

Consider Jesus, Your  
Merciful High Priest

Hebrews Chapters 1-4

God “has spoken to us **in** His Son.”

- Not so much that He *brought* a message from the Father
- He *is* a message from the Father
- He is far more than the latest or best prophet

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- In the revelation from Jesus, we see the *personality* of God.
- In Hebrews, the Father speaks concerning the Son.
  - God the Father is telling us what God the Son is all about.

# Segment Divisions

## Hebrews 1-2

- God **spoke** in His Son
  - Pay attention
  - Don't drift away
  - Don't neglect salvation

# Segment Divisions

## Hebrews 3-10

- Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest
  - **Therefore**, if you *hear His voice*, don't harden your heart.
  - Similar to the warning in **2:1-4**
  - **3:8, 15; 4:7**

# Hebrews 3-10: Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest

- *Hold fast our confidence, assurance until the end. 3:6, 14*
- *Don't be like those in the wilderness who didn't believe and disobeyed.*

# Hebrews 3-10: Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest

- Repeated word in Chapters 3, 4
  - **Rest**
- How do we enter His rest?
  - Faith and belief
  - Unbelievers harden their hearts when they hear His voice

# Hebrews 3-10: Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest

- **Rest—through faith and belief**
- ***Hold fast* our confession **4:14****
- ***Draw near* with confidence**
  - **Because of Jesus, our high priest **4:15-16; 3:1****



# Hebrews 3-10: Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest

Hebrews 5:1-10:18. What is contrasted?

- Jesus, our High Priest versus Levitical priesthood
- **4:14-16; 10:19-25, 35-39**
- Even though some might shrink back
  - Not listen to His voice or believe
- *You hold fast.*

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  - **Better**

# Better

**Things 6:9**

**Possession 10:34**

**Hope 7:19**

**Country 11:16**

**Covenant 7:22**

**Resurrection 11:35**

**Covenant 8:6**

**Privilege 11:40**

**Promises 8:6**

**Blood 12:24**

**Sacrifices 9:23**

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  - *Makes perfect* those who draw near
    - **10:1, 14**
  - Recipients, Jews (Hebrews) knew OT well

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  - *Press on* to maturity
  - Partake of the meat (solid food) of the Word **5:11-6:1**

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  - *Warning* about continuing in *willful sin*
  - Leads to judgment
  - **10:26-27**

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**Hebrews 1-2**

**God spoke in His Son**

**Hebrews 3-10**

**Consider Jesus, Apostle and High Priest**

**Hebrews 11-13**

**Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith**

# Hebrews 11-13: Jesus, the author and perfecter of Faith

The righteous live by **faith**.

We have **faith** *to the preserving of the soul*.

**10:38-39**

By **faith** the men of old gained approval.

**11:2**

Jesus is the author and perfecter of **faith**.

**12:2**



# Hebrews 11-13: Jesus, the author and perfecter of Faith

He endured, so you endure.

**12:1, 2**

Endure discipline from the God who loves you.

**12:5-7**

Don't refuse Him who is speaking.

**1:1-2; 12:25**

**Hebrews 1-2**

**God Spoke in His  
Son**

**Hebrews 3-10**

**Consider Jesus,  
Apostle & High  
Priest**

**Hebrews 11-13**

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# Genesis 1:26

“Let **Us** make man in **Our** image,  
according to **Our** likeness.”

- God referred to Himself as more than one at creation.

# Isa. 6:8; 7:14; 9:6

- When God commissioned Isaiah, He used the **plural** to refer to Himself
- The virgin birth of son Immanuel
  - **Mt. 1:22-23.** Jesus fulfilled the prophecy.

