

# ***The Epistle to the Hebrews***

## ***The Preeminence of Christ***

Scripture:

Hebrews 1:1-14 (selected verses)

### Introduction

In writing to the Hebrews, the author constructed a proof of the divinity of Jesus Christ based upon the scriptures. In the first chapter Jesus is presented as the eternal, preexistent creator and sustainer of all things.

#### I. The nature of the Son vv. 1-5

Hebrews 1:2 (NIV) The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

A. The Son is the glory of the Father (See Thompson Chain 683)

***John 1:14 (NKJV)*** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

***John 17:5 (NKJV)*** "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

B. The Son is the exact representation of the Father

***John 14:9 (NKJV)*** Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

C. The Son sustains creation by His Word

***Colossians 1:16-17 (NKJV)*** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

D. The Son is "Son" only in the light of the incarnation

***Hebrews 1:5a (NIV)*** For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your father."

#### II. The superiority of the Son vv. 5-9

***Hebrews 1:6 (NIV)*** And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship Him."

A. The Son is worshipped by the angels

B. The Son is exalted above all

***Hebrews 1:9 (NIV)*** You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.

#### III. The Eternity of the Son vv. 10-14

***Hebrews 1:12b (NIV)*** ...But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

A. The Son is eternal by nature

***Hebrews 1:11a (NIV)*** They will perish, but you remain.

B. The Son is unchanging by nature

***Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)*** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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Scripture:

Hebrews 2:1-17

I. The validity of the gospel vv. 1-4

**Hebrews 2:1, 3a (NKJV)** Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. {3} ...how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation....

- A. We must pay attention to the gospel v. 1
- B. We must not ignore the gospel v. 3
- C. God validates the gospel through signs and wonders v. 4

II. The superiority of Christ vv. 5-13

**Hebrews 2:9-10 (NKJV)** But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. 10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

- A. Made lower than the angels by his incarnation v. 9a
- B. Crowned with glory and honor v. 9b
- C. The source of all life v. 10
- D. Perfected through suffering v. 10b

III. The mission of Christ vv. 14-18

**Hebrews 2:14, 18 (NKJV)** Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, .... {18} For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

- A. He came to destroy the works of the devil v. 14

**1 John 3:8 (NKJV)** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

- B. He came to give us victory over temptation v. 17

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### ***The Faithfulness of Christ***

Scripture:

Hebrews 3:1-19

**Hebrews 3:2 (NKJV)** who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.

I. The faithfulness of Jesus vv. 1-2

**Hebrews 3:1-2 (NKJV)** Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house.

- A. We share in a heavenly calling
- B. We are to fix our attention on Jesus
- C. Jesus hallmark was faithfulness

II. Jesus faithfulness greater than that of Moses vv. 3-6

**Hebrews 3:3 (NKJV)** For this One has been counted worthy of more glory (NIV honor) than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house.

**Hebrews 3:6 (NIV)** But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast

- A. Christ is worthy of more honor than Moses
- B. Moses was faithful as a servant over God's house
- C. Jesus was faithful as a son over God's house

III. The unfaithfulness of Israel vv. 7-19

**Hebrews 3:12 (NKJV)** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

- A. Their hearts were hardened to God's promises vv. 7-11, 16-18
  - 1. Their hardness led to rebellion
  - 2. Their rebellious spirit caused them to test God
  - 3. God rejected them
  - 4. They died in the desert
  - 5. They were not allowed to enter into God's rest
- B. We are cautioned against faithlessness v. 12
- C. We are to encourage one another daily v.13
- D. We are to faithfully hold on to God's promises until the end v.14
- E. Unbelief prevents us from receiving the promised possession v. 19

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### ***The Priesthood of Christ***

Scripture:

Hebrews 4:1-16

**Hebrews 4:15-16 (NKJV)** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

I. A rest for the people of God vv. 1-11

**Hebrews 4:1 (NKJV)** Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

A. Regarding the promised rest v. 1

1. Promised to all who believe
2. We must be careful that we do not allow it to slip away

B. Receiving the promise comes by faith v.2

C. The faithless will not enter in vv. 3-6

D. The sabbath a type of our eternal rest vv. 7-10

E. An exhortation to put forth the effort to enter in v. 11

II. The power of the word of God vv. 12-13

**Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

**John 1:14 (NKJV)** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

**Psalms 107:20 (NKJV)** He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

A. The word of God is: v. 12

1. Living
2. Powerful
3. Penetrating
4. Discerning

B. God's nature described v. 13

1. Omniscient - He knows everything
2. All seeing - He sees everything

III. The priesthood of the Lord Jesus Christ vv. 14-16

**Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

A. Hold onto your faith in our great high priest v. 14

B. Our understanding High Priest v. 15

1. Able to sympathize with us
2. Tempted just like us without sinning

C. We are to come boldly to the throne of Grace

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## ***The Calling and Suffering of Christ***

