

HEBREWS

The Superiority of Jesus Christ

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Marathon Fellowship

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And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

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He left His Father's throne above
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race!
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For, O my God, it found out me.

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Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

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No condemnation now I dread
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, thru Christ my own.

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I. The Superiority of Jesus Christ: Doctrinal (1:1–10:18)

- A. Christ's Superiority in His Person (1:1–4:13)
- B. Christ's Superiority in His Priesthood (4:14–10:18)

II. The Superior Christian Life: Practical (10:19–13:25)

- A. Life of Faith (10:19–11:40)
- B. Life of Patient Endurance (12:1-29)
- C. Life of Love and Good Deeds (13:1-21)
- D. Conclusion (13:22-25)

Christology in Hebrews

- The Book of Hebrews is one of the most *christological* books in the New Testament (along w/the Gospel of John and the Book of Colossians).
- *Christology in Hebrews*
 1. Christ's Divine Sonship (Chaps. 1–4): Foundational
 2. Christ's High Priesthood (Chaps. 5–10): Central

3 Vital Stages of Sonship of Jesus Christ in the Book of Hebrews

- 1. Preexistent, Eternal Son**
- 2. Incarnate, Earthly Son**
- 3. Exalted, Heavenly Son**

The Superiority of Jesus Christ in Hebrews

1. Jesus > Angels Jesus' Revelation > OT Law (Heb. 1:1–2:18)
2. Jesus > Moses Jesus' Rest > OT Rest (Heb. 3:1–4:13)
3. Jesus > Aaron Jesus' Priesthood > Aaronic Priesthood
(Heb. 4:14–10:18)
 - His superior priesthood (4:14–7:28)
 - His superior covenant (8:1-13)
 - His superior sanctuary (9:1-12)
 - His superior sacrifice (9:13–10:18)

Hebrews 1–2

- Jesus Christ > Angels
 - NT Revelation > OT Law
1. In His Deity
 2. In His Humanity

7 Designations of the Son's Deity in Hebrews 1:3-4

1. Christ the Heir of all things
2. Christ the Creator of the universe/life
3. Christ the Radiance of God's glory
4. Christ the Revealer of God's Essence
5. Christ the Sustainer of the universe/life
6. Christ the Redeemer/Atonement for sin
7. Christ the Ruler/Sovereign of all things

7 OT Quotations to Demonstrate the Son's Superiority to Angels in Hebrews 1:5-13

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| 1. Psalm 2:7 | Hebrews 1:5 |
| 2. 2 Samuel 7:14 | Hebrews 1:5 |
| 3. Deuteronomy 32:43 (LXX) | Hebrews 1:6 |
| 4. Psalm 104:4 | Hebrews 1:7 |
| 5. Psalm 45:6-7 | Hebrews 1:8-9 |
| 6. Psalm 102:25-27 | Hebrews 1:10-12 |
| 7. Psalm 110:1 | Hebrews 1:13 |

The 5 Warning Passages in the Book of Hebrews

1. Warning #1 (2:1-4): THE PERIL OF NEGLECT

➤ *The path to glory is the path of suffering*

2. Warning #2 (3:7–4:13): THE PERIL OF DISOBEDIENCE

➤ *The path to rest is the path of trusting*

3. Warning #3 (5:11–6:20): THE PERIL OF IMMATURITY

➤ *The path to growth is the path of obeying*

4. Warning #4 (10:26-31): THE PERIL OF REJECTION

➤ *The path to reward is the path of enduring*

5. Warning #5 (12:25-29): THE PERIL OF REFUSAL

➤ *The path to holiness is the path of discipline*

4 Views on the Warning Passages

- 1. Christians who lose their salvation**
- 2. Professing “believers” who abandon their profession**
- 3. Hypothetical situation for genuine believers who abandon their faith**
- 4. Christians who are in danger of willfully rejecting Christ by returning to the safe haven of Judaism**

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8 Reasons for Jesus' Humanity in Hebrews 2:5-18

1. To fulfill God's purpose for man (vv. 5-9a)
2. To taste death for all (v. 9b)
3. To bring many sons to glory (vv. 10-13)
4. To destroy the devil (v. 14)
5. To deliver those in bondage (v. 15)
6. To become a merciful & faithful high priest (vv. 16-17a)
7. To make atonement for sins (v. 17b)
8. To help those who are being tempted (v. 18)

The Temptations of Jesus (Matt. 4:1-11)

• 3 Observations about Jesus' Temptations:

1. They were initiated by God (Holy Spirit).
 - Satan-agent
2. They were uniquely for Jesus, the Son of God.
 - Only Jesus would have been tempted by them
3. They were representative of all men.
 - Temptations that appeal to 3 areas of humanity (1 Jn. 2:15-16)
 - 1) Lust of the flesh
 - 2) Lust of the eyes
 - 3) Pride of life

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