Isa. 6:8; 7:14; 9:6

- The Son
- Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace
- The prophets
- God was going to come *in the form of a Son*.
  - Jesus was that Son—fully God

# John 1:1-14

- The Word was with God, and the Word was God. [1]
- He was in the beginning with God. [2]
- The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. [14]

John 8:24 (compare Ex. 3:14-15); 8:58

- **Must believe that I am He.**
- **Ex. 3: “I AM WHO I AM.” His name is YHWH.**
- **God is YHWH. Jesus is YHWH. They are one.**
- **Jesus--“before Abraham was born, I am.”**
  - **Refuse to believe this, and you will die in your sins.**

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- **Hear His voice**
- **Pay attention**
- **Don't refuse Him who is speaking**



John 10:30-33; 14:9; 20:26-28

**Jesus and the Father are one.**

**He who has seen Me has seen the Father.**

**Thomas believed when He felt Jesus' glorified body.**

# Col. 1:15-18

**The image of the invisible God**

**The first-born of all creation**

**By Him all things were created**

**All things have been created by Him and for Him**

**He is the beginning, the first-born from the  
dead**

# Col. 1:15-18

**Compare with Heb. 1:3**

**The Creator—parallels John 1 and Heb. 1**

# Phil. 2:5-11

**Existed in the form of God**

*Morphe*—shape or nature

**Made in the likeness of men**

**To be obedient to the point of death on the  
cross**

# Phil. 2:5-11

**God exalted Him**

**Bestowed on Him the name above every name**

**That every knee should bow**

**He is Lord—Master of all**

# Col. 1; Heb. 1:5-6

**First-born**

**Born first or preeminent**

*protos*—first; *tikto*—to bear, bring forth

**Meaning?**

# Col. 1; Heb. 1:5-6

**Since Jesus created all things**

**Since He has always existed as God**

**Term *cannot refer* to His being born into  
existence as a *created being***

# Col. 1; Heb. 1:5-6

**First-born son in OT**

**Son who is to be over the family when the father dies**

**The one who has preeminence in the family**



**Col. 1; Heb. 1:5-6**

**Jesus, because He became a man, is the first-born of God.**

**Yet He is also God Himself**

Col. 1:18; Rom. 1:3-4

**First-born from the dead**

**He holds the preeminence of those raised from the dead**

**God has a Son** **Ps. 2:7; Heb. 1:5**

# First-born

**Paul preached to Jews in Antioch**

**Explained Israel's history, history of the gospel**

**Spoke of Jesus' resurrection after the cross**

**Acts 13:16-39**

**Quoted Psalm 2**

**OT Passages: Heb. 1:5; 2 Sam. 7:5-17**

**Nathan's words to David**

**About David's son Solomon and his relationship to God**

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**Context: an eternal kingdom**

**The descendants of David on earth**

**A descendant of David on the throne forever**

**Jesus is also a descendant of King David**

**Rom. 1:3-4**

**His throne is forever**

**Heb. 1:8**

# OT Passages: Heb. 1:6; Ps. 97:7

Those who worship idols will be ashamed

All are to worship the Son

“gods” can refer to supernatural powers

**Heb. 1:6** translates it as “angels of God.”

OT Passages: Heb. 1:8-9; Ps. 45:6-7

A song of love directed toward the King

[6] His eternal kingdom of righteousness

Hebrews says this is a reference to the Son of God, Jesus

Yet another place in OT where God spoke to the fathers about His coming King



**OT Passages: Heb. 1:10-12;  
Ps. 102: 24-27**

**The psalm is a prayer of the afflicted**

**One afflicted when he is faint and pours out his  
complaint before the Lord**

**A cry to the Lord for help**

**Contrasts the eternal God with man being  
limited to days**

**OT Passages: Heb. 1:10-12;  
Ps. 102: 24-27**

**Even the heavens and the earth will perish  
God will never come to an end  
The Son is God, the same for all eternity**

**OT Passages: Heb. 1:13;  
Ps. 110:1; Acts 2:32-36**

**David wrote this psalm**

**God spoke through David, a prophet and king**

**This is about a kingdom**

**All enemies of the king will be conquered**

**God said this about Jesus, not the angels**

**OT Passages: Heb. 1:13;  
Ps. 110:1; Acts 2:32-36**

**Peter explained this in Acts**

**He spoke to men of Israel in Jerusalem on the  
day of Pentecost**

**God raised Jesus and exalted Him to His right  
hand**

OT Passages: Heb. 1:13;  
Ps. 110:1; Acts 2:32-36

**Peter said this reference in Psalm 110 was in  
regard to Jesus, not David  
God made Him both Lord and Christ**