

# ***Introduction***

## **The Book of Hebrews**

### **avoided the Epistle / warnings" / too difficult / book is clear**

Many people have avoided the Epistle to the Hebrews and, consequently, have robbed themselves of practical spiritual help. Some have avoided this book because they are "afraid of it." The "warnings" in Hebrews have made them uneasy. Others have avoided this book because they think it is "too difficult" for the average Bible student. To be sure, there are some profound truths in Hebrews, and no preacher or teacher would dare to claim that he knows them all! But the general message of the book is clear and there is no reason why you and I should understand and profit from it.

### **Prayer**

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

*Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) <sup>12</sup> 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.*

### **In Every Study**

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

*Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

### **addressed to Hebrew Believers / pulled back into Judaism / losing focus**

This book is addressed to Hebrew Believers, who were being pulled back into Judaism. Pulled back into traditions, into the temple and sacrificial system. They were being pulled back into religion and rituals, and were losing focus on all that Jesus had done.

### **about the superiority of Christ**

This book is about the superiority of Christ. He is the supreme God who demonstrated He is worthy to be praised and to be Lord of our life.

### **Better**

The word *better* is used thirteen (13x) times in this book as the writer shows the superiority of Jesus Christ and His salvation

- over the Hebrew system of religion.
- Christ is "better than the angels" (Heb. 1:4).
- He brought in "a better hope" (Heb. 7: 19)
- because He is the Mediator of "a better covenant,
- which was established on better promises" (Heb. 8:6).

### **Perfect**

Another word that is repeated in this book is perfect; in the original Greek it is used fourteen (14x) times. It means a perfect standing before God.

- This perfection could never be accomplished by the Levitical priesthood (Heb. 7:11)
- or by the Law (Heb. 7: 19),
- nor could the blood of animal sacrifices achieve it (Heb, 10:1).
- Jesus Christ gave Himself as one offering for sin, and by this He has "perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14).

## **Eternal**

Eternal / Forever a third word that is important to the message of Hebrews (eternal 5 times / forever 9 times) - .

- Christ is the "author of eternal salvation" (Heb. 5:9).
- Through His death, He "obtained eternal redemption" (Heb. 9: 12)
- and He shares with believers "the promise of eternal inheritance" (Heb. 9:15).
- 'His throne is forever (Heb. 1:8)
- and He is a priest forever (Heb. 5:6; 6:20; 7:17, 21).
- "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

## **Combine all 3**

When you combine these three important words, you discover that Jesus Christ and the Christian life He gives us are better because these blessings

- are eternal
- and they give us a perfect standing before God.

The religious system under the Mosaic Law was imperfect because it could not accomplish a once-for-all redemption that was eternal.

## **History / His-story / weaves / from the foundations – cross – right hand**

This Bible is more than a history book, it is His-story, and every book in the Bible points to Christ; but no single book so wonderfully weaves the whole Bible together as the Book of Hebrews does. From Genesis through Revelation, 66 books, by 40 different authors, no book better weaves the whole picture together like Hebrews does. We will see Jesus from the foundations of the world, to the cross, to being seated at the right-hand of the Father making intercession for the saints.

## Theme of the Book of Hebrews:

*(Hebrews 1:1 NKJV) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, (Hebrews 1:2 NKJV) has in these last days spoken to us by His Son.....*

The message is complete, God has spoken through the Son, there is nothing more to say.

## Outline of the Book of Hebrews:

- Chapter 1 – Christ and His Deity: The Son of God
- Chapter 2 – Christ and His Humanity: The Son of Man
- Chapter 3 – Christ and His Faithfulness: He is Greater than Moses
- Chapter 4 – Christ and His Rest: The Works are Complete
- Chapter 5 – Christ and His Priesthood: Our Great High Priest
- Chapter 6 – Christ and His Finished Works: Our Full Assurance
- Chapter 7 – Christ and His Everlasting Priesthood: According to the Order of Melchizedek
- Chapter 8 – Christ and His New Covenant: The Old Covenant is Obsolete
- Chapter 9 – Christ and His Mediation: Our Sin is Paid in Full
- Chapter 10 – Christ and His Sacrifice: The Animal Sacrifices are Insufficient
- Chapter 11 – Christ and His Faithful Followers: the Hall of Faith
- Chapter 12 – Christ and His Endurance: The Author and Finisher of Our Faith
- Chapter 13 – Christ and His Calling to Us: Our Conduct