Scripture:

Hebrews 5:1-10

I. The calling of Jesus Christ

**Hebrews 5:4 (NKJV)** And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was.

**1 Peter 2:21 (NKJV)** For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

A. The role of a high priest

1. Appointed to represent men before God
2. Identifies with the sinner for whom he offers sacrifices
3. Offers sin offerings both for himself and others

B. No high priest selects himself vv. 4-6

1. The priesthood is a calling
2. Christ a priest of the order of Melchizedek

II. The suffering of Jesus Christ

**Hebrews 5:8-10 (NKJV)** though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, 10 called by God as High Priest "according to the order of Melchizedek,"

**Philippians 2:8-11 (NKJV)** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A. Jesus asked to be relieved of his suffering v. 7

**Hebrews 5:7 (NKJV)** who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,

B. He learned obedience through His suffering v. 8

C. Became the author of perfect salvation for all vv. 9-10

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews*** ***The Stability of Christ***

Scripture:

Hebrews 5:11-6:12

I. Immaturity produces instability vv. 5:11-6:6

II.

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews*** ***The Certainty of God's Promise***

Scripture:

Hebrews 6:13-20

- I. God's promise to Abraham was fulfilled vv 13-16
  - Hebrews 6:13-15 (NKJV)*** For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you." 15 And so, ***after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.***
  - A. God's promise to Abraham was certain because He swore by Himself v.13
  - B. The promise made to Abraham v. 14
    1. I will bless you
    2. I will give you many descendants
  - C. After Abraham waited, God fulfilled the promise v. 15
  
- II. God nature revealed vv. 17-18
  - A. God's promises are based on His nature v. 17
  - B. Two qualities of God's nature revealed v. 18
    1. He is unchanging
      - Malachi 3:6 (NKJV)*** "***For I am the LORD, I do not change;*** Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob.
    2. He cannot lie
      - 2 Samuel 7:28 (NKJV)*** "And now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and ***Your words are true,*** and You have promised this goodness to Your servant.
      - John 1:14 (NKJV)*** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, ***full of grace and truth.***
  - C. We should be encouraged in our hope in Him v. 18
  
- III. Our hope in Him vv. 19-20
  - A. Is an anchor for the soul v. 19a
  - B. Our hope is firm and secure v. 19b
    - Romans 3:3-4 (NKJV)*** For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? 4 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged."
  - C. His promise is sure because Jesus intercedes for us v. 20
    - 1 John 2:1-2 (NKJV)*** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews Our Great High Priest***

Scripture:

Hebrews 7:1-28

**Hebrews 7:16, 25-26 (NKJV)** who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

- I. The Melchizedek priesthood vv. 1-11
  - A. The greatness of Melchizedek vv. 1-4
  - B. Not of the Levitical line vv. 5-6
  - C. The greater blesses the lesser vv. 7-8
  - D. Levi paid tithe to Melchizedek while in Abraham's loins vv. 9-10
  - E. The Levitical priesthood was imperfect v. 11
  - F. The priesthood was changed to a different order v. 11
  
- II. A priesthood based upon an indestructible life vv. 12-22

**Hebrews 7:16 (NKJV)** who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

  - A. The change in priesthood order brought a change in law v. 12
  - B. Jesus of the tribe of Judah vv. 13-14
  - C. The change is made clear by the appearance of another High Priest vv. 15-16
  - D. The basis of the new priesthood v. 16
    1. Not based on the regulations of the Law
    2. Based upon the power of an indestructible life
  - E. God's declaration of Jesus' endless priesthood vv. 17-22
  
- III. The priesthood of Jesus Christ vv. 23-28

**Hebrews 7:25-26 (NKJV)** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. 26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us (***NIV: meets our needs***), who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

  - A. The permanence of Jesus' priesthood based upon His eternal life vv. 23-24
  - B. Jesus can save completely because He is always interceding v. 25
  - C. The priest who meets our need v. 26
  - D. Jesus sacrifice was "once for all" vv. 27-28



## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews*** ***The New Covenant***

Scripture:

Hebrews 8:1-13

- I. Jesus is seated in the true sanctuary in the heavens vv. 1-6
  - Hebrews 8:1 (NKJV)** Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,
    - A. Our Lord is seated at the right hand of the Father v. 1
    - B. The nature of the heavenly sanctuary
      1. Built by God, not by man v. 2
      2. Has a high priest from a new order v. 4
    - C. The earthly sanctuary
      1. Patterned after the one in heaven v. 5
      2. Has an earthly high priest v. 3
    - D. Jesus priesthood superior to Aaron's v. 6
  
