



COMING UP ... **MAY 12** Joshua part 1 **MAY 19** Romans 5 **MAY 26** NO CLASS (Memorial Day weekend) **JUNE 2** Romans 6

HEBREWS SUMMARIZED in a word or phrase: "Patient Endurance"

THE BASICS

Who: unknown, perhaps Paul or Apollos **When:** unknown, probably AD 60-65 **Where:** unknown, probably Jerusalem

Why: (to Christians, e.g. 1:3 "us"; 2:1; 3:1)

- the situation in Jerusalem
- they're at a "Kadesh-Barnea" tipping point
- to prevent further regression or retreat
- to promote patient, faithful endurance

LESSON THEME: What is the Lord's counsel to those who're in a time of "forced" patience?

Press in and press on

Outline Of Hebrews

- Christ is a Superior Person (1-6)
- Christ has a Superior Priesthood (7-10)
- A Christian's Superior Life Principle (11-13)

Christ Is A Superior Person

- Christ is better than the prophets (1:1-3)
 - He has brought a superior revelation (1:1-2a)
 - He holds a superior position (1:2b-3)
 - He is the Creator, Controller and Sustainer
 - He is God's Heir of all things
 - He is God's Sacrifice and Redeemer
 - He is God's King-Priest
 - He has a superior message; God's "last word"
- Christ is better than the angels (1:4-2:18)
 - He has a greater inheritance and name (1:4-5)
 - He was and will be worshiped by angels (1:6)
 - He is not a created servant, but the eternal Sovereign Lord (1:7-12)
 - He is now seated as God's King-Priest (1:13)
 - He is the Son, not a servant (1:14)
 - He is a superior messenger (1:4-14)
 - Do not drift from God's Word! (2:1-4)
 - God has spoken—take heed how you respond
 - He has become the perfect leader (2:5-13)
 - He has defeated the devil (2:14-15)
 - He has become a merciful High Priest (2:16-18)
- Christ is better than Moses (3:1-4:16)
 - The Son is superior to His servant, Moses (3:1-7)
 - Do not doubt God's Word! (3:7-4:13)
 - Don't be like Israel's 1st generation and miss out
 - He can lead into God's promised rest (4:1-16)
 - He is a superior leader for God's people
- Christ is better than Aaron (5:1-6:20)
 - He has a superior appointment (5:1-10)

➤ Don't become dull to God's Word! (5:11-6:20)

➤ Know the Word. Believe it. Apply it and grow

He is a superior priest

Section 1: Summary

Christ is better than the prophets (1:1-3)

Superior message

Christ is better than the angels (1:4-2:18)

Superior messenger

Christ is better than Moses (3:1-4:16)

Superior leader

Christ is better than Aaron (5:1-6:20)

Superior priest

Christ Has A Superior Priesthood

He is part of a better order (7)

Melchizedek is superior to Levi (7:1-10)

The Melchizedekian order is superior to the Levitical order (7:11-28)

Because of Jesus' indestructible life (7:16)

Because of God's oath (7:20)

Because of Jesus' purity and holiness (7:26)

His ministry is unrivaled in effectiveness (7:25)

He has a better covenant (8)

It is new and better with better promises (8:1-6)

It is not old, faulty or out of date (8:7-13)

New Covenant (Jeremiah 31) – Grace: "I will"

Inner transformation

Spiritual blessing

Removal of sins

He ministers in a better sanctuary (9)

It is heavenly, not earthly (8:1-2; 9:1-5)

It is the actual sanctuary, not just a copy of it (9:23-28)

He has offered better blood (10)

His blood is superior (9:11-22; 10:1-10)

His blood's effectiveness is superior (10:11-18)

➤ Do not discard God's Word (10:19-39)

➤ Persevere; patiently endure

Section 2: Summary

He is part of a better order (7)

Order of Melchizedek

He has a better covenant (8)

The New Covenant

He ministers in a better sanctuary (9)

In heaven, not on the earth

He has offered better blood (10)

His Own, voluntarily offered

A Christian's Superior Life Principle

The "heroes" of living by faith (11)

Faith described and defined (11:1-3)

Faith before the patriarchs (11:4-7)

Faith of the patriarchs (11:8-22)

Moses' faith (11:23-29)

Faith during the conquest (11:30-31)