## **Warnings / true believers / persecuted / false teachers / forgetting the word**

This Book speaks on the Superiority of Jesus, but also, there are warnings given in this book to Believers who were drifting away from the Lord, and walking away from Him. These people were second-generation believers, having been won to Christ by those who had known Jesus Christ during His ministry here on earth (Heb 2:3). They were true believers (Heb 3:1) and not mere professors. They had been persecuted because of their faith (Heb 10:32-34; 12:4; 13:13-14), and yet they had faithfully ministered to the needs of others who had suffered (Heb 6:10). But they were being seduced by teachers of false

doctrine (Heb 13:9), and were in danger of forgetting the true Word that their first teachers, now dead, had taught them (Heb 13:7).

### **standstill spiritually / going backward / forsaken the regular worship / backsliding**

The tragic thing about these believers is that they were at a standstill spiritually and danger of going backward (Heb 5:12). Some of them has even forsaken the regular worship services (Heb 10:25) and were not making spiritual progress (Heb 6:1). In Christian Life, if you do not go forward, you go backward; there is no permanent standing still. If you are not as on fire for Jesus Christ today, as you were yesterday, then you are backslidden.

#### 6 Warnings given in the Book of Hebrews:

- Warning 1 - Drifting Away: 2:1-4
- Warning 2 - Doubting: 3:7-4:2
- Warning 3 - Dull Hearing: 5:11-14
- Warning 4 - Departing: 6:4-6
- Warning 5 - Despising: 10:26-39
- Warning 6 - Denying: 12:14-29

### **Progression**

Look at the progression.

- If we do not listen to God's Word and really hear it, we will start to **drift**.
- Neglect always leads to drifting, in things material and physical as well as spiritual.
- As we drift from the Word, we start to **doubt** the Word; because faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).
- We start to get hard hearts, and this leads to spiritual sluggishness, which produces **dullness** toward the Word. We become "dull of hearing"-lazy listeners!
- We then **depart** altogether, they have no thought of the Word and its meaning in their life.
- This leads to a **despiteful** attitude toward the Word to the extent that we willfully disobey God;
- and this gradually develops into a defiant, **denying** attitude—we almost "dare" God to do anything!

### **What does God do during regression / keeps speaking / chastens**

Now what does God do while this spiritual regression is going on? He keeps speaking to us, encouraging us to get back to the Word. If we fail to listen and obey, then He begins to chasten us. This chastening process is the theme of Hebrews 12, the climactic chapter in the epistle. "The Lord shall judge His *people*" (Heb. 10:30, italics mine). God does not allow His children to become "spoiled brats" by permitting them to willfully defy His Word. He always chastens in love.

### **applicable to us / strategic times / temple destroyed / God shaking their world / true trust**

This letter is very applicable to us today, believers living in America, for this letter was written to believers at a strategic time in history. The temple was still standing and the sacrifices were still being offered. But in a few years, both the city and the temple would be destroyed. The Jewish nation would be scattered, and this would include Jewish believers in Jesus Christ. The ages were colliding! God was "shaking" the order of things (Heb. 12:25-29). He wanted His people to have their feet on the solid foundation of faith; He did not want them to trust in things that would vanish.

### **church today is living similar circumstances / scaffolding / solid foundation**

I believe that the church today is living similar circumstances. Everything around us is shaking and changing. People are discovering that they have been depending on the "scaffolding" and not on the solid foundation. Even God's people have gotten so caught up in this world's system that their confidence is not in the Lord, but in money, buildings, programs and other passing material things. As God continues to "shake" society, the scaffolding will fall away; and God's people will discover that their only confidence must be in the Word of God.

**Established**

God wants our hearts to be "established with grace" (Heb. 13:9). That word "established" is used, in one form or another, eight times in Hebrews. It means: "to be solidly grounded, to stand firm on your feet." It carries the idea of strength, reliability, confirmation, permanence. This is a key message in Hebrews: "You can be secure while everything around you is falling apart! We have a kingdom which cannot be moved (Heb. 12:28). God's Word is steadfast (Heb 2:2) and so is the hope we have in Him (Heb 6:19).