- II. The new covenant vv. 7-13
  - Hebrews 8:10 (NKJV)** "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
    - A. The old covenant was imperfect vv. 7-8
    - B. The new will be unlike the old v. 9
    - C. The nature of the new covenant v. 10
      1. His law placed in our minds
      2. Written in our hearts
      3. Relationship will be between man and God
    - D. Knowing Him will be universal v. 11
    - E. God will forgive sin and remember them no more v. 12
    - F. The new covenant obsoletes the old v. 13

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### ***The Blood of Christ***

Scripture:

Hebrews 9:1-27

- I. The old covenant pointed to Jesus vv. 1-10  
***Hebrews 9:9 (NKJV)*** It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience;
  
- II. The blood atonement Jesus made for our sin vv. 11-22  
***Hebrews 9:11-12 (NKJV)*** But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. {12} Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.  
***Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV)*** And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.
  - A. Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary through the offering of His own blood vv. 11-12
  - B. His blood cleanses us from our sin vv. 13-14 cf 1 John 1:7  
***1 John 1:7 (NKJV)*** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
  - C. His legacy is salvation through His death vv. 15-17
  - D. The requirement for blood atonement vv. 18-22
  
- III. Jesus perfect offering of himself for our sin vv. 23-27  
***Hebrews 9:12, 26 (NKJV)*** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place ***once for all***, having obtained eternal redemption. {26} He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, ***once*** at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.
  - A. Jesus has entered into the heavenly sanctuary into God's presence vv. 23-24
  - B. The principle of "once for all" vv. 12, 25-26
  - C. The certainty of death and judgment v. 27
  - D. The appearance of Jesus Christ means completed salvation v. 28

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews*** ***The People of God***

Scripture:

Hebrews 10:1-18

**Hebrews 10:18 NIV** And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin

I. The imperfect work of the law vv. 1-6

**Hebrews 10:5-6 (NKJV)** Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

- A. Based on repetitious burnt offerings and sacrifices
- B. Were imperfect, and did not please God
- C. His desire was not sacrifice, but obedience

II. The perfect work of Jesus vv. 7-9

**Hebrews 10:7 (NKJV)** Then I said, 'Behold, I have come; In the volume of the book it is written of Me; To do Your will, O God.'

- A. Jesus came to do God's will
- B. Jesus' life of obedience pleased the Father

III. The people who live in Jesus finished work vv. 10-18

A. A completed people vv. 1, 14

**Hebrews 10:14a NIV** And by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever ...

5048. teleioo, tel-i-o'-o; from G5046; to complete, i.e. (lit.) accomplish, or (fig.) consummate (in character):--consecrate, finish, fulfil, (make) perfect.

- 1. Their salvation is finished
  - 2. They are consecrated for His use
- B. A holy people v. 14

**Hebrews 10:14 NIV** And by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever ***those who are being made holy.***

- 1. We are holy
  - 2. We are in process
- C. A godly people vv. 15-16

**Hebrews 10:16 (NKJV)** "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

- 1. An understanding of godly principles
  - 2. A desire to live a godly life
- D. A forgiven people vv. 17-18

**Hebrews 10:17 (NKJV)** then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

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### ***A Call to Perseverance***

Scripture:

Hebrews 10:19-39

- I. The basis of perseverance vv. 19-23
  - Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV)*** let us draw near with a true heart in ***full assurance of faith***, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
  - A. The finished work of the cross vv. 19-20
  - B. Our faith in God vv. 21-22
  - C. The faithfulness of God v. 23
    - Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)*** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, ***for He who promised is faithful.***
  
- II. A lifestyle of perseverance vv. 24-31
  - A. Encouraging one another
    - Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV)*** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
  - B. Meeting together v. 25a
    - Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV)*** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.
  - C. Anticipating His return v. 25b
  - D. Forsaking sin
    - Hebrews 10:26 (NKJV)*** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
  - E. Honoring the Lord vv. 27-29
  - F. Being accountable vv. 30-31
  
- III. Actions of perseverance vv. 32-39
  - Hebrews 10:35 (NKJV)*** Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.
  - A. Withstanding persecution and ridicule vv. 32-34
  - B. Living faithfully vv. 35-36
    1. Anticipating a reward
    2. Persevering by doing God's will
    3. Receiving the promise
  - C. Living with His return in view vv. 37-39

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews*** ***Heroes of Faith***

Scripture:

Hebrews 11:1-40

I. An explanation of faith. vv. 1-3

***Hebrews 11:1-3 (NKJV)*** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

- A. Defined v. 1
- B. The basis of being commended v. 2
- C. The basis of understanding v. 3

II. The heroes of faith vv. 3-32

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| A. Abel              | I. Moses                 |
| B. Enoch             | J. Rahab                 |
| C. Noah              | K. Gideon                |
| D. Abraham and Sarah | L. Barak                 |
| E. Isaac             | M. Samson                |
| F. Jacob (Israel)    | N. Jephthah              |
| G. Joseph            | O. David                 |
| H. Moses' parents    | P. Samuel & the prophets |

