

HEBREWS

The Superiority of Jesus Christ

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When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

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See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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)

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)

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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3 Reasons for the Superiority of Jesus' Priesthood over the Aaronic Priesthood in Hebrews 7

1. Jesus' priesthood is superior to Aaron's because Melchizedek was superior to Abraham (Levi) (vv. 1-10)
 - Melchizedek > Abraham (Levi)
 - Jesus > Levi (Aaron)
 - Jesus' priesthood > Aaronic priesthood

3 Reasons for the Superiority of Jesus' Priesthood over the Aaronic Priesthood in Hebrews 7 (cont.)

2. Jesus' priesthood is superior to Aaron's because the Levitical priesthood was set aside (vv. 11-19)
 - I. It couldn't bring perfection (v. 11)
 - II. It was associated with the Law (v. 12)
 - III. It was based on legal ancestry from Levi (vv. 13-17)
 - IV. It was weak & useless, and made nothing perfect (vv. 18-19a)
 - V. It didn't enable people to draw near to God (v. 19b)

3 Reasons for the Superiority of Jesus' Priesthood over the Aaronic Priesthood in Hebrews 7 (cont.)

- 3. Jesus' priesthood is superior to Aaron's because He Himself is a better priest (vv. 20-28)**
 - i. He was confirmed by an oath—Ps. 110:4 (vv. 20-22)**
 - ii. He lives forever—permanent priesthood (vv. 23-24)**
 - iii. He Himself is sinless—He is able to meet our need (vv. 25-26)**
 - iv. He offered Himself once for all—therefore, there is no need for daily sacrifice (vv. 27-28)**

The Superiority of Jesus Christ in His Priesthood (Heb. 4:14–10:18)

1. His superiority to Aaron (4:14–7:28)
2. His superior covenant (8:1-13)
3. His superior sanctuary (9:1-12)
4. His superior sacrifice (9:13–10:18)

Jesus' Superior Covenant (Hebrews 8)

1. His superior place of ministry (8:1-5)

- a. the heavenly sanctuary (vv. 1-2)
- b. the earthly sanctuary (vv. 3-5)

2. His superior covenant (8:6-13)

- a. the eternality of Christ's covenant (v. 6)
- b. the temporality of the Levitical covenant (vv. 7-13)

Jesus' Superior Sanctuary (Hebrews 9:1-12)

1. The earthly tabernacle (9:1-10)

- a. the furniture (vv. 1-5)
- b. the function (vv. 6-7)
- c. the finitude (vv. 8-10)

2. The heavenly tabernacle (9:11-12)

- a. divine creation (v. 11)
- b. divine sacrifice (v. 12)

Jesus' Superior Sacrifice

(Hebrews 9:13–10:18)

1. The satisfaction of Christ's sacrifice (9:13-28)

- a. it cleanses the conscience of the worshiper (vv. 13-14)
- b. it enacts a New Covenant (vv. 15-22)
- c. it removes sin (vv. 23-28)

2. The sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice (10:1-18)

- a. the inadequacy of the Levitical sacrifices (vv. 1-4)
- b. the adequacy of Christ's sacrifice (vv. 5-18)