**superiority and sufficiency / foundational**

This Book will bless you tremendously. As we see His superiority and sufficiency over our lives and in our lives, we will be drawn closer to Him. This book is foundational for your Christianity.

# Hebrews Chapter 1

## Christ and His Deity: The Son of God

**Passage:** Hebrews 1:1-3

**Title:** Seven Characteristics of Christ

**Summary:** This book is addressed to Hebrew Believers, who were being pulled back into Judaism. Pulled back into traditions, into the temple and sacrificial system. They were being pulled back into religion and rituals, and were losing focus on all that Jesus had done. This book is about the superiority of Christ. He is the supreme God who demonstrated He is worthy to be praised and to be Lord of our life. The Epistle to the Hebrews exalts the person and the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. The first three verses set this high and holy theme which is maintained throughout the entire book.

*Hebrews 1:1–3 (NKJV)* <sup>1</sup> God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> 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; <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

### exalts the person and the work / 3 verses

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**(Hebrews 1:1 NKJV) God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,**

God - What a way to start a book - God. Normally a book will start with, Paul and apostle, James a bondservant, but this one starts out with pure power, God!

### argued over the centuries

It has been argued over the centuries who wrote this book. Some say it was Luke, some say Paul, some say Apollos. Whoever it was they had to have an in-depth knowledge of theology, and the Old Testament Scriptures. They also had a mastery of the Greek Language (The writer quotes almost entirely from the Septuagint, which is the Greek translation of Hebrew OT. Also, the first 4 verses are all one sentence in the Greek, and it is grammatically perfect.) To me all the signs point to Paul, but as we all know this book was penned by the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit.

*2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)* <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### Wasted time / not writer but author

So there I just summed up what caused me 80 hours of research in Bible College. Wasted time. Theologians argue over and over on who wrote this book, wasted time. It isn't the writer that changes lives, but the Author - Jesus Christ:

*(Hebrews 12:2 NKJV)* looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### Not ink but Spirit

It isn't the ink on the paper, but the Spirit of God who flows from the pages into our, changing our minds:

*(Hebrews 4:12 NKJV)* 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.

### doesn't set out to prove / example / not to make God acceptable

Not only doesn't this book start out with who wrote it; it also doesn't set out to prove the existence of God. It starts out - God! Take this example also. We do not have to prove to people God's existence, He doesn't, and therefore neither do we. He is alive forever more and He doesn't have to prove His existence. Listen, the gospel of Jesus Christ is not to make God acceptable to man, but to make man

acceptable to God. His existence is not the issue, the issue at hand is who is this man, the God-man, named Jesus Christ who walked this earth 2,000 years ago. What does He mean to you, for your eternity depends upon knowing who He was.

### **God has spoken**

who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, - God has spoken to man through many ways:

- He has spoken through creation - heavens declare your glory (Psalm 19:1 / Rom 1:20)
- He has spoken to our conscience – (Rom 1:28)
- He has spoken to man through angels - (throughout the OT & NT)
- He has spoken to man through the early fathers (Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and on)
- He has spoken to man through prophets and priests – (Isaiah, Ezekial, Jonah, and on)

### **All of these / But finally the Son – there is nothing more to say**

All of these, creation around us, conscience within us, prophets among us, and angels from on high. They all spoke, but the message wasn't complete until the Son came. Then everything and all things have been said; there is nothing more to say.

**(Hebrews 1:2 NKJV) 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;**

### **We Have a Speaking God**

We have a speaking God, and aren't you glad that God speaks to us? He truly does. And he has this Word and he has spoken it to us, and it is a beautiful Word. It is a life-giving Word, and it is a life-leading Word. It will lead your life. It will lead your marriage. It will lead your child rearing. It will lead your singleness. It will lead your ministry. It will lead your joy or lack thereof. And I look forward to, every morning, to setting aside time with my journal, Bible open, pen in hand, because I know and I believe without a doubt, I have a speaking God, and He's going to speak to me through this Word.

It's going to lead me for my day. It's going to lead me on the moment that I'm in, the things that I'm facing, the challenges before me. And I just give thanks, and I know you do too. And we can praise him right now. We have a speaking God who speaks to us through the Word that's living and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword. And we'll be there in a few chapters when we hit chapter four.

