


The book of Hebrews

Part 1

Why was this book written?

**Was it Paul's "thesis" about
Jesus the Messiah?**

- **Galatians 1:11-24**
- **Philippians 3:4b-10**

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1. God has a **Son!** (1:2)
 2. His name is **Jesus** (2:9)
 3. He is the long-awaited **Messiah** (3:6)
 - Far above angels, principalities and powers
 - Son of God and Son of Man
 - In Whom we put our Faith
 - Through Whom we have our salvation

The book of Hebrews ...

- Quotes **45** times from the Old Testament
- Quotes **66** verses from the O.T.
- Quotes from the O.T. in **every** chapter!

- The book of **Hebrews** ...

... is “*the Gospel for the Jews*”

- The book of **Romans** ...

... is “*the Gospel for the Gentiles*”

An outline of Hebrews

Christ's superior revelation (1:1-4)

Christ's superiority over angels (1:5 – 2:18)

Christ's superiority over Moses (3:1 – 4:13)

Christ's superiority over Aaronic priests

(4:14 – 7:28)

Christ's superior sacrifice (ch. 8, 9, 10)

The need for persevering faith (ch. 11 & 12)

Living for Christ (ch. 13)

God has spoken through His Son

- A long time ago, God spoke to our ancestors in many ways by the prophets; but in these last days He has spoken to us through a Son, Who God appointed to be heir of all things, and through Whom God also created the worlds.
- God's Son is the *reflection* of God's glory, and the *exact imprint* of God's very being. He upholds everything by His powerful Word.

God's Son is superior to the angels

- After God's Son had made purification for our sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High, having become as much **superior** to the angels, as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
- To which of the angels did God ever say, "You are My Son; today I have begotten you"? Or, "I will be His Father, and He will be My Son"?
- When God brought His firstborn into the world, He said, "Let all God's angels worship Him."
- Now God says about the angels, "He makes His angels winds, and His servants flames of fire."

- But God says about His Son, “Your throne, **O God**, is forever and ever; and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of Your **Kingdom**. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness, therefore your God, has anointed You **God** with the oil of gladness **beyond** your companions.”
- God also says, “In the beginning, **Lord**, You founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands – they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak You will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will never end.”
- To which of the angels has God ever said, “Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?
- Aren’t all the angels, spirits who serve God, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

A warning to pay attention

- Therefore we must pay more attention to what we have heard, so that we ***don't drift away from it.***
- For if the message that was declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the **Lord**, and it was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, while God added His testimony [to His Son] by *signs and wonders, and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to His will.*

Exalted by being humble

- God didn't subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels.
- But David testified, "What are human beings that You are mindful of them; or people, that You care for them? You have made them, *for a little while*, lower than the angels. You have crowned them with glory and honour, putting everything under their feet."
- In subjecting all things to them, *God left nothing outside their control*. At the moment, we don't yet see everything subject to them, but we see **Jesus** Who, *for a little while*, was made lower than the angels; but *now* He is crowned with glory and honour because He suffered death, so that by the **grace** of God He might taste death for everyone.

- It was fitting that God, for Whom and through Whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
- For Jesus Who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified, all have the same Father.
- For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying to His Father, “I will proclaim Your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.”
- Jesus also said, “I will put My trust in Him.” And “Here I am, and the children who the Lord has given Me.”

- Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, Jesus Himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and set free those people who, *all their lives*, were held in slavery by the fear of death.
- Jesus didn't come to help angels, but to help the descendants of Abraham.
- Therefore He had to become like His brothers and sisters in every respect, so that He might be a merciful and faithful **High Priest** in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.
- So Jesus is able to help those who are being tested, because He Himself was tested by what He suffered.

Application

Knowing who Jesus is, and what He has done for us, should:

- Increase our faith, our hope, and our love for Him.
- Increase our worship of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Knowing who Jesus is, should affect our lives:

- He is our Prophet (Mouthpiece of God) – so ***listen*** to Him!
- He is our great High Priest – so ***thank*** Him for offering up His blood and life for us!
- He is our King and Lord – so ***obey*** Him!