

Sermon Notes: August 21, 2022 **Focus:** Hebrews overview

[Lectionary Readings](#)

The Book of Hebrews is decidedly “high” on Jesus. So, I want start with “Christology” to understand the perspective the author of Hebrews has.

Low Christology: Jesus is a great teacher, but just a man. The *Christ* of Jesus Christ is not important in the lowest Christology.

High Christology: Jesus is the God of the universe. The *Jesus* of Jesus Christ is not as important. His humanness is an afterthought in the highest Christology.

A ten-thousand-foot view of Hebrews is that Jesus is better than...everything. He is better than angels, Torah, Moses, priests, and sacrifices. Therefore, the book describes a remarkably high Christology.

High Christology also shows up in the Gospel of John. That Gospel starts with “in the beginning” of everything Jesus was everywhere. Jesus is the cosmos. Jesus is above the cosmos. Jesus is the Lord of the cosmos. Matthew, Mark, and Luke are “lower” even though they have elements of both high and low Christology. None of the Gospels see Jesus as only a great ethical teacher. Mark may be the most Jesusy, lowest writer of the four.

For Hebrews, the highness is the point. As they say in the movie Spinal Tap: Jesus goes to eleven. If you do not know what I am talking about think the 1980’s and click this [link](#) for the clip. The highness is meant to encourage us to look up and see the Lord who is above all and guides all.

I hope we can go high and get low. Hebrews helps us look up to the exalted Jesus as we look around to the Jesus among us. Let us keep our eyes on heaven and our feet on the ground.

I am only going to touch on the specific reading today in Chapter 12. It is full of biblical metaphors and history. The author expects that the reader will be extremely well versed in biblical narrative, history, and metaphors. The sacrificial imagery of blood are understood in the context of the long, long walk of the Bible. Mountains shaking and saints gathering today is sort of melting pot of bible stuff to modern ears.

Just remember when you read Hebrews: Jesus is better than angels, Torah, Moses, priests, and sacrifices. Hebrews is a door to the author and perfecter of our faith - Jesus.

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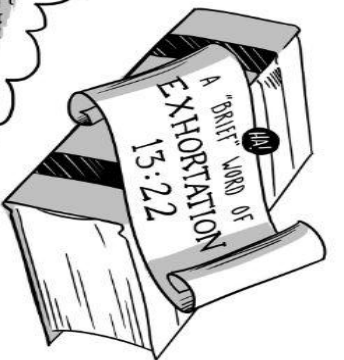
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AUTHOR: ?

- PAUL?
- BARABAS?
- APOLLOS?

THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

JESUS IS THE ULTIMATE REVELATION OF GOD



AUDIENCE: ?



• SEE 10:32-34
PERSECUTION & IMPRISONMENT

THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE



ABRAHAM
NATION OF ISRAEL



MOSES AT MT. SINAI
TORAH & COVENANT



PRESTES SACRIFICES
THE WILDERNESS

THE PROMISED LAND

IN THE PAST GOD SPOKE TO OUR ANCESTORS IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, BUT IN THESE LAST DAYS HE HAS SPOKEN TO US IN HIS SON

Extra Tips

#1 LOOK UP OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS (THERE ARE A LOT)

#2 THE POINT IS TO FEEL A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT NOT AFRAID

2 MAIN GOAL

#1 ELEVATE JESUS AS SUPERIOR

#2 CHALLENGE THE READER TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO JESUS DESPITE PERSECUTION

<p>1-2</p> <p>ANGELS & TORAH</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>GODS HINILITY</p> <p>GODS GLORY</p> <p>SEE HEBREWS 1:7-12</p> <p>GODS WORD</p> <p>FOLLOW GREAT MODELS OF FAITH</p> <p>ABEL</p> <p>ENICH</p> <p>NOAH</p> <p>ABRAHAM</p> <p>SARAH</p> <p>ISAAC</p> <p>JACOB</p> <p>JOSEPH</p> <p>MOSES</p> <p>RAHAB</p>	<p>3-4</p> <p>MOSES & THE PROMISED LAND</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>PROMISED LAND</p> <p>NEW CREATION</p> <p>7:19 FOR NEW CREATION</p>	<p>5-7</p> <p>PRESTES & MELCHIZEDEK</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>REJECTING RECONCILIATION WITH GOD</p> <p>ESTABLISH A PRIEST</p>	<p>8-10</p> <p>SACRIFICE & COVENANT</p> <p>WARNING</p> <p>PURE SACRIFICE</p> <p>DESPITE HANDSHIP & PERSECUTION GOD WILL NOT ABANDON HIS PEOPLE</p>
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