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**(Hebrews 1:3 NKJV) who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,**

Listed here in these two verses are 7 Characteristics of Jesus Christ:

- He is Heir of all things: v2
- He is the Creator of all things: v2
- He is the Brightness of His Glory: v3
- He is the Expressed Image of God: v3
- He Holds all things together with His word: v3
- He is the Purifier of our sins: v3
- He is at the right hand of the Majesty on high: v3

These first three verses almost perfectly outline the 13 chapters of the Book of Hebrews:

### Chapters 1-2

- He is Heir of all things: v2
- He is the Creator of all things: v2
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- He Holds all things together with His word: v3  
Chapters 3-10
- He is the Purifier of our sins: v3  
Chapters 11-13
- He is at the right hand of the Majesty on high: v3

### **1.) He is Heir of all things: v2 - whom He has appointed heir of all things**

Everything is His, but there is only one thing He wants - His saints:

**(Ephesians 1:18 NKJV)** the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Jesus' inheritance is you, the saints, the Christian believers.

**(Matthew 13:44 NKJV)** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

The field is the world; we are the treasures in that field, the inheritance that came with buying the field.

He bought the world with His blood, and said it was worth every drop.

**(Hebrews 12:2 NKJV)** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **self-esteem, they need Christ-esteem / precious and priceless**

The world doesn't need more self-esteem, they need Christ-esteem. If a person would understand that they are His treasure, His inheritance, if a person could see how precious and priceless they are to the Lord, they would never consider themselves undesirable and worthless.

### **2.) He is the Creator of all things: v2 - through whom also He made the worlds;**

#### **Six days / dirty hands / crowning jewel**

Six days to create the world, he spoke and they came into existence, but He had to get His hands dirty to create you – the crowning jewel of His Creation. You are His Masterpiece and Poem.

**Colossians 1:15–16 (NKJV)** <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

**(John 1:10 NKJV)** He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

If Jesus created all things, then He able to handle anything that come up in my life.

### **3.) He is the Brightness of His Glory: v3 - who being the brightness of His glory**

Brightness – the root word means to “beam forward” and shine.

#### **Revelation no sun or moon**

There will be no sun or Moon for Jesus will illuminate eternity, for the Lamb is the Light.

**(Revelation 21:23 NKJV)** The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.

#### **Light of the Holy of Holies**

In the Old Testament we saw that inside the tabernacle/temple there was a lampstand that lit the Holy Place of the temple, but behind the veil in the Holy of Holies, there was no instrument of light, for the glory of God illuminated the Holy of Holies.

**(Exodus 40:34 KJV)** Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

**(Leviticus 16:2 KJV)** And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

### **The Veil is torn / man can come into His Glory thru Jesus**

The High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies, and that was only once a year, and he would make an offering for the sins of man. But now the veil has been torn in two, and man can come into the presence of His glory - for today He has spoken to us through the Son, who is *the brightness of His glory*

Christ is to the Father what the rays of the sun are to the sun. He is the radiance of God's glory. As it is impossible to separate the rays from the sun, it is also impossible to separate Christ's glory from the nature of God.

### **4.) He is the Expressed Image of God: v3 - and the express image of His person**

Image - karakter, khar-ak-tare'; a graver (the tool or the person), i.e. (by impl.) engraving ([ "character"], the figure stamped, i.e. an exact copy or [fig.] representation):--express image.

### **Made Coins / 2 things – same image**

This is how they made coins in that day. A stamp with the image would strike the coin, and the coin would have the same image as was on the stamp. So you would have two different things, but the same image.

Phillip said show us the Father and we will be happy, Jesus said you see Him now.

*John 14:8–9 (NKJV)* <sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

### **5.) He Holds all things together with His word: v3 - and upholding all things by the word of His power**

#### **Jesus Atomic Glue**

The Sustainer. Jesus is the atomic glue that holds the world together. His word holds it together. Scientist can not figure out what holds an atom together. What holds the atom together, what holds every material thing together, it is none other than Jesus Christ - His word.

*(Colossians 1:17 NKJV)* And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

#### **Do you have this down / What holds your world together**

If you do not have that down yet, you need to. What is going to hold your thing together? Your marriage, your parenting, your mind, what is going to hold your world from flying apart? Only one thing, the word, and the power behind the word. It is by the power of His word all things are sustained. Any couple that is in the word, and I mean truly in the word, will not split apart. I am convince of that because it is the rightness of His word, and the leading and direction it gives your life.

