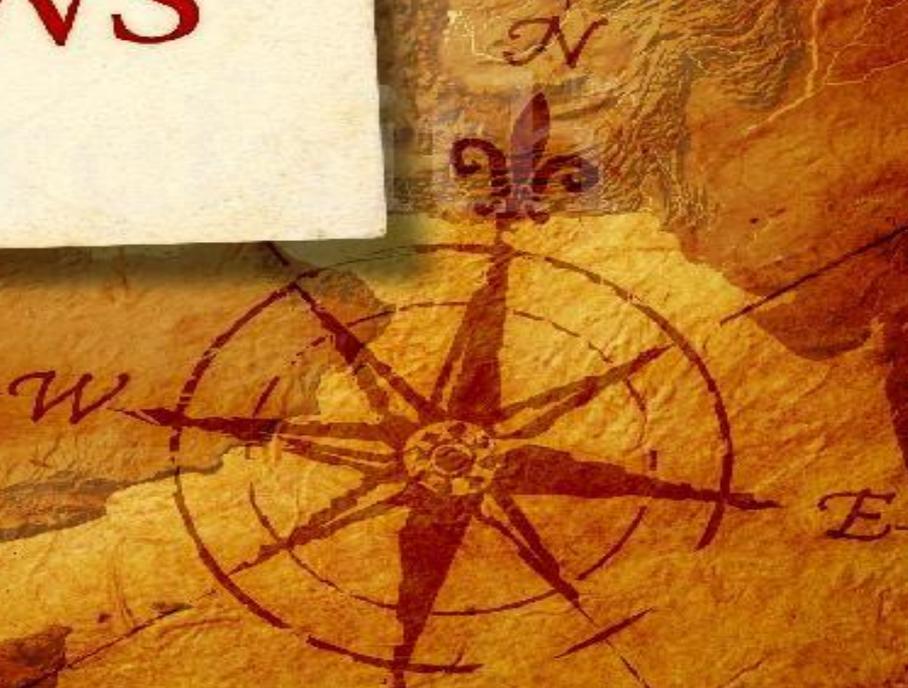


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The Book of Hebrews: Outline

- Theme: The **Superiority** of Christ!
 - Superior to angels **1:1–2:4**
 - Superior as a Redeemer **2:5 – 2:18**
 - Superior to Moses **3:1 – 4:13**
 - Superior to Aaron **4:14 – 5:10**
 - Warnings of apostasy **5:11 – 6:20**
 - Jesus, Priest forever **7:1 – 7:28**
 - Better covenant & tabernacle **8:1 – 9:12**
 - Better Sacrifice **9:13 – 10:18**
 - Better life **10:19 – 13:25**

The Book of Hebrews: Introduction

- Key warnings in the epistle:
 - 1) Against Drifting **2:1-4**
 - 2) Against Departing **3:12-15**
 - 3) Against Disobedience **4:11-13**
 - 4) Against Dullness **5:11 – 6:6**
 - 5) Against Despising **10:26-39**
 - 6) Against Defying **12:14-29**

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- **Contrasts made in the epistle:**
 - The Son / Angels **1:4 – 2:4**
 - The Son / Moses **3:1-6**
 - Canaan rest / God's rest **3:12 – 4:13**
 - Christ / Aaron **4:14 – 5:10**
 - Spiritual infancy / maturity **5:11-14**
 - Apostasy / Faithfulness **5:11 – 6:20**
 - Old Law / New Law **8:1-13**
 - Offerings of old law / Christ **9:1 – 10:18**
 - Faith / sight **11:1-40**
 - Mt. Sinai / Mt. Zion **12:18-29**

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▪ Exhortations in the Epistle:

- **Let us** fear **4:1**
- **Let us** therefore give diligence **4:11**
- **Let us** hold fast our confession **4:14; 10:23**
- **Let us** draw near ... to the throne of grace **4:16**
- **Let us** press on to perfection **6:1**
- **Let us** draw near **10:22**
- **Let us** hold fast **10:23**
- **Let us** consider one another **10:24**
- **Let us** ... lay aside every weight **12:1**
- **Let us** run the race **12:1**
- **Let us** have grace **12:28**
- **Let us** therefore go forth unto Him **13:13**
- **Let us** offer up sacrifice of praise **13:15**

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- This chapter is where the inspired author really begins to make application of the advantages of a new High Priest and a new covenant.
- The analogy he choose to make that application:

**Run the Christian Race with
Endurance!**

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Run the Christian Race (12:1-3)

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What Are the Things That Hinder Us?

- *“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life.” (Luke 21:34)*
- *“But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.” (Colossians 3:8)*
- *“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21)*
- *“So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.” (1 Peter 2:1)*

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Run the Race With Endurance (12:4-17)

- They had not “not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood” **(12:4)**
- **12** *Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;* **13** *And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.* **14** *Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.* **(12:12-14)**
- Those who fail to endure are like Esau – “unholy.” **(12:16)**
 - “Profane.” **(NKJV)**; “Godless.” **(NASB)**; “Irreverent.” **(CSB)**

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Run All the Way Home – to Heaven! (12:18-24)

- The goal of the Christian is **not** Mt. Sinai! (12:18-21)
- ²² *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. (12:22-24)*

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Run Till the Race Is Over! (12:25-29)

- *“See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.” (12:25)*
- Christians should be *“grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.” (12:28)*
- Why?
 - *“... for our God is a consuming fire!” (12:29)*

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