

HEBREWS

The Superiority of Jesus Christ

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Marathon Fellowship

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Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

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Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of 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)

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)

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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Life of Love & Good Deeds (Hebrews 13)

- I. The exhortation to obedience (vv. 1-19)
 - A. In social matters (vv. 1-6)
 - B. In spiritual matters (vv. 7-19)
- II. The enablement of obedience (vv. 20-21)

Obedience in Social Matters (13:1-6)

- To love other believers (v. 1)
- To entertain strangers (v. 2)
- To remember the imprisoned (v. 3)
- To remain faithful to spouse (v. 4)
- To remain free from love of money (v. 5)
- To remain free from fear (v. 6)

Obedience in Spiritual Matters (13:7-19)

- To imitate past leaders' faith (vv. 7-8)
- To avoid false doctrine (vv. 9-10)
- To bear Jesus' disgrace publicly (vv. 11-14)
- To offer continual sacrifices of praise (vv. 15-16)
- To submit to spiritual leaders (vv. 17-18)