#### **Don't go against the Word / Reason God is shaking the World**

It is foolish to go against His word, for things start flying apart when you do. There is a reason why God is shaking everything around us, He wants us to turn from the things of this world and stop depending on them, and center our attention on the One, Him, who holds all things together.

### **6.) He is the Purifier of our sins: v3 - when He had by Himself purged our sins**

By Himself - means two things. It means through Himself, which is through His body.

*(John 1:29 NKJV)* The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

Secondly, it means by Himself, as in all alone.

No one worthy to take the scroll, but the Lamb, and the Lamb only:

*Revelation 5:1–7 (NKJV)* <sup>1</sup> And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" <sup>3</sup> And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>4</sup> So I wept much,



*because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. <sup>5</sup> But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."<sup>6</sup> And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.*

**(Matthew 27:46 NKJV)** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

### **written Hebrew Christians / high priest – holy of holies**

This is written to Hebrew Christians, they would know what it meant. The High Priest would go into the Holy of Holies, once a year on the Day of Atonement, and by himself, make atonement for the people. Jesus took our sin, by Himself, he did the work, and it is finished.

**7.) He is at the right hand of the Majesty on high: v3** - *sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high*

### **Seated / no seat in Tabernacle/ work is done**

He is seated, the works are done. In the Old Testament, there was no seat in the tabernacle. The reason there was no seat was because the work was never done. The sacrifice for sin had to be done over and over. Jesus is seated, because the work, the sacrifice for sin, is done.

### **Intercession**

What does he do now?

**(Romans 8:34 NKJV)** Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

He is making intercession for us. So his ruling over us is based on intercession for us. He is not lording over us, but praying for us, caring for us.

In fact, in chapter 7, it says "He lives" to make intercession for us; and based on everything we have just read, it is easy for me to say and declare, that His whole purpose and desire (even though He is God), is to live for me and see me through this world and into His arms. That is amazing love!

**Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)** <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Husbands, take this example, we are to be interceding for our bride, praying for her, washing her with the word so that we might present her a spotless bride before the Father.

### **Most Beautiful Aspect of God / the Curse**

*(Hebrews 1:2 NKJV) has in these last days spoken to us by His Son*

The most beautiful aspect of God would never have been revealed had it not been for the fall. For we see a God willing to transcend from the throne, walk amongst man, and take the curse upon Himself those 6 horrific hours that Friday, all to redeem man unto Himself.

Meditate over these traits, they are truly beautiful. The more we grow in our understanding of the Lord, the greater He will become to us. He doesn't become bigger to us, but we see Him more clearly, and we can walk with Him more intimately.

### **Purpose of Hebrew / that we would see Jesus**

As we study Hebrews together, we must keep in mind that our purpose is not to get lost in curious doctrinal details. Nor is our purpose to attack or defend some pet doctrine. Our purpose is to hear God speak in Jesus Christ, and to heed that Word. We want to echo the prayer of the Greeks: "Sir, we would see Jesus" (John 12:21). If our purpose is to know Christ better and exalt Him more, than whatever differences we may have in our understanding of the book will be forgotten in our worship of Him.

**(John 12:21 NKJV)** Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

**Romans 11:33 (NKJV)** <sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary lists 550,000 words. And it is a solemn and beautiful thought that in our worship of God there sometimes rush up from the depths of our souls feelings that all this wealth of words is not sufficient to express. To be articulate at certain times we are compelled to fall back upon "Oh!" or "O!"—a primitive exclamatory sound that is hardly a word at all and that scarcely admits of a definition.

Vocabularies are formed by many minds over long periods and are capable of expressing whatever the mind is capable of entertaining. But when the heart, on its knees, moves into the awesome Presence and hears with fear and wonder things not lawful to utter, then the mind falls flat, and words, previously its faithful servants, become weak and totally incapable of telling what the heart hears and sees. In that awful moment the worshiper can only cry "Oh!" And that simple exclamation becomes more eloquent than learned speech and, I have no doubt, is dearer to God than any oratory. (Tozer)

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#### **In Every Study**

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

**Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)** <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.