

## Administrative Notes

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## Hebrews: The Superiority of Christ

### I. Doctrine: The Superiority of the Son of God and His Work (1:1 – 10:18).

- A. Christ is greater than angels (1:1 – 14; 2:5 – 18).  
[First warning: Heed what the Son says (2:1 – 4)]
- B. Christ is greater than Moses (3:1 – 6).  
[Second warning: Beware of unbelief; it destroys perseverance and rest (3:7 – 4:10)]
- C. Christ is a greater priest than Aaron (4:14 – 5:10).  
[Third warning: Beware of sloth and apostasy (5:11 – 6:20)]
- D. Christ's order of priesthood – the order of Melchizedek – is greater than the Aaronic (7:1 – 28).
- E. Christ has a greater ministry (8:1 – 6).
- F. Christ is a mediator of a greater covenant (8:6 – 13).
- G. Christ is a priest of a greater sanctuary (9:1 – 28).
- H. Christ offered a greater sacrifice (10:1 – 18).

### II. Practice: Exhortation and Encouragement (10:19 – 13:25).

- A. Worship and exhortation (10:19 – 25).  
[Fourth warning: Beware of willful sin; persevere in faith (10:26 – 39)]
- B. Examples of faith (11:1 – 12:3).
- C. Suffering sanctifies (12:4 – 13).  
[Fifth warning: Beware of falling from grace and the fear of God (12:14 – 29)].
- D. Final instructions, exhortations and benediction (13:1 – 25).

## **Hebrews: Some Introductory Considerations**

- **As to the Title.**
  - (1) The title is not part of the original text; one doesn't give a title to his letter.
  - (2) The acceptability of the title is supported by the information in the text.
  
- **The Addressees.**
  - (1) Chp. 13:22f. implies a specific group of people.
  - (2) Chps. 7-10 suggest Hebrew Christians.
  
- **The Form of the Book.**
  - (1) It exhibits some features of a New Testament letter.
  - (2) What characterizes a typical N.T. letter?
    - a. A salutation at the beginning.
    - b. The body of the letter.
    - c. Final greetings.
    - d. Sometimes a word of benediction.
  
- **As to the Author.**
  - (1) The style of writing is not Pauline.
  - (2) But the content and spirit is Pauline.
  - (3) Some Pauline features in the book.
    - a. The architecture of the book: first doctrine then practice.
    - b. The conclusion sounds Pauline. -- Paul calls Timothy "our brother" in Col. 1:1
    - c. Only Paul uses Hab. 2:4 in the N.T.
    - d. Some expressions seem Pauline.
  
- **As to the Date.**
  - (1) Some texts imply temple sacrifices still being offered.
  - (2) The temple sacrifices stop in 70 A.D. when Jerusalem falls to Rome.
  
- **As to the Occasion.**
  - (1) The precarious situation of Hebrew Christians – they have suffered persecutions.
  - (2) These Jewish Christians are undergoing tremendous cultural shock.