

# **JESUS IS GREATER**

## A STUDY IN HEBREWS



Week Seven / Chapter Three / Verses 7-11

**Before you begin: Any good study in the word of God should begin with prayer. Ask God to settle your heart and allow you to see the things that He would have you to learn and that those things would change your life and spiritual walk. Next read over the text several times. As you read, those things that God wants you to learn will begin to stand out to you. The questions below will help guide you through the study.**

### **Background:**

This is the only New Testament book which we don't know the author of. There have been many attempts to deduce the author of this book, yet nothing definitive. Paul, Barnabas, Silas, Peter, Apollos, and others have been proposed. The early church fathers didn't know who wrote this book and at the end of the day we have to admit as well that we just don't know. In reality, it doesn't matter so much because the Holy Spirit is the ultimate author. 2 Peter 1:21.

The book was written to the Hebrews. Gentiles are not mentioned at all within the book of Hebrews. Neither is the conflict between Gentiles and Jews which occurred so often in many of the early churches. The book includes many reference to the Old Testament which Jews would have been familiar with as well as many references to priesthood, ceremonial laws, and the Levitical Priesthood.

The chief underlying theme is the superiority and pre-eminence of Christ. It is rather fitting that the author is anonymous because the book is all about how ***Christ is greater than*** everything and everyone in glory and power. While there are many deep doctrines in the book, recognizing Christ's supreme position is of vital importance. It also will have a deep impact on our lives if we live our life with Christ on His throne and submit our will to Him. ([studyhebrews.com](http://studyhebrews.com))

## **Do Not Harden Your Hearts!**

### **Study Questions**

1. What passage is being referenced (quoted) in these verses?
2. Why does the author of Hebrews state that this passage was authored by the Holy Spirit? What does this say to us about the authority and inspiration of Scripture?
3. We see the word, "Today," referenced more than once in this chapter and into chapter 4. What is the author expressing through this word? (2 Corinthians 6:2)
4. What kind of miracles did the Israelites see God perform during their forty years in the wilderness? Did His miracles convince them? Why or why not?
5. Explain what it means to "harden your heart".
6. How did the OT Israelites provoke God?
7. Why were the Israelites not allowed to enter ("My rest") the Promised Land? What does the promised land represent for Christians, and how do we apply this to our lives? What do we learn from this account about God's nature and the consequences of sin?
8. An entire generation wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, never entering the Promised Land. Only two men, Joshua and Caleb, saw it. Moses, who died with that generation, did not. Why? How did this fact further prove to the Hebrew Christians of that day, that Christ is superior to Moses?