

HEBREWS 1 - GOD THE SON

INTRODUCTION: The book of Hebrews is controversial and beloved **both** by Bible students and teachers!

It is distinctive and yet anonymous!

It is encouraging and yet contains the **famous five warnings**. Where are they?

The First Warning: DO NOT DRIFT!

Hebrews 2:1-4 - Therefore, we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we **drift** away. **2** For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, **3** how shall we escape if we **neglect so great a salvation**, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, **4** God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

- **Beloved, don't drift along, don't neglect the gift of salvation!**

The Second Warning: DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART

Hebrews 3:7-12 - **7** Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, **8** DO NOT **HARDEN YOUR HEARTS** AS IN THE REBELLION, IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS, **9** WHERE YOUR FATHERS TESTED ME, TRIED ME, AND SAW MY WORKS FORTY YEARS. **10** THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THAT GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS **GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART**, AND THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN MY WAYS.' **11** SO I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'" **12** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;

- Beloved, DON'T have a straying or hard heart!
- If you don't care about having a hard heart - You have one!

The Third Warning: GROW!

Hebrews 5:11-14 - **11** of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become **dull of hearing**. **12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to **need milk and not solid food**. **13** For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for

he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

- This past Thanksgiving, some of your guest needed their turkey cut up in bite sized pieces - Why?
 - They're children! That's why!
 - Many Christians need to "Grow up" and start studying the bible at the adult's table!
- Beloved, don't stay a "baby Christian!" Grow in the Lord!

The Fourth Warning: DO NOT QUENCH THE SPIRIT

Hebrews 10:26-29 - 26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

- Beloved, Christians who remain in sin can expect "fearful judgment!"
- Willful sin is sin that we could avoid if we wanted to, we just don't want to... And our Loving Father must address it for us.
- To keep sinning with the Holy Spirit in our hearts is an insult to God. Don't insult the Lord - He deserves better from us!

The Fifth Warning: APPLY WHAT YOU ARE TAUGHT

Hebrews 12:25-27 - 25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO HEAVEN." 27 Now this, "YET ONCE MORE," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

- Couple these five warnings with **one of my favorite** and most quoted verses and you have a wonderfully balanced book in Hebrews..... Can you guess which verse I am thinking of? **Hebrews 13:5**

- **Hebrews 13:5** - "5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."
- **This verse has been a safe harbor** for my heart through some tough years!
 - Beloved, God is with you now - He has always been with You! He will always be with you! In fact, shy of going to hell, You cannot escape Him. He loves you. He wants you! He sacrificed everything for you! He wants nothing more than for you to just hang out in prayer and worship with Him.....
- No matter **WHAT** you feel - God has never forsaken you.
 - He **MAY** have let you suffer... But He didn't forsake you - HE **CANNOT!**
- He may have chosen a different route for your life - **But HE never left you**, never took His eyes off of you, never didn't know exactly what you were going through, **AND** heading towards!
 - Be thankful for that too this week!

The book of Hebrews is a book of evaluation - 13 times the author uses the word: "**Better.**" The word "**perfect**" is used 14 times. **By the way believers, who is the only one who perfects us before the Father? (Jesus!) THIS is what Hebrews is about!**

Another word used many times in Hebrews is the word, "**Eternal.**"

HEBREWS IS NOT SIGNED!

Why is Hebrews not signed? Perhaps because the book is the clearest picture of the work of Jesus Christ in all of scripture (arguably) and the author just didn't want to be a part of the story. JESUS is the story, the object, the purpose, the matter, the reason, the intention, the target, the resolve and the truth of the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews is a steak dinner, spiritually speaking. It is for the mature, and the maturing!

- It is not a lullaby, it's an Opera.
- It is not a playground, it's a golf course!
- It is not checkers; it is chess!
- It is not Pop music, it is classical!
- It is not Tupperware; it is fine China!
- **It IS NOT religion....** It is Jesus Christ, The Holy Spirit, and God the Father putting into writing what they desire from me, and from you.

We could finish the book a lot closer to the Lord, IF we listen up,

apply the Word, remove rubbish, and refurbish our hearts as we do!

THE SUPREMACY OF GOD'S SON

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **(IE, OT & NT is truth)**

2 has in these last days spoken to us **by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, **through whom also He made the worlds;**

- We are reminded again that Jesus Christ was present at the creation of the worlds... THAT is only possible because... **JESUS IS GOD!**
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BETTER THAN ANGELS

3 who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image (**An exact stamped copy**) of His person, **(CEV - like him in every way)** and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had **by Himself** purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become so much **better** than the angels, as He has **by inheritance** obtained a more excellent name than they.

- The angelic world is a wonder to many of us... We take comfort from knowing that God has placed angels around us... BUT... Jesus' presence is much better! **WHY? Because....**

5 ... to which of the angels did He **(GOD)** ever say: **PSALM 2:7** "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again: "I WILL BE TO HIM A FATHER, AND HE SHALL BE TO ME A SON"? **2 SAMUEL 7:14**

- **TRICK QUESTION: WHAT angel IS A SON OF GOD? NONE!**
 - One of the cults that calls their teenagers, Elders, wants you to believe that Jesus and Satan are brothers!
 - **Apparently the book of Hebrews is not in their bible...**

6 But when He **(GOD)** again brings the firstborn **(JESUS)** into the world, He says: "LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM." **PSALM 97:7**

- **Who is the ONLY Person that angel's worship? GOD!**

7 And of the angels He says: "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS SPIRITS AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE." **PSALM 104:4**

- **COURSON** - Truly, angels are like the wind, like a flame of fire—as seen clearly in the story of Manoah and his wife. (**Samson's parents**) After an angel appeared to them, they offered a sacrifice, and the angel went up in a flame of fire like the wind and disappeared (Judges 13).

GOD CALLS JESUS GOD

8 But **to the Son** He says: "YOUR THRONE, **O GOD**, IS FOREVER AND EVER; A SCEPTER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM. 9 YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS MORE THAN YOUR COMPANIONS." **PSALM 45:6-7**

10 And: "YOU, LORD, IN THE BEGINNING LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE EARTH, AND THE HEAVENS ARE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS. **PSALM 102:25**

- **Psalm 8:3** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?
 - The God that spoke the stars into the sky is the God you will say your prayers to tonight. REMEMBER THAT.

11 **THEY (The heavens) WILL PERISH, BUT YOU REMAIN; AND THEY WILL ALL GROW OLD LIKE A GARMENT;** Some people think that people are why the earth is changing...

NEWLY REFURBISHED STARS!

12 LIKE A CLOAK YOU WILL FOLD THEM UP, AND THEY WILL BE CHANGED. BUT YOU ARE THE SAME, AND YOUR YEARS WILL NOT FAIL." **PSALM 102**

13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, TILL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES YOUR FOOTSTOOL"? **PSALM110**

NONE!

14 Are they (**Angels**) not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

We will close today with that in mind... That God has sent ministering angels to us. As much as we are grateful for them, We are EVEN MORE grateful the One God sent to live among us, Jesus Christ!

Let's pray...

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you And give you peace."

If HE is your Savior, Join us in worshipping Him right now!