III. The victors of faith vv. 33-35a

- A. Conquered kingdoms
- B. Administered justice
- C. Shut the mouths of lions
- D. Quenched the fury of the flames
- E. Escaped the edge of the sword
- F. Weakness turned into strength
- G. Became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies
- H. Received the dead raised to life again

IV. The "victims" of faith vv. 35b-40

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A. Tortured                  | G. Dressed in animal skins          |
| B. Refused release           | H. Destitute                        |
| C. Faced jeers and flogging  | I. Persecuted                       |
| D. Chained and put in prison | J. Mistreated                       |
| E. Stoned                    | K. The world was not worthy of them |
| F. Sawed in two              | L. Commended for their faith        |

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews*** ***A Call to Discipline***

Scripture:

Hebrews 12:1-13

I. The discipline of a godly life vv. 1-4

***Hebrews 12:1-2 (NKJV)*** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

A. The ones in the grandstand v. 1a

B. The discipline of running the race v. 1b

1. Casting off encumbrances

2. Abstaining from sin

C. A disciplined running style v. 1c

1. Pacing ourselves properly

2. Running with strategy and perseverance

D. Keeping the goal in sight v. 2

E. Having perspective regarding our life v. 3-4

1. Remembering Jesus example v. 3

2. Understanding your own limits v. 4

II. Submitting to the Father's discipline vv. 5-13

***Hebrews 12:11 (NKJV)*** Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

A. The sign of being a legitimate child vv. 5-6

B. Encouragement to endure discipline vv. 7-8

C. The secret of submission to the Father's discipline v. 9

D. God's discipline produces a holy, Christ-like life v. 10

E. The harvest of a life of discipline v. 11

F. The healing of discipline vv. 12-13

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews Instructions to the Church***

Scripture:

Hebrews 12:14-29

I. Instructions to believers

**Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV)** Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

- A. Live in peace v. 1
- B. Walk in grace to avoid bitterness v. 2
- C. Avoid immorality v. 3a
- D. Show thankfulness v. 28a
- E. Worship God with reverence and awe v 28b

II. Warnings to believers

**Hebrews 12:15 (NKJV)** looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

- A. The example of Esau's godlessness and folly vv. 3b -4
  - 1. Sold his inheritance rights for a meal
  - 2. Sought to recover those rights
  - 3. Could find no way to reverse the bargain
- B. Do not reject God's voice v. 25a
- C. Do not turn away from the Lord v. 25b
- D. God will shake the earth once more vv. 26-27
- E. Our God is a consuming fire v. 29

III. The picture of Mount Zion vv. 18-24

**Hebrews 12:22-24 (NKJV)** But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

- A. Mt. Zion contrasted to Mt. Sinai vv. 18-21
- B. Our approach to home vv. 22-24
  - 1. We are come to Mt. Zion
  - 2. To the heavenly Jerusalem
  - 3. A myriad of angelic beings
  - 4. We approach God, the judge of all
  - 5. We come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant
  - 6. The blood of Christ which covers our sins and speaks of our guiltlessness

## ***The Epistle to the Hebrews*** ***Final Exhortations***

Scripture:

Hebrews 13:1-24

**Hebrews 13:8 (NKJV)** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

- I. Instructions to believers vv. 1-6,  
**Hebrews 13:2 (NKJV)** Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.
  - A. Continue to love one another v. 1
  - B. Practice entertaining strangers because the stranger may be an angel v. 2
  - C. Remember the prisoners v. 3
  - D. Maintain purity in marriage v. 4
  - E. Stay free from the love of money and things because: vv. 5-6
    1. God is always with us and never forsakes us
    2. God is our helper so we need not fear what man can do to us
  - F. Be careful of strange and unique doctrines v. 9
  - G. Keep a view of Jesus as our great High Priest and Sacrifice vv. 10-13
  - H. View the present with an eternal perspective v. 14
  - I. Continually confess and praise the name of Jesus v. 15
  - J. Do good and share with others v. 16
  - K. Receive the exhortation of this epistle v. 22
  
- II. Our attitude toward those in authority vv. 7, 17-18  
**Hebrews 13:7 (NKJV)** Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, ***whose faith follow*** (NIV ***Imitate their faith***), considering the outcome of their conduct.
  - A. Observe the model of their way of life v. 7a
  - B. Imitate their faith v. 7b
  - C. Obey them v. 17a
  - D. Submit to their authority v. 17b
  - E. Recognize that they must give an account to God v. 17c
  - F. Make their work a joy v. 17d
  
- III. The final prayer vv. 20-21  
**Hebrews 13:20-21 (NKJV)** Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.
  - A. That God would equip the believer for every good work v. 21a
  - B. That God would work in us what is pleasing to Him v. 21b