

# THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

- Purpose
  - 13:22
  - Exhortation: “a calling to one’s side”; an appeal, entreaty, encouragement, consolation and comfort; an urging to pursue a certain course of conduct; can include warnings
- This letter was written to urge Hebrew brethren in Christ to persevere *in Christ* and to not fall back into Judaism
- In order to do that, warnings and encouragement are given interspersed with argumentation to show why – to demonstrate the superiority of Christ

# HEBREWS: “BETTER”

1. The Better \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-2:18)
  1. The Better Messenger: The Son
2. The Better \_\_\_\_\_ (3:1-4:13)
  2. The Better Apostle
3. The Better \_\_\_\_\_ (4:14-7:28)
  3. The Better High Priest
4. The Better \_\_\_\_\_ (8:1-9:10)
  4. The Better Covenant
5. The Better \_\_\_\_\_ in the Better \_\_\_\_\_ (9:11-10:18)
  5. The Better Sacrifice in the Better Tabernacle
6. The Better \_\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_\_ (10:19-12:29)
  6. The Better Way: Faith

## 1:1-3 THE SON: SUPERIOR TO THE PROPHETS

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets,

{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;

{3} who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, 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,”

## 1:4-5 THE SON: SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS IN NAME

“having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

{5} For to which of the angels did He ever say:

‘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’?”

## 1:6-7 THE SON: SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS BY RECEIVING WORSHIP

“But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says:

‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’

{7} And of the angels He says:

‘Who makes His angels spirits

And His ministers a flame of fire.’

## 1:8-9 THE SON: SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS IN CHARACTER

“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.’”

## 1:10-12 THE SON: SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS IN CREATION

“And:

‘You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth,  
And the heavens are the work of Your hands.

{11} They will perish, but You remain;

And they will all grow old like a garment;

{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.’”

# 1:13-14 THE SON: SUPERIOR TO THE ANGELS – SERVED BY ANGELS

“But to which of the angels has He ever said:

‘Sit at My right hand,

Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’?

{14} Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”



## 2:1-4 KNOWING THE CERTAINTY OF PUNISHMENT, GIVE THE MORE EARNEST HEED

“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?”