Faith in trials and tough times (11:32-38)
The victory of faith (11:39-40)
The patient endurance of faith (12)
Be encouraged by Jesus' example (12:1-4)
Be assured of God's love (12:5-11)
Be assured of God's grace (12:14-24)
➤ Do not disobey God's Word (12:25-29)
➤ Serve Him with reverence
The spiritual blessings of faith (13)
(Fellowship) Living with love
(Price Tags) Living with contentment
(Leadership) Living in trusting submission
(Sacrifices) Living with joy
(Power) Living with Christ in us

Section 3: Summary

The "heroes" of living by faith (11)
God is pleased with and rewards faith
The patient endurance of faith (12)
God is working for good in the lives of the faithful
The spiritual blessings of faith (13)
A faithful believer loses nothing of true value

Five Exhortations from Hebrews

- 1) Don't drift from God's Word!
- 2) Don't doubt God's Word, His character or His power!
- 3) Don't become dull to God's Word!
- 4) Don't discard God's Word!
- 5) Don't disobey God's Word!

➤ *Don't shrink back at your "Kadesh-Barnea!"*

Are you at a "Kadesh-Barnea?"

Look to Jesus (His person and His work)
Listen to His voice through His Word
Talk to Him first and most; seek His help
Hold on to your confession, your testimony, your witness by faith as the "heroes" of old did
God is pleased with and rewards faith
Press in and press on!

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know "Thus saith the Lord."
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O For grace to trust Him more!

FOR NEXT TIME: _____

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JESUS IS BETTER THE SHADOW & THE REALITY IN HEBREWS

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THE OLD COVENANT	promise = shadow	fulfilment = reality	THE NEW COVENANT	
with 'our fathers' 'in the past'			with 'us' 'in these days'	
angels = God's messengers		Jesus the Son is superior to the angels (1:2-14)		Jesus = God's Son = heir, creator, glory of God, imprint of God, sustainer, priest, Lord
the message of angels		Jesus the Son's message is superior to the message of angels (2:1-4)		the message of Jesus = his incarnation & substitutionary atonement = salvation
Moses = servant in God's house		Jesus the Son is superior to Moses (3:1-6)		Jesus = Son over God's house
Aaron (and his sons) = representative of sinners		Jesus the High Priest is superior to Aaron (4:14-5:5)		Jesus = our true High Priest = sinless representative & substitute
Melchizedek = eternal priest		Jesus the High Priest is superior to the priesthood of Melchizedek (5:6-10)		Jesus = our true High Priest = eternal priest who brings eternal salvation
Levitical priests = sinful, impermanent, weak, must offer sacrifices for themselves before offering for others		Jesus the High Priest is superior to the Levitical priesthood (7:9-28)		Jesus = our true High Priest = priest appointed by divine oath, perfect, permanent, powerful to save others, can offer himself for others
Levitical priests = serve in human tent on earth = copy & shadow		Jesus' place of service is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (8:1-6; 9:1-5)		Jesus = our true High Priest = serves at divine throne in heaven = original & reality
Levitical priests = mediate old covenant = ineffective & obsolete		Jesus' covenant is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (8:7-13; 9:6-10)		Jesus = our true High Priest = mediates new covenant = effective & eternal
Levitical priests = blood of animals in earthly tent, repeated sacrifices, no true redemption, outward cleansing only		Jesus' sacrificial blood is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (9:11-28)		Jesus = our true High Priest = own blood in heaven itself, single sacrifice, eternal redemption, inward forgiveness & purification
Levitical priests = bodies of animals, continual & many, reminder of sin, no lasting sanctification or perfection, stand daily to serve		Jesus' sacrificial body is superior to that of the Levitical priesthood (10:1-18)		Jesus = our true High Priest = own body, singular & once for all, takes away sin, eternal sanctification & perfection, sits down at right hand of God
God's old covenant people = examples of faith		Jesus is superior to the people of God (11:1 - 12:3)		Jesus = God's Son = the founder & perfecter of our faith, endured the cross, seated with God
Sinai = earthly mountain, terror & fear toward God, laws & penalties = condemnation from God		Jesus' New Covenant is superior to the Old Covenant as symbolised by Sinai & Zion (12:18-24)		Zion = heavenly mountain, grace & kindness in the presence of God, forgiveness & cleansing in the blood of Jesus