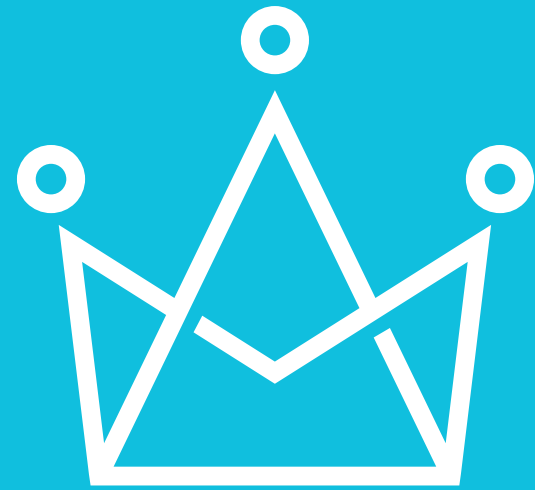


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Better
THAN QDOBA









KING JESUS



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



Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 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. 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, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

HEBREWS 1:1-4

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*Only God knew who wrote this epistle, and that conclusion
remains the safest.*

ORIGEN, A.D. 200

Hebrews Outline:

- Chapters 1-2: Jesus is better than the angels and Torah
- Chapters 3-4: Jesus is better than Moses and the Promised Land
- Chapters 5-7: Jesus is better than the Priesthood
- Chapters 8-10: Jesus is better than the Old Covenant
- Chapters 11-13: Jesus is better than previous “Heroes of the Faith”

Textual Commentary:

- **v.5a: Psalm 2:7**

- Describes a king who has universal sovereignty in a way that no mortal king had previously.

- **v.5b: 2 Samuel 7:14**

- This is God's promise to David of an everlasting kingdom, where David's sons will be as sons to God.

Hebrews 1:5

⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

Textual Commentary:

- **v.13: Psalm 110:1**
 - “***The Lord said to my Lord***, 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’”
- **v.14:** Angels are ministering spirits sent out to serve those who God saves.

Hebrews 1:13-14

¹³ And to which of the angels has he ever said,

“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

¹⁴ Are they not **all ministering spirits sent out to serve
for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?**

Jesus > Angels:

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
2. Jesus is seated at the “right hand of God,” a special place of honor.
3. Jesus is promised by God certain victory over all enemies.
4. Jesus is more than a “ministering spirit” sent by God.

Textual Commentary:

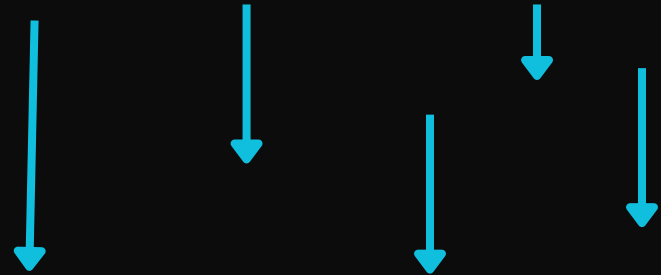
- v.1-4: Here is the first of the “*Hebrews Warning Passages*”
- v.1: The church has neglected the importance of Christ, likely because of their Jewish heritage.
- v.3a: What will God think if we reject the free gift of salvation?
- v.3b-4: Jesus presented the gospel; the apostles witnessed it; God confirmed it with signs, wonders, miracles, and gifts of the Spirit.

Hebrews 2:1-4

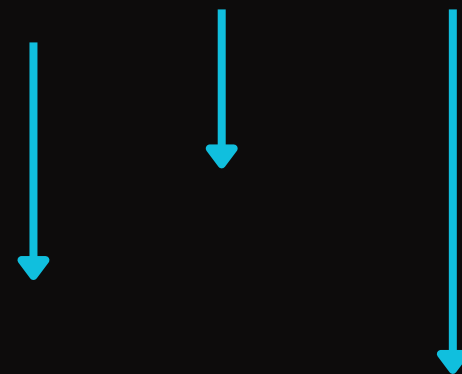
Therefore we must **pay much closer attention** to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ **how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?** It was declared at first ¹ **by the Lord**, and it was attested to us by ² **those who heard**, ⁴ while God also bore ³ **witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit** distributed according to his will.

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**



Cultural Pressure to Reject Christ:

- **Fear of Exclusion:** As our culture grows more secular, openly professing Christian beliefs on topics like sexuality and gender can lead to rejection and isolation in social settings like school and work.
- **Radical Individualism:** Christianity requires submission to the commands of Christ, making faith feel restrictive—even morally wrong to younger generations.
- **Moral Failures in the Church:** High-profile failures—abuse cover-ups, political entanglements, or moral lapses by leaders—fuel perceptions of Christianity as corrupt or violent, driving committed believers away.

Following Jesus:

- “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” // **Matthew 5:44-45**
- **Peter:** “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.'" // **Matthew 18:21-22**
- “Jesus said to him, 'If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.'”
// **Matthew 19:21**
- “If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.”
// **Matthew 5:29**

1.Reflection Questions: *Do you consider anything to be greater than Jesus?*

- Do you consider God the Father greater than the Son?
- Do you consider God the Spirit great than the Son?
- Do you have more reverence for Angels than the Son?

2. Strategy Questions: *How can we correct our theology and habits to honor Christ?*

- We must “*pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*” (2:1)
- We must not “*neglect such a great salvation*” (2:2) by giving our allegiance to idols.

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