

# JESUS IS GREATER

Life Group; Week of Sunday, November 13, 2022; Hebrews 1:1-13:25; Steve Thiel

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**Sermon Theme – Jesus is greater in every way. He is greater than the angels, Moses, and O.T. priests. Jesus offers a better sacrifice, mediates a new covenant, and secures our salvation. Therefore, draw near to God in faith, persevere amidst persecution, and love one another; knowing that you will receive the reward of God’s heavenly eternal city!**

## **I. The Background of Hebrews – Read Hebrews 1:1-13:25**

- A. Over the course of this week, read completely through the book of Hebrews with the overview outline in front of you. While reading, write down some of the themes that stand out to you.

### **Major Theme from the Letter**

### **Verse References**

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- B. What repeated words and ideas do you see in Hebrews that help you understand the major themes and structure of the book? For example, the words: assurance, endure, and faith.
- C. Why do you think the author of Hebrews wrote this sermon? In other words, what is the purpose of Hebrews? How does Hebrews 10:32-39 help in understanding the purpose?

## **II. The Theology of Hebrews – Read Hebrews 1:1-10:39**

- A. Read Hebrews 1:1-4. List all the different things that we learn from these verses? What themes of Hebrews are already highlighted in verses 1-4?
- B. What are all the different ways that the author argues that Jesus is better?
- C. As you think about Hebrews 4:14-10:18, in what ways is Jesus a greater high priest than the O.T. priests? How does Christ’s supremacy invigorate our confidence in Him?
- D. How does Hebrews 10:23-25 set the stage for the applications found in chapters 11-13?

## **III. The Application of Hebrews – Read Hebrews 11:1-13:25**

- A. According to Hebrews 11, how does the author define faith? As you consider the list of O.T. saints that are given as examples to us, what are some of the marks of persevering faith?
- B. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What is the connection between our perseverance and our eyes being fixed upon Jesus? What sins and weights hinder us from running the race well? In what ways does the Lord Jesus Christ serve as an example of persevering faith?
- C. Read Hebrews 13:1-25. How is our love and care for one another an essential part of our perseverance in the faith until Christ returns? In what ways would you like to grow in your love and care for the